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Revenue and Forest Department,
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Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
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Date:- 25.07.2023

To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi.

Subject: Forest Land- Nagpur

Diversion of 99.95 ha. protected forest land for Manganese Ore Mining and allied works in Guguldoh Block in Nagpur District of State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/MIN/42236/2016)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for diversion of 99.95 ha. protected forest land for Manganese Ore Mining and allied works in Guguldoh Block in Nagpur District of State of Maharashtra, in favour of M/s Shanti G.D. Ispat & Power Pvt. Ltd. Raipur. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under: -

Sr. No.	Item Work Purpose	Village	Taluka	Compt. No.	Gut No. / Survey No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Manganese Ore Mining and allied works	Manegaon (Rithi)	Ramtek	293	145	46.50	Protected Forest
					148	2.83	
					149	42.54	
					150	1.00	
					151	7.08	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)						99.95	

2. The project is for mining of manganese, a major mineral from site specific lease area as per (LOI) issued to user agency 99.95 ha. forest land is involved in mining lease of total 105 ha. in PF in village Manegaon Rithi of Nagpur District. The User Agency applied for clearance for non-forest use under FC, Act. Project will support the infrastructure growth of the country as minerals are the raw material for Steels. The Utility of the project is shown as under:-

- Project involves mining of important mineral Manganese required for the development of ancillary. The National Steel Policy seeks to increase per

capita steel consumption to the level of 158 Kg by 2030-31 from existing level of around 61 kg Manganese ore is the basis source to provide manganese as a key input in production of iron and all types of steel. In view of the target set forth by National Steel Policy, the demand for Manganese based alloys requirement and as a consequence the Manganese Ore is bound to increase. Therefore, implementation of the Manganese Ore mining project by the Project Proponent at Guguldoh is in line with the targets set by National Steel Policy 2017 will have significant contribution in sector development.

- Create employment potential in this area as the most of the habitants are landless and depend on the forest resources, with the availability of employment pressure on the adjoin forest is reduced to substantial extent.
- Government exchequer will be benefited through contribution through Royalty/Cess/Sales Tax and other revenue to the State Government.
- Overall socio-economic development is envisaged through company's contribution Awards Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Mine void could be the source of irrigation for more agriculture land around adding income to the farmers
- Company's contribution towards wild life management would help is creating awareness on joint forest management committee/biodiversity conservation committees.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur has certified that:-

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-II & IV having density 04 to 0.6 (Dense Forest)
- 3.3) There are 35703 trees of various species and trees is involved in implementation of the Project. The Girth wise break up is as under-

Tree Girth in Cm									
0-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-150	150 Above	Total
0	11916	10583	6056	3315	1864	974	694	301	35703

- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 3.7) The proposed project distance is 9.64 Km from core boundary of Pench Tiger Reserve and 5.370 Km from buffer boundary of Pench Tiger Reserve. The User

Agency has submitted Part-I & II for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL/SBWL.

3.8) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 101.02 ha non forest land. The details of Compensatory Afforestation is as under-

Village	Survey No.	Area (ha.)
Tembhurdara, Tal. Umarkhed, Dist. Yavatmal	205/1, 205/2, 205/3, 205/4, 205/5, 205/6, 205/7, 205/8, 254, 255/1, 255/2, 255/3, 256, 256/1, 267, 267/1, 267/1/A, 267/2, 267/3, 268/1, 268/2, 268/3, 268/4, 269, 273, 274, 279/1, 279/2, 280,	101.02
Total C.A. area (in ha.)		101.02

it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free encroachment and an encumbrances.

4. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking:-

- 4.1) to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 4.2) to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
- 4.3) to submit the compliance under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006.

5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division. Nagpur has given recommendation is as under-

- 1) Technical study by WII and
- 2) Clearance under section 38 (0) (1) (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act. 1972.

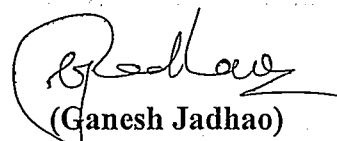
6. The project should have following mitigation measures as suggested by Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve Nagpur:-

- No Mining/ No blasting/ No transport allowed from 6 pm to 6 am.
- Mining lease boundary falling in corridor section will be fenced with 6-8 feet meter chain link fencing to avoid incident of trapping of wildlife.
- 7.5 meter safety zone around lease boundary within lease area will be developed as green belt area will be developed as green belt for safety of the wild life from dust/noise and vibrations.
- Control Blasting with minimum duration during day time with keeping record for inspection for the forest staff.
- Water sprinkling during mining/haul roads and approach road.
- Strict compliances of mitigation measures suggested in Mine Closure Plans, Wild Life Mitigation Report and conditions of Environment Clearance and NBWL.

7. Proposed area is part of Tiger Corridor; therefore user agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance.
8. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur as well as following additional condition:-

"The validity of Letter of Intent issued by the Industries Department, Government of Maharashtra is expired; therefore User Agency shall obtain the all necessary clearances from competent Authorities."

9. The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of compensatory Afforestation & Net Present Value of the Forest land
4. Brief note of the project from the project authority
5. Maps
6. Site Inspection Report
7. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
8. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/I.D-12825(15)/1601/2022-23, Dt.27.09.2022.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
6. President & CEO, Authorized Signatory, Shanti G.D, Ispat & Power Pvt. Ltd. Raipur.
7. Select File- F-10.

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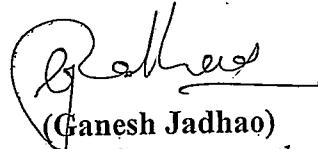
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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
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Place: Mumbai.

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