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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

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Dated, Bhubaneswar the **26th** June, 2020

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office,
A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: - Diversion of 0.654 ha of forest land (under jurisdiction of Keonjhar Division) for laying 32" dia Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline system for transportation of 30 MTPA Iron Ore Concentrate within total 4.970 Km of Non-RoW alignment passing through 0.654 ha. of forest land and 4.937 ha of non-forest spread over two Revenue Districts (Keonjhar & Jagatsinghpur) from the proposed Grinding, De-sliming Plant & Slurry pumping station at Joda under Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District to the proposed Integrated Steel Plant near Paradeep in Erasama Tahasil, Jagatsinghpur District and Construction of Approach/Exit road corridor to Joda unit from NH-520 at Beleipada of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd.
(Proposal No. FP/OR/Pipeline/36091/2018, State Sl.No. OR-080/2018).

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No. 5-ORB387/2019- BHU dated 12.07.2019 for diversion of 0.654 ha of forest land (under jurisdiction of Keonjhar Division) for laying 32" dia Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline system for transportation of 30 MTPA Iron Ore Concentrate within total 4.970 KM of Non-RoW alignment passing through 0.654 ha. of forest land and 4.937 ha of non-forest spread over two Revenue Districts (Keonjhar & Jagatsinghpur) from the proposed Grinding, De-sliming Plant & Slurry pumping station at Joda under Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District to the proposed Integrated Steel Plant near Paradeep in Erasama Tahasil, Jagatsinghpur District and Construction of Approach/Exit road corridor to Joda unit from NH-520 at Beleipada of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd subject to fulfillment of twenty four (24) nos of conditions stipulated therein. The user agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC and also additional 5 (five) conditions imposed by State Government. The point-wise compliance as received from the RCCF, Rourkela, FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada and RCCF, Bhubaneswar are furnished below:-

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Condition No.- i: *Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as Sl. No. 1 of Annexure-I.

Condition No.- ii: *Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency which is enclosed vide Sl. No. 2 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. iii: *The State Govt. shall realize that cost of plantation (including 10 years of maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled from forest areas from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the total number of trees under Non-RoW likely alignment likely to be felled is 22 nos. Accordingly, a scheme for avenue plantation of 220 nos. (i.e., 10 x 22 nos.) of seedlings on both sides of village road from National Highway-520 to proposed grinding and beneficiation plant at Gobardhanpur of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd. over 0.880 RKM at village Beleipada & Bhagalpur under Barbil Range of Keonjhar Forest Division has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela with a financial out lay of Rs. 4,37,200/- at the wage rate Rs. 286.30/MD. A copy of approved scheme along with map is enclosed as Annexure-II.

The user agency has deposited the approved amount of Rs. 4,37,200/- towards the cost of said plantation in Adhoc CAMPA in ICICI Bank, BBSR through RTGS in favour of ORRISA CAMPA A/C No. 150827236091695, IFSC Code: CORP0000371 of Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi vide UTR No 000073579289 dated 17.09.2019 The copy of the demand letter of DFO, Keonjhar and the deposit receipts are enclosed as Annexure-III and Annexure-IV respectively.

Condition No. iv: *The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.654 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the total forest land involved in the project is 0.654 ha in Thakurani RF in respect of Keonjhar Forest Division. The area of forest, Eco-Value class, canopy density, rate of NPV per ha and amount of NPV are furnished below.

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Forest Division	Forest	Area of Forest in ha	Eco-value Class	Canopy density	Rate of NPV per ha (in Rs.)	Amount of NPV (in Rs)
Keonjhar	Thakurani RF	0.654	I	0.2	7,30,000/-	4,77,420/-

The user agency has deposited Rs 4,77,420/- in Adhoc CAMPA in ICICI Bank, BBSR through RTGS in favour of ORRISA CAMPA A/C No. 150827236091985, IFSC Code: CORP0000371 of Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi vide UTR No 000072273295 dated 26.08.2019 The copy of the demand letter of DFO, Keonjhar and the deposit receipts are enclosed as Annexure-V and Annexure-VI respectively.

Condition No. v: Additional amount of the NPV of the forest land to be diverted, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed at Sl.No. 3 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. vi: All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Compliance: In compliance to the above, all the funds received from the User Agency have been transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA through online portal of Adhoc-CAMPA account. The details of the following amounts deposited by the user agency is furnished below:

Sl. No.	Type of deposit (NPV/CA/ IWMP /Others) (Specify)	Whether by RTGS/ DD/ NEFT (Specify)	UTR/ DD No.	Amount deposited (in Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited	Deposited with
1.	NPV	Online	000072273295	4,77,420/-	26.08.2019	ICICI Bank, BBSR	CAF, Orissa A/c No. 1508272360 91985, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
2.	Avenue Plantation	Online	000073579289	4,37,200/-	17.09.2019	ICICI Bank, BBSR	CAF, Orissa A/c No. 1508272360 91695, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
	Total			9,14,620				

The details of the funds deposited by the user agency through online portal in Adhoc-CAMPA in prescribed format duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar and PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure- VI A.**

Condition No. vii: The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling shall be deposited by the user agency with the Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that trees in the forest land which are absolutely necessary for laying of pipeline only, will be felled with the due permission from the DFO, Keonjhar and cost of felling shall be deposited to the Forest Department which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 4 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. viii: The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector Keonjhar has issued the required certificate in form No. I under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in respect of proposed diversion of 0.654 ha of forest land in favour of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd for laying pipeline from proposed Grinding, de-sliming unit and slurry pumping section at Joda Sector under Barbil Tahasil to proposed integrated steel plant near Paradeep in Jagatsinghpur District, in the District of Keonjhar falls within the jurisdiction of Khantagaon village (0.029 ha) under Ghatagaon Tahasil and Beleipada Village (0.625 ha) under Barbil Tahasil vide his letter No.1139 dt.26.08.2019. The copy of the said certificate in original along with the proceeding of SDLC (s) & DLC have been enclosed as **Annexure-VII Series.**

Condition No. ix: The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the pipeline shall be laid 1.2 meter below the ground and they will reclaim and bring back its original status of the trenches to be dug for laying of pipeline, after the pipelines are laid which are enclosed at **Sl.No. 5 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. x: The State Govt. shall ensure/emphasize that the width and depth of trench of pipeline should not exceed 1.00 meter and 2.00 meter respectively in forest areas of Non-RoW and RoW areas.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the width and depth of trench of pipeline will not exceed 1.00 meter and 2.00 meter respectively in forest areas of Non-RoW and RoW areas which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 6 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. xi: *The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the slurry pipeline (both RoW & Non-Row) does not form of a part of National Parks/Sanctuaries/Coral reefs/Ecologically Sensitive areas. Hence, as per MoEF notification dated 01.12.2009, obtaining of Environmental Clearance for the said project is not applicable. Note on the Status of Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**.

Condition No. xii: *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which is enclosed at **Sl.No. 7 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. xiii: *No labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that no labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area which is enclosed at **Sl.No. 8 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. xiv: *The user agency shall provide LPG to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure no fuel wood use.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to provide LPG or any alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure no fuel wood use which is enclosed at **Sl.No. 9 of Annexure-I**.

Compliance No. xv: *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking not to fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner while executing works which is enclosed at **Sl.No. 10 of Annexure-I**.

Compliance No. xvi: *The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the boundary of the forest land to be diverted has been demarcated on the ground as per directions of DFO, Keonjhar division which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 11 of Annexure -I**.

Compliance No. xvii: *The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the lease granted for the proposed area in favour of user agency is for 79 years and the life of the project is 99 years as mentioned in **Form-A** by the user agency.

Compliance No. xviii: The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed at Sl.No. 12 of Annexure-I.

Compliance No. xix: The user agency to take necessary measures so that there is less soil erosion due to the slurry pipeline.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to take necessary measures so that there is less soil erosion due to the slurry pipeline which is enclosed at Sl.No. 13 of Annexure-I.

Compliance No. xx: The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed at Sl. No. 14 of Annexure-I.

Compliance No. xxi: Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply any other conditions that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose, from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area which is enclosed at Sl. No. 15 of Annexure-I.

Compliance No. xxii: The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which is enclosed at Sl. No. 16 of Annexure-I.

Compliance No. xxiii: Violation of any of these conditions will be dealt as per Para 1.21 (iii) of Chapter-1 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that no violation has been committed in the forest land proposed for diversion under FC Act, 1980.

Compliance No. xxiv: The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

Compliance: The user agency has uploaded the compliance of Stage-I conditions on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

Additional conditions imposed by F&E Department, Govt. of Odisha vide letter No. 10F (Cons) 5/19-13863/F&E dated 20.07.2019

Condition No. a: The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that they will make good the land after use/maintenance which is enclosed at Sl. No. 17 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. b: The User Agency shall make good any loss to forest/environment.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that they will make good any loss to forest/environment which is enclosed at Sl. No. 18 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. c: Prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFO/Revenue Authority for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFO/Revenue Authority for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction which are enclosed at Sl. No. 19 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. d: Functioning of Iron Ore Slurry pipeline shall be subject to having CTO of SPCB, Odisha for the project.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to obtain CTO of SPCB, Odisha before functioning of Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline which is enclosed at Sl. No. 20 of Annexure-I.

Condition No. e: The User Agency shall submit the compliance under FRA, 2006 from Competent Authority before commencement of work and tree felling, as this is a linear project.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector Keonjhar has issued the required certificate in Form No. I under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in respect of proposed diversion of 0.654 ha of forest land in favour of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd. for laying pipeline from proposed Grinding, de-sliming unit and slurry pumping station at Joda Sector

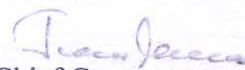
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In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar as well as the State Government is sent herewith on duplicate for according final approval for diversion of 0.654 ha of forest land (under jurisdiction of Keonjhar Division) for laying 32" dia Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline system for transportation of 30 MTPA Iron Ore Concentrate within total 4.970 KM of Non-RoW alignment passing through 0.654 ha. of forest land and 4.937 ha of non-forest spread over two Revenue Districts (Keonjhar & Jagatsinghpur) from the proposed Grinding, De-sliming Plant & Slurry pumping station at Joda under Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District to the proposed Integrated Steel Plant near Paradeep in Erasama Tahasil, Jagatsinghpur District and Construction of Approach/Exit road corridor to Joda unit from NH-520 at Beleipada of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set


Yours faithfully,


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12296 /Dt. 26-6-2020


Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to F&E Department Letter No. 10F(Cons) 5/19 13863/F&E dated 20.07.2019.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12297 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo no. 4089 dated 13.10.2019.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

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Memo No. 12298 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo no. 3010 dated 01.11.2019.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12299 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo no. 450 dated 31.01.2020.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12300 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar(WL) Division, Anandapur for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 4091 dated 13.10.2019 of FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle to his address.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12301 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar division for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 3011 dated 01.11.2019 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12302 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Mangrove(WL) division, Rajnagar for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 451 dated 31.01.2020 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle to his address.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
25/6/20

Memo No. 12303 /Dt. 26-6-2020

Copy forwarded to the Director, M/s JSW Utkal Steel Limited, Plot No. 3, Forest Park, Sishubhwan Square Bhubaneswar-751009 for information and necessary action.

T. S. Jena
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
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