

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION

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No. <u>**2692**</u> /Mining-Dated, Keonjhar, the **20**, **07**, 2023

To

The Chief, Planning & Projects (OMQ)

M/s Tata Steel Ltd,

At/Po- Joda, Keonjhar, Odisha.

Sub:

Approval of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for Katamati Iron Ore Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for expansion in production of Iron Ore from 8.0 MTPA to 13.5 MTPA (total excavation 15 MTPA along with mineral beneficiation plant of 4 MTPA in Katamati Mining Lease area of 403.3238 ha

located at Deojhar & Thakurani village of Keonjhar District, Odisha.

X-Sub: Demand of scheme funds towards approved Site Specific Conservation

Plan.

Ref:

Memo No. 7924 dt. 14.07.2022 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

(WL), CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sir

With reference to the aforementioned memo on the captioned subject, this is to intimate that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. (WL), CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar has approved the Site Specific Conservation Plan in respect of Katamati Iron Ore Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for expansion in production of Iron Ore from 8.0 MTPA to 13.5 MTPA (total excavation 15 MTPA along with mineral beneficiation plant of 4 MTPA in Katamati Mining Lease area of 403.3238 ha located at Deojhar & Thakurani village of Keonjhar District, Odisha with a financial outlay of Rs. 301.968 lakh. Hence, you are requested to deposit the said approved amount of Rs. 301.968 lakh (Rupees three crore one lakh ninety-six thousand eight hundred) only towards scheme for Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan through e-portal of MoEF&CC as provided in the https://parivesh.nic.in/and the proof/evidence of the deposit of fund be submitted to this office for further necessary action at this end. Further, it is intimated that the PCCF (WL) has imposed three other conditions along with the aforesaid approval which has to be abided by as follows.

- Activities in the project area as per Chapter- IV & VI of the Plan will be executed by the project proponent under the guidance of DFO, Keonjhar (T) Division.
- The plan period is five years and will be revised by DFO at least one year before expiry of its implementation. The User Agency will bear the cost of such plan on its approval. Further, the User Agency will bear additional cost, if any, towards enhancement of wage rate and escalation of price of materials at the time of implementation of this plan. In case of any deviation, it will be delay as per law for violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Yours faithf**N**lv.

Divisional Forest Officer.

Keonjhar Division.

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Memo No. 8693 / Dated. 20.07, 2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Fores, Rourkela Circle for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Keonjhar Division.

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