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**Dated, Keonjhar the 17-12- 2017**

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 345.189 ha Forest land involved in the mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.**

**Ref: Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/8707/2014, State Sl. No. OR-012/2017 dated. 20.03.2017**

Proposal for diversion of 345.189 ha of forest land involved in the mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha, has been received online from the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act. O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide No. FP/OR/MIN/8707/2014, State Sl. No. OR-012/2017 on dated 20.03.2017. The submitted proposal, over 345.189 ha forest land including 6.77 ha forest land located within safety zone all along the inner side of the ML boundary of the mining lease, in 5 sets is sent herewith for approval under section-2(ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (Amended) after due scrutinization in compliance with the guideline F No. 8-78/1996-FC (pt.) dt.10.03.2015 read with F No. 8-78/1996-FC(pt.) dt.09.03.2016 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

**A. Brief description of the Project Proposal**

**A1 - Brief description of the Project**

The mining lease of Khandbandh Iron ore mine was granted over 366.311 ha vide letter No. III (A) II-9/63- 11708, dated 22.11.1963 of Govt. of Odisha Mining & Geology Department. The said Mining lease was executed on dated 30.11.1963 for a period of 30 years with effect from 30.11.1963 to 29.11.1993 over an area of 366.311 ha. The first RML was applied on 09.11.1992 one year prior to expiry of the original mining lease period over 366.311 ha which comprises 98.211 ha Revenue Forest, 207.309 ha DLC Forest, 60.781 ha non-forest land. The second RML was applied on 06.11.2012 over the said area from extension of ML period 30.11.2013 to 29.11.2033.

The Mining Lease of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd lies between longitude E 85<sup>0</sup> 23'12.66888" – 85<sup>0</sup> 24' 45.86016" and latitude N 21<sup>0</sup> 55' 40.27579" – 21<sup>0</sup> 57' 29.90066" in Survey of India topo sheet no. F 45 N 5. The said mining lease over 366.311 ha involves 97.217 ha Village Forest, 209.973 ha DLC forest land and 37.999 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. The schedule area of Revenue Forest plots and DLC Forest plots involved in the mining lease has been arrived following DGPS survey of the mining lease at 97.217 ha as per RoR against the schedule area over 98.211 ha and at 209.973 ha as per RoR against the schedule area over 207.309 ha. The discrepancies in Revenue Forest and DLC Forest due to DGPS survey. The instant diversion proposal has been submitted over 345.189 ha (Revenue forest-97.217 ha, DLC Forest-

209.973 ha and 37.999 ha Non- Forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980) including safety zone area over 6.77 ha Forest land for diversion under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The certified status of the non-forest land, involved in the mining lease, depicts that 37.999 ha non-forest land in village Khandbandh, Guruda & Jaroli is Forest as on 25.10.1980. The certificate furnished by the Tahasildar, Barbil in this regard is enclosed as **Annexure- XI**. The total broken up land, involved in the mining lease, is 129.095 ha.

The instant diversion proposal has been submitted over 345.189 ha forest land, 97.217 ha Revenue Forest, 209.973 ha DLC Forest and 37.999 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25th October 1980, for approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Mining Lease contains total mineable reserve of 22.574 million tonnes of Iron Ore. The annual production capacity is 1.00 million tonnes iron ore. This project will generate direct and indirect employment for more than 100 and 500 local tribal people respectively.

### **A.2. Physiography and Geological formation**

Khandbandh Iron Ore mines of M/s OMC Ltd, located within longitude E  $85^{\circ} 23' 12.66888''$  –  $85^{\circ} 24' 45.86016''$  and latitude N  $21^{\circ} 55' 40.27579''$  –  $21^{\circ} 57' 29.90066''$  in Survey of India topo sheet no. F 45 N 5, consists of Revenue Forest, DLC Forest land and Non-Forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. This site falls under the physiographic-Joda Barbil plateau extending from Chamakpur to the boarder of Singhbhum of Jharkhand in north and boarder of Bonai in the west. This region is an extension southwards of Singhbhum rocks. This group of rocks comprising Trap, Tuffites, Shale, Quartzite, Phyllite, Banded Haematite Jasper and Banded Haematite Quartzite form high hill ranges with narrow deep valley. This region is characterised by massive deposit of iron and manganese are associated with B.H.J. and shales. The iron ores precipitates are in the form of oxide, carbonates, silicates and sulphides. The most characteristics feature of the iron ore i.e haematite is it's availability in the form of massive beds, pockets and large lensoid soil bodies. Hard massive, Laminated, Lateritoid & Blue dust are the major form of ore located in this physiographic zone. The mineable reserve of Iron ore established so far is 22.574 Million Ton of + 45 % Fe grade.

### **A.3. Floristic- Faunal Composition**

The geological formation of this area is quite suitable for growth of Sal. Sal constitutes around 70 to 75% of the top canopy. The middle storey is un-conspicuous. The quality of Sal varies from all India Quality II to IV. Quality II sal is mainly confined to the valleys while Q III occurs on the hill slopes of moderate gradient. Q IV sal mainly confined in the ridges. Q I sal is completely absent.

The principal associates of Sal includes *Terminalia alata*, *Lagerstroemia perviflora*, *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Terminalia belerica*, *Syzygium cumini*, *Mangifera indica*, *Schleichera oleosa*, *Adina cordifolia*, *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Bombax ceiba*, *Bridelia retusa*, *Madhuca indica*. The middle story is represented by *Syzygium cumini*, *Ougeinia ougenensis*, *Careya arborea*, *Treema orientalis*, *Emblica officinalis*, *Cassia fistula* etc. The shrubs and undergrowth are characterized by *Indigofera pulchella*, *Ardisia solenacea*, *Flemingia chhapar*, *Helicteres ixora* and *Clerodendron viscosum* etc. The prevailing climbers include *Bauhinia vahlii*, *Combretum decandrum* and *Beutia parviflora*. The grasses over the forest floor include *Chrysopogon aciculatus*, *Imperata cylindrica*, *Dicanthium cariccosum*, *Cynodon dactylon* etc.

The canopy density of the prevailing forest growth in the adjacent Baitarani Reserved Forest varies from 0.2 to 0.8. The prevalence of pole crop to middle aged sal crop in this area indicates the shifting cultivation in the past and the crop can therefore be considered to be secondary origin. But the secondary moist deciduous forest replacing primary forest of the same type is not differentiated as almost all the primary forests have been practically influenced by human interference. The prevailing forest growth & structure of the forest crop in the proposed forest land is categorised as 3C/C2e(iii) Moist Peninsular Valley Sal mainly “dense jungle mainly Sal” with canopy density 0.5.

Movement of wild elephants is often witnessed in Baitarani Reserved Forest and adjoining Forest land. The applied site falls under elephant habitat zone- 2 as mentioned by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar.

## **B. Documents and Undertakings as regards Forest Diversion Proposal**

### **B.1. Maps**

The user agency has furnished the required maps as depicted hereunder in the table produced below-

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Map Particulars</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1	Location plan on the Survey of India Topo Sheet No. F 45 N 5, showing the ML boundary with adjoining lease.	1:50000	Plate- I
2	Granted lease map showing details of ML boundary.	16"=1 mile	Plate- II
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> revised Renewal lease map	1:4000	Plate- III
4	Plan showing existing pattern of utilisation	1:4000	Plate- IV
5	Proposed Land Use plan	1:4000	Plate- V
6	Geological Map of the ML area	1:4000	Plate- VI
7	Plan showing the area earmarked for Safety Zone.	1:4000	Plate- VII
8	Phased reclamation and afforestation plan	1:4000	Plate- VIII
9	Plan showing the non-forest area allotted for compensatory Afforestation in village Raidiha, Phuljhar and Sikulapada under Bansapal Tahasil of Keonjhar district and in village Balangi & Kerapai under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi district.	1:4000	Plate No. IX (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E)
10	Geo-referenced Mining Lease map authenticated by a joint team and vetted by ORSAC	1:3960	Plate-X
11	DGPS map of the forest area included within the ML and proposed for diversion.	1:4000	Plate-XI
12	Plan showing the degraded forest land for CA in Baitarani RF	1:4000	Plate- XII

### **B2. Forest Land**

The granted lease over 366.311 ha involves 97.217 ha Village Forest, 209.973 ha DLC Forest land and 37.999 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. The purpose wise break-up of 345.189 ha of forest land submitted for diversion, is produced hereunder-

**Purpose wise breakup of the 345.189 ha of Forest Land**

**Table - 1**  
Existing land use in respect of 129.095 ha broken up forest land along with Non-Forest land involved in the project

Sl. No.	Pattern of Utilization	Forest Area (in Ha)				Non- Forest Area (in Ha)			G. Total
		R.F.	Revenue Forest	As per DLC	Total	Govt. land	Pvt. Land	Total	
1	(a) Mining (Quarry and float work)		10.833 *9.303	84.921	95.754 *9.303	9.303	-	9.303	105.057
	(b) Ore stacking and dressing.	-	0.210 *0.276	2.157	2.367 *0.276	0.276	-	0.276	2.643
	<b>Sub-total</b>	-	<b>11.043</b> <b>*9.579</b>	<b>87.078</b>	<b>98.121</b> <b>*9.579</b>	<b>9.579</b>	-	<b>9.579</b>	<b>107.700</b>
2	Dump	-	2.266 *8.178	17.223	19.489 *8.178	8.870	-	8.870	28.359
3	Workshop, power station, dispensary, site services, garage, admin. office, statutory staff quarters etc.	-	*4.937	4.536	4.536 *4.937	4.937	-	-	9.473
4	Mines road	-	2.040 *2.634	4.334	6.374 *2.634	2.634	-	2.634	9.008
5	Magazine	-	-	0.575	0.575	-	-	-	0.575
<b>Total</b>		-	<b>15.349</b> <b>*25.328</b>	<b>113.746</b>	<b>129.095</b> <b>*25.328</b>	<b>26.020</b>	-	<b>26.020</b>	<b>155.115</b>

\* Non-forest area broken but recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980 is 25.328 ha.

**Table - 2**  
Proposed Land use of 345.189 ha forest land along with Non-Forest land involved in the project

Sl. No.	Purpose of Utilization	Forest land in ha				Non-forest land in ha.			Grand Total (ha)
		Revenue Forest	Forest as per DLC	Non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980 (Sabik forest)	Total	Govt. Land	Private land	Total	
I	Mining	93.598	183.504	29.8888	306.9908	0.840	-	0.840	307.8308
	Sub-grade dump	1.397	2.5030	0.865	4.765	-	-	-	4.765
	Dumping of OB	0.0000	0.2590	-	0.259	-	-	-	0.259
	Mineral storage	0.00	1.4950	2.5030	3.998	-	-	-	3.998
	Infrastructure (Workshop, administrative building, site services, garage, etc.)	0.00	2.2990	2.977	5.276	-	-	-	5.276
	Mines road	0.00	-	0.6432	0.6432	-	-	-	0.6432
	Magazine & its safety zone (228 m radius).	-	16.3380	-	16.3380	-	-	-	16.3380
	Safety zone area								
	7.5 m along ML boundary	2.2220	3.4720	1.076	6.7700	0.283	0.840	1.123	7.8930
	10 m on either side of the road	0.00	0.1030	0.0460	0.1490	0.027	0.235	0.262	0.411
<b>Total</b>		<b>97.2170</b>	<b>209.973</b>	<b>37.999</b>	<b>345.189</b>	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.075</b>	<b>2.225</b>	<b>347.414</b>
II	Tenanted land	-	-	-	-	1.767	17.130	18.897	18.897
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>97.2170</b>	<b>209.973</b>	<b>37.999</b>	<b>345.189</b>	<b>2.917</b>	<b>18.205</b>	<b>21.122</b>	<b>366.311</b>

\*7.318 ha of forest land for mining & 2.144 ha of forest land for sub-grade dump (Total: 9.462 ha) out of 16.338 ha earmarked for magazine & its safety zone area will be utilized at the conceptual stage.

### **B.3 Tree Enumeration.**

There are 8639 nos. of sound, 12843 Nos. of unsound trees in the virgin forest land over 216.094 ha and 2241 nos. of sound, 9530 Nos. of unsound trees in the broken up forest land over 129.095 ha enumerated over 345.189 ha forest land involved in the Mining Lease in the instant proposal. The species wise and diameter class wise abstract of enumerated trees in respect of virgin and broken up land in separate sheets is enclosed as **Annexure- XXXVII.**

### **B.4 Cost benefit analysis.**

The Cost Benefit analysis has been worked out as per the guide lines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and enclosed in the proposal as **Annexure- XV(B).** The Cost Benefit ratio is 1:10.36.

### **B.5 Re-settlement and Rehabilitation.**

The project does not involve displacement of any human habitation. Therefore, Re-settlement and Rehabilitation plan is not insisted upon.

### **B.6. Safety Zone**

The mining lease granted over 366.311 ha involves 97.217 ha Revenue Forest, 209.973 ha DLC Forest land and 37.999 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. The total Non-Forest land involved in the mining lease is 21.122 ha. The total forest land including non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 located in the safety zone 7.5 mtr strip all along the inner side of the M.L. Boundary of the mining lease is 6.77 ha. The details of Forest and Non-Forest land located in the safety zone of the mining lease, in respect of the submitted diversion proposal, is furnished hereunder-

#### **DETAILS OF SAFETY ZONE AREA**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Revenue Forest (ha)</b>	<b>Forest as per DLC (ha)</b>	<b>Sabik Kisam Forest</b>	<b>Total (ha)</b>	<b>Non-Forest (ha)</b>	<b>Total (ha)</b>
1	7.5 mtr strip all along the inner side of the M.L. Boundary (Length: 10.52 km X 7.5 mtr).	2.222	3.472	1.076	6.770	1.123	7.893
2	10 mtr width on either side of the village road (Length: 0.41 km X 10 mtr).	0.00	0.103	0.046	0.149	0.262	0.411
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.222</b>	<b>3.575</b>	<b>1.122</b>	<b>6.919</b>	<b>1.385</b>	<b>8.304</b>

### **B.7. Concurrent Reclamation Plan.**

No reclamation has been carried out till date. Reclamation will be done as per provision of the approved mining plan.

### **B.8. Lease Profile**

The lease profile, furnished by the User Agency, is enclosed as **Annexure- XXX** in the diversion proposal.

### **B.9. District Profile**

The district profile in the prescribed proforma vide Annexure- VII of FC Act guideline is annexed herewith as **Annexure – XXXV.**

**B.10. Compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Earlier Approvals (Stage-I and Stage-II) under FC Act,1980**

No approval has been obtained under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

**B.11. Compliance to Statute(s),circular & directives issued by Govt. of India, MoEF as applicable to the project which came in to force after grant of earlier approval.**

No approval has been obtained under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

**B.12. Certificate under FRA, 2006**

In compliance to the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, certificate has been issued by the Collector, Keonjhar over 345.189 ha (over 294.53 ha of forest land vide letter no. 2494/Rev dt. 02.12.2013 and over 50.866 ha of forest land vide letter no. 263 dt. 22.02.2017). Documents are enclosed as **Annexure- XXXIV** and **Annexure- XXXIV(A)** of the Diversion Proposal.

**B.13. Site Inspection Report of DCF**

Site Inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Keonjhar Division is furnished as **Annexure- XXXVI**.

**B.14. DGPS maps**

The DGPS map signed by all concerned officials of Revenue, Mining and Forest Dept., validated by ORSAC and duly countersigned by the undersigned is enclosed as **Plate-XI**. The area as per land schedule and that of DGPS map involved in the submitted diversion proposal is produced below-

Sl No.	Category of Forest Land	Area applied for (in ha)	Area as per DGPS Map (in ha)	Difference	Remarks
1	Revenue Forest land	97.219	97.179	0.04	0.0004%↓
2	DLC Forest land	209.974	210.016	0.042	0.0419%↑
3	Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980.	37.996	37.873	0.123	0.1233%↓
	<b>Total</b>	<b>345.189</b>	<b>345.068</b>		

NB- The mentioned forest area in the DGPS map is 97.219 ha-Revenue Forest, 209.974 ha-DLC Forest and 37.996 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. But as per certified copy of Tahasildar, Barbil the forest area is 97.217 ha Revenue Forest, 209.973 ha-DLC Forest and 37.999 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980. The total forest area 345.189 ha is same as per DGPS survey and certified copy of land schedule by Tahasildar, Barbil.

**C. Compensatory Levies**

**C.1. Compensatory Afforestation**

I	Total Mining Lease area	-	366.311 ha
II	Forest area involved in the ML	-	345.189 ha
III	Forest area already diverted	-	Nil
IV	Forest area covered under safety zone	-	6.77 ha
V	Forest land to be kept un-diverted	-	--
VI	Forest area applied for diversion	-	345.189 ha
VII	Total broken forest land involved in the mining lease	-	129.095 ha
VII	<b>Land Required for Compensatory Afforestation</b>	-	<b>209.324 ha</b>

For point No. IV & VII CA is not required as per FC guideline para 3.2(viii).

Non-forest land, equal in extent the forest land submitted for diversion over 345.189 ha under Sec 2(ii) under FC Act, 1980, will be met from the identified and allotted non-forest Govt. land in the following villages:

Sl. No	Forest Division	Tahasil	Revenue village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Area in ha
1	Kalahandi South	Thuamul Rampur	Kerapai	51-AAA	307	10.886
					311	8.106
					365	5.354
					366	9.543
					367	4.755
			<b>Total</b>			<b>38.644</b>
2	Kalahandi South	Thuamul Rampur	Balangi	122-AAA	196	11.000
			<b>Total</b>			<b>11.000</b>
3	Keonjhar	Bansapal	Sikulapada	51	10	16.000
					11(P)	11.700
					317(P)	17.100
					176(P)	17.258
			<b>Total</b>			<b>62.058</b>
4	Keonjhar	Bansapal	Phuljhar	154	1836(P)	3.833
					1945	10.086
					1946	15.598
					1969	12.344
					1970	4.536
			<b>Total</b>			<b>46.397</b>
5	Keonjhar	Bansapal	Raidiha	35	136(P)	9.2310
					137	15.2000
					138(P)	15.7472
					139(P)	6.6602
					295(P)	4.3866
			<b>Total</b>			<b>51.2250</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>209.324</b>

In addition, degraded forest land over 206.00 ha has been identified in Baitarani RF (Near village Mukundapur- 156.00 ha & Mirgsingha- 50.00 ha) under Champua Range ANR model @400 plants/ ha.

## **C2. Net Present Value (NPV)**

The mining lease granted over 366.311 ha involves 345.189 ha Forest land & 21.122 ha Non-Forest Land. NPV has been deposited in respect of 294.53 ha forest land included in the mining lease as depicted hereunder-

Sl No.	Forest Area in ha	Eco Value Class	Canopy Density	The then applicable Rate in Rs.	NPV Deposited in Rs.
1	Total broken land involved in the mining lease 129.095 ha.	I	0.1	580000/-	74875100.00
2	Total virgin land involved in the mining lease 165.435 ha	I	0.3	750000/-	120767550.00
	<b>Total-294.53 ha</b>				<b>195642650.00</b>

**N.B:-** NPV is due over balance 50.659 ha (345.189 ha – 294.53 ha) of forest land. The Addl. General Manager (Geo), Power of Attorney Holder, M/s OMC Ltd undertakes to deposit the balance NPV as per applicable rate.

## **C3. Wild Life Management- Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan and Regional Wildlife Management Plan.**

Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been approved by the PCCF, (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha vide memo No. 6000/1WL (C) SSP-314/2011 dt 06.09.2011 with a financial outlay of Rs. 216.00 Lakh (Rs. 46.00 Lakh for the project area to be implemented by User Agency and Rs. 170.00 Lakhs for the project impact area to be implemented by DFO, Keonjhar). The demand notice has been issued to the User Agency to deposit of approved financial outlay of Rs. 170.00 lakh vide this office letter No. 1070 dated 07.02.2013 and subsequent reminder has been issued vide letter No. 3187 dated 24.04.2013. The user agency has not deposited the said amount till date.

### **D. Statutory Clearances**

#### **D.1. Forest Clearance**

No forest land has been diverted under section- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980.

#### **D.2. Mining Plan/ Mining Scheme**

The Mining Scheme along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan has been approved by IBM vide No. MPM/FM/14-ORI/BHU/2015-16/1605 dt. 14.09.2016 with validity up to 31.03.2018. The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure- XIII** of the Diversion Proposal.

#### **D.3. Environmental Clearance**

The User Agency has obtained Environmental Clearance vide letter No. J-11015/1081/2007-IA.II (M) dt 15.12.2008 of Govt. of India, MoEF for production of 1.0 Million ton of Iron ore. The copy of the approved Environmental Clearance is enclosed as **Annexure- XXVII** of the Diversion Proposal.

#### **D.4. Consent to Operate from SPCB, Odisha**

The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha has issued Consent to operate vide letter No. 20359/Ind-I-Con-243 dt 24.09.2012 which was valid up to 31.03.2013. The Copy of the Consent to Operate Order is enclosed as **Annexure – XXIX** of the Diversion Proposal.

#### **E. Miscellaneous Information**

##### **E.1. Violation and Action Taken thereof.**

No violation is observed in the forest land, involved in the instant diversion proposal and proposed for diversion under Sec-2(ii) of FC Act, 1980, in respect of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd.

##### **E.2. Pending Court Matters.**

As reported by the User Agency a case is pending in the Court of JMFC, Barbil, for violation working of the mine without Environmental Clearance. Report of the User Agency is enclosed herewith as **Annexure - XXXV** for kind perusal.

##### **E.3. Shah Commission observations**

- TWP sanctioned for one year from 10.07.1995 to 09.07.1996.
- There have been continuous production from 2001 onwards without EC from the Non forest area (as claimed by UA)
- Google imagery shows mining has been done in DLC area. Forest department to verify in the field.

##### **Action taken**

The lessee was working in non-forest area. Since the lease involved both forest and non-forest area without obtaining forest clearance under FC Act 1980.

The lessee was issued closure notice vide this office Letter No. 7001 dt. 23.12.2009.

##### **E.4. Brief details as regards approval/ leases owned by the same project proponent.**

The brief details as regards the approvals/ leases owned by the project proponent along with the current status of the projects/ leases is enclosed as **Annexure- XXX** of the Diversion Proposal.

##### **E.5. Compliance of the order dated 01.09.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A No. 204 and 219, 223 in I.A. No. 204 and I.A No. 224 in I.A. No. 215 in W.P.(C) 562/2009 read with I.A No. 212 in W. P (C) 562/2009.**

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office dated 19.08.2017 and 25.09.2017 respectively. The aforesaid proposal is forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle through Online portal dated 17.12.2017 towards examination of factual details and feasibility of the proposal, map certification, site inspection and tree enumeration.

The submitted diversion proposal over 345.189 ha of Forest land including 6.77 ha of Safety zone, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of the mining lease, is forwarded herewith for approval as per provision under section -2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

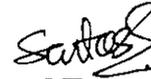
**Enclosure- Diversion proposal along with requisite documents.**



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Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.



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