

Detailed Note On Exemption from Safety Zone Maintenance

The Mines is in Operation since 14.09.2000 as Non-Forest Land. The Mining activities are being carried out as per Mining Plan/Schemes duly approved by IBM and as per guidelines laid down by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS). The total Lease hold Area has been broken up during 15 (Fifteen) years of operation. In view of recent MoEF & CC guidelines issued on 10.3.2015 and subsequent Circular dated 30.3.2015 issued by State Govt and order from DFO Cuttack vide Letter No 9570/5F/2014 dt. 12.12.2014; the involvement of Forest Land is 64.119 ha and 0.344 ha as Non-Forest Land declared as Road as per sabik record as on 25.10.1980. Further the mines is located within cluster of mines such as lease of Sukinda Chromite Mines of M/s IMFA on the Eastern side, Jindal Chromite Mines of M/s Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL) on western side, in south Ispat Sukinda Chromite Mine of M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd exist respectively. As per Para 4.7 of guidelines of F/CAct-1980, the Safety Zone of 7.5 m width all around the Lease boundaries should be maintained. At Para 4.7 (ii) “ which inter alia says that in case of cluster of mines, the outer boundaries of clusters should be taken as Safety Zone & its maintenance cost has to be borne proportionately by the Lessee operating the Cluster.” In North side of ML area vacant area with tree growth is maintained as safety zone with 7.5 m width. The area comes to 0.17 ha which has been included under SI No 13 of component wise land use break up under Para b-2.4. However, only limited area is utilized within 0.17 ha for the purpose of entry to the ML area. So, provision of Safety Zone in other three sides is not visualized in view of above in this mine.