



Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Forest Division

Ref. No: **CHO/KIM/102/101**

Date: 07/02/2020

**Sub: Compliance to EDS towards diversion of forest land over 17.836 ha in respect of the
Utility corridor for Khondbond project M/s Tata Steel Ltd.**

Ref: Your Letter No. 7509 dated 5th November 2018

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to your letter cited under reference, I hereby furnish the following compliances to the EDS issued.

Sl No	EDS and its compliance status	
	Activities	Compliance
1	Payment towards additional NPV, if so determined as per final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	Necessary Undertaking to this effect has been furnished vide Annexure - 10 attached to the FDP.
2	Certificate towards payment of NPV for the forest land involved in the project.	Necessary Undertaking to this effect has been furnished vide Annexure - 10 attached to the FDP.
3	Certificate Regard status of land (Forest and Non-Forest) as on 25.10.1980	The authenticated land schedule of project area as on 25.10.1980 issued by Tahasildar, Barbil Tahasil has been enclosed at Annexure - 8 of the FDP.
4	Certificate under FRA-2006 in respect for the forest land involved in the project.	Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar had requested the Project Administrator, ITDA-cum District Nodal officer, FRA Keonjhar vide letter No-139 dated 28.01.2019 to do needful for issue of FRA Certificate as required and subsequently PA-ITDA Keonjhar has requested the Tahsildar Barbil cum Addl.Nodal officers, FRA vide letter No 246 dated 5.02.2019 to process the same. Thereafter, the Tahsildar Barbil has requested the Executive Officer, Joda municipality, Joda for needful action vide letter no-774 dated 14.02. 2019. The FRA certificate will be obtained and submitted prior to stage-II approval. The undertaking to this effect is enclosed in Annexure-25 .
5	The proposed forest land for utility corridor is 17.836 ha mentioned in Form A,	Total land involved for Utility Corridor project is 21.10 ha. out of which required forest land for

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	item no V(iii) but break up of total land required for Utility Corridor mentioned is 21.10 ha. Please clarify. Also clarify the area mentioned in the table Acre or hectare.	diversion is 17.836 ha. In this context, it is to be mentioned that RF area 1.80 ha + DLC area 1.464 ha i.e. total of 3.264 ha of forest land has already been diverted for another project proposal as mentioned at page -3 of Form-A of the FDP. Hence balance 17.836 ha of forest area for Utility Corridor needs to be diverted in this diversion proposal.
6	Details of forest land involved in the utility corridor beyond 17.836 ha should be mentioned.	This has already been clarified against point No.5 above. An area over 3.264 ha forest area has already been diverted earlier and the same has been mentioned in page no-3 of Form A of this proposal for reference.
7	It is mentioned that the applied forest land in the instant diversion proposal over 17.836 ha is coming within Joda West Iron & Manganese mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. Earlier M/s Tata Steel Ltd. Sukinda Chromite Mines has also applied for diversion of 730 ha forest land in which 41.911 ha forest land proposed for Road/Conveyor corridor/power transmission line vide Proposal No FP/OR/MIN/16451/2015 for their Joda West Iron & Mn Mines, which is under process. it is not possible to process two numbers proposal simultaneously for the same forest land which need to be clarified.	Commissioning of Over Land conveying system(OLCS) as well as laying of 33KV line is an integral part of Khondbond Expansion project. Expeditious completion of the project is critical in order to meet the enhanced iron ore requirement of Kalinganagar, Jamshedpur and other steel units of the company. Hence this proposal for the forest land involved for the project within Joda West Mn lease has been submitted separately for seeking expeditious and favorable consideration. Moreover, the justification of the same has been elaborated at Page No- 5of the FDP for this project.
8	It is mentioned in DP that the forest land over 3.264 ha(RF-1.80 ha+DLC-1.464 ha) out of the total forest land required for utility corridor within Joda West Iron& Mn mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. Please mention the purpose wise breakup of the approved forest land of 3.264 ha.	Diversion of forest area over 3.264 ha has already been approved by MOEF&CC. and the land use indicated in the mining scheme and approved by IBM is for infrastructure (work shop, conveyor corridor, office, WTP etc.). and approved map is enclosed at plate No-6 of FDP for information and reference
9	Prior recommendation of national board of wildlife and prior leave of the supreme court of India if the activity is to be taken up in national park/sanctuary or parts thereof.	The project area does not form a part of any National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/within any Eco-sensitive zone. The nearest protected area i.e. Karo-Karampada Elephant Corridor is at distance of about 12.70 km, Simlipal Tiger Reserve is at a distance about 38km and Telkoi-Pallahara elephant Corridor is at distance of about 55km from the proposed project. Hence clearance from National Board of Wildlife and prior leave of Supreme Court of India is notrequired. A Certificate to this effect has been attached at Annexure - 11 of the FDP.

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10	Certificate as regards the fact that in case approval under the act for the diversion of the forest land is declined. It is technically feasible to execute the project along an alternate alignment without involving diversion of forest land.	Necessary Certificate to the effect that no non-forest land is available near by the project area for the purpose of the project. It is furnished vide Annexure-11 of the FDP.
11	Undertaking as regards execution of work on non-forestland shall not be cited a reason for grant of approval under the act and in case approval under the act for diversion of forest land is declined, width of the portion of road falling in the forest land will be maintained at its exiting level.	Necessary undertaking as required under this item has been furnished at Annexure -10 of the FDP.
12	Undertaking as regards the instant proposal is processed in their entirety covering all divisions/districts/states.	Necessary undertaking as required under this item has been furnished at Annexure -10 of the FDP.
13	Certificate as regards non-availability of alternative suitable non-forest land for the proposed alignment and the same is the best location and barest minimum extent of forest land for the project.	Necessary Certificate as required under this item has been furnished vide Annexure-11 of the FDP.
14	Pending court matters, if any, as regards the proposed diversion proposal.	An Undertaking to this effect has been enclosed at Annexure- 11 of the FDP.
15	Non-forest land to the equal extent of forest land proposed for diversion to be required for Compensatory Afforestation.	Compensatory Afforestation land in respect of utility corridor project has been identified over 17.836 ha vide letter no 1668 dated 02.12.2019 of collector and District Magistrate, Keonjhar. (Copy enclosed).
Authenticated Maps and documents to be furnished		
16	Detailed route of utility corridor alignment on SOI Topo sheet(1:50000) showing forest land required for diversion in its entirety.	Enclosed as Plate No- 1 of FDP
17	Superimposed utility corridor map on forest cover map showing RF/NationalPark/ PRF/Sanctuary/PF etc. within mentions of category of forest (NaturalForest/plantation), density(Open/ Moderately dense/ Dense) and species in the map.	Enclosed as Plate No-1 of FDP.
18	DGPS coordinates of the proposed forest land under different category involved in the project.	Enclosed as Plate No-6 of FDP.
19	Alternate alignment map showing non-forest land identified to bypass the forest	Enclosed as Plate No-2 of FDP.

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	land.	
20	Authenticated land schedule and map attested by the Revenue authority not below the rank of Tahasildar, Mining officials and concerned forest authorities	Enclosed as Annexure -8 and Plate No -5 of FDP
21	Authorization letter of the project authority, position of the authorized person in the project with signature attested.	Enclosed in Annexure -15 of FDP
22	Justification for locating the project in the forest area.	Enclosed in Annexure-12 of FDP
23	CB analysis of the project in the prescribed format as per revised guideline dated 1/8/17.	Enclosed in Annexure -18 of FDP
24	EC if required.	EC is not required for the instant project. However, EC for the Khondbond Project has been furnished vide Annexure-9 of the FDP
25	Details of approvals obtained/sought for under the act in respect of the project.	Enclosed in Annexures-17 & 24 of FDP.
26	Checklist in the prescribed format along with specific information as desired in the checklist w.r.t. liner project i.e. 28(a).	Provided at Check list page no.- 4 under item 28(a)

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

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Enclosed as above

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