

PART-II
(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)
Forest Diversion Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/8471/2014 dt.18.05.2016
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7.	Location of the Project/ Scheme:	Diversion of 162.420 ha. of forest land in respect of Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd.
(i)	State/ Union Territory	ODISSA
(ii)	District	JAJPUR
(iii)	Forest Division.	CUTTACK FOREST DIVISION
(iv)	Area of forestland proposed for diversion (in ha.)	162.42 ha.
(v)	Legal Status of forest	Revenue Forest- 147.811 ha. DPF- <u>14.609 ha.</u> 162.420 ha.
(vi)	Density of vegetation.	Eco Class I, below 0.4
(vii)	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter &FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)	The detailed enumeration of trees available in the proposed area is enclosed with the Diversion Proposal (Annexure-
(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The proposed area is not vulnerable to erosion and do not form a part of severely eroded area.
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Adjacent to Mahagiri DPF & partly inside Mahagiri DPF.
(x)	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc.(if so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	Do not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The project area proposed for diversion comes within a distance of 10 Km. from the proposed Tiger Corridor in Daitary DPF of Sukinda Forest Range in Jajpur District.
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so details thereof.	Migratory Elephant, Wild Boar, Ratel, Sloth Bear, Peacock, Porcupine, Pangolin, Python, King Cobra found in the area.
(xii)	Whether any project archeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	NIL
	Whether the requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of Part.-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Mining purpose.
9.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out) Yes/No. If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	NO
10.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme:	Enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.

(i)	Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	The detailed Scheme of Compensatory afforestation in non-forest land identified in Kalahandi South Division has been enclosed with the Diversion Proposal as Annexure- XXIV.
(ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	The map showing non-forest land as submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi South Division is enclosed with the Diversion Proposal as Plate-X(a,b,c)
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule , cost structure, etc.	The Compensatory Afforestation scheme mentioning all details as submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi South Division is enclosed with the diversion proposal as Annexure-XXIV.
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Rs.4,73,60,000/-
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Enclosed with the Diversion proposal
11.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	Site inspection Report in the prescribed format is enclosed with the Diversion proposal
12.	Division/ District profile:	Jajpur District
(i)	Geographical area of the district.	2899.00 Sq.Km.
(ii)	Forest area of the district:	725.27 Sq.Km.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	3636.854 Ha. / 25 no.
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/ division since 1980 as on (a) Forest land including penal compensatory Affn. (b) Non-forest land.	31.12.2015 2452.441 Ha. 2968.013
(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (data) as on (a) Forest land (b) Non-forest land.	31.12.2015 2130.239 Ha. 2457.862 Ha.
13.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	The Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. is an ongoing mining project for exploitation of Chromite ore confined over the ML area of 382.709 ha. comprising forest land 267.210 ha. and non-forest land 115.499 ha. as per Sabik and Hal RoR out of which the Govt. of India, MoEF have accorded final clearance order over 104.79 ha. vide their letter dt.21.07.2011. In the mean time in view of MMRD amendment Act, 2015 published on dt.27.03.2015, the Govt. of Odisha was pleased to extend the validity period of mining

lease over 382.709 ha. under section 8A(6) of MMDR, 1957 as amendment by the MMDR amendment Act, 2015 till 31.03.2020 vide their letter No.2745/SM dt.26.03.2015. The supplementary lease deed was executed on 03.10.2015 by the lessee. The mining operation is now continuing under the provision of MMDR amendment Act, 2015. The benefit to the economy will also accelerate due to higher production of marketable chrome ore. In view of the above circumstances and as per the guideline dt.10.03.2015 of GoI, MoEF & CC the proposal for diversion of 162.42 ha. of balance forest land within the ML area of Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. as submitted by the user agency is recommended for approval under section 2 of 1980.


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