

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR
OF FORESTS, ROURKELA CIRCLE**

1.	Name of the Project	Proposal for diversion of 86.479 ha. of forest land (including 1.304 ha. of forest land for re-diversion) for construction of overhead conveyor belt from Kurmitar ML boundary of M/s OMC Ltd. to proposed new Railway Siding at Barsuan by M/s OMC Ltd. (Proposal No. FP/OR/ Others/ 44967/2020, State Sl. No. OR-046/2020 dated 19.06.2020)
2.	Name of the District/ Division	Sundargarh District / Bonai Division
3.	Date of Inspection	26.09.2020
4.	Name and Designation of Inspecting Officer	Sri Bhanja Kishore Swain, IFS Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle
5.	Name and Designation of other Officers ,who attended the inspection including the representative of User Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Sanath Kumar N., IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division. 2. Sri Johana Oram, ACF, Bonai Division. 3. Sri Nabin Chandra Pradhan, Range Officer, I/c Barsuan Range. <p><u>Representative of the User Agency</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Sanjiv Kumar Tripathy, DGM(P), OMC Ltd., Kurmitar Mines. 2. Sri Mahesh Singh, GM(Mining), OMC Ltd. 3. Sri Sanjib Kumar Pradhan, Manager Mining, OMC Ltd.. 4. Sri Ajay Kumar Rout, Surveyor of OMC Ltd., Kurmitar Mines.
6.	Legal Status of Forest land with area proposed for diversion	The proposed diversion proposal involves R.F. & P.R.F. The details of applied forest land is produced below- RF - 60.825 Ha. PRF - 25.654 Ha. Total :- 86.479 Ha.
7.	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground:	Yes
8. Item wise break up of forest land proposed for diversion.		
i)	Conveyor Corridor-1	:- 4.630 Ha.
ii)	Despatch Area-1 (Part conveyor Corridor, Stack yard, Parking space, Weigh bridge, Workshop, Rest Shelter, Canteen, Fire Station, Electric sub-station and First Aid Centre)	:- 15.585 Ha.
iii)	Conveyor Corridor-2	:- 7.693 Ha.
iv)	Despatch Area-2 (Part conveyor Corridor, Stack yard, Parking space, Weigh bridge, Workshop, Rest Shelter, Canteen, Fire Station, Electric sub-station, First Aid Centre, Rail Infr. & Road)	:- 58.571 Ha.
TOTAL		:- 86.479 Ha.

9.	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area	As Reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, the density of vegetation is 0.5 (Zero point Five) (Eco value class-I) . Sal (<i>Shorea robusta</i>), Bija (<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>), Asan (<i>Terminalia tomentosa</i>), Sisoo (<i>Dalbergia latifolia</i>) Jamu (<i>Syzygium cuminii</i>), Kendu (<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i>), Mahul (<i>Madhuca indica</i>), Mango (<i>Mangifera indica</i>), Harida (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Bahada (<i>Terminalia belerica</i>) Kumbhi (<i>Careya arborea</i>), Kusum (<i>Schleichera oleosa</i>), Char (<i>Buchanania lanjan</i>), etc constitute the flora of the proposed area for diversion as reported by the DFO, Bonai Division.
10.	Position of Wildlife in general	As Reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, movement of Wild elephants is often noticed in the applied area as well as in the nearby area. Rat, Common Langur, Common Mongoose, Indian hare, Indian Mole Rat, Jungle Cat, Rhesus Macaque, Squirrel, and different type of birds and snakes are noticed in the area. No rare or endangered flora or fauna has been reported from the applied area as stated by the DFO, Bonai Division.
11.	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco sensitive Zone/ National Park/ Sanctuary	The applied area does not come under any Eco-sensitive zone / National Park / Sanctuary.
12.	Number of trees to be felled and its impact on the eco-system	As per the report of the DFO, Bonai Division, total tree enumeration has been taken up over applied forest area of 86.479 ha. comes to 7447 nos., which are above 30 cm girth. The abstract of tree enumeration has been furnished at (174-179/DP). As reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, 7447 nos. of trees above 30 cm girth may be required to be felled / removed in applied forest area during construction of overhead conveyor belt from Barsuan Railway Siding to Kurmitar Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. The density has been reported to be 0.5. Felling of above trees will have some impact on the eco-system. Further, no tree is available in the non-forest land involved in the project as reported by the DFO, Bonai Division.
13.	Details of broken up area and reclamation done, if any (Mining Cases)	Not Applicable.
14.	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation ,if any	The project does not involve displacement of people as reported by the DFO, Bonai.
15.	Position of rare and endangered species available or importance of area from archaeological point of view.	No rare and endangered species are noticed in the area. But movement of wild elephants is often noticed in the applied area. There is no information regarding the importance of the area from archaeological point of view as per the report of the DFO, Bonai Division.

16.	Non-Forest land used in the Project and non-forest land selected for Comp. Afforestation, if included in the DLC report or not	<p>As reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, 0.127 ha. of non-forest land is required for the present project, which has not been included in the DLC.</p> <p>An area of 85.175 ha. of Govt. non-forest land has been identified in village Champachuan under Thuamul-Rampur Tehsil coming under Kalahandi District of Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation which is not included in the DLC report as stated by the DFO, Bonai Division.</p>
17.	Suitability of the identified non forest area for Compensatory Afforestation	<p>As reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, the identified non-forest land for Comp. Afforestation is suitable for the purpose for which the suitability certificate has been furnished in the CA Scheme by the DFO, Kalahandi South Division (Page-180-197/DP).</p>
18.	Violation of FC Act, if any, and action taken thereon	<p>No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is noticed.</p>


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