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Dt.18.03.2016

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Cuttack Forest Division
At-Ghatakula, Nuapada,
Cuttack, Odisha -753010.

Sub: Submission of hard copies for the proposal for diversion of 23.800 hectare of forest land as on 25.10.1980 (as per Sabik Records) in respect of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s. Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd.

Ref : 1. Our online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/16453/2015 dt.11.11.2015.
2. MoEF & CC Letter No. F. No.8-78//1996-FC (pt) dt.10.03.2015.
3. MoEF & CC letter No. F. No.8-78//1996-FC (pt) dt.09.03.2016.
4. Online EDS query raised on dtd.03.03.2016.
5. Your letter No.9555/5F/ 2014 dt.12.12.2014.

Dear Sir,

We bring to your kind notice that department of Steel & Mines, Government of Odisha has issued grant order for 23.800 hectares of lease in favour of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s. Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd vide Proceeding No.6177,dt.17.07.2007. The mining lease was executed on dt.18.04.2008 for a period of 30 years. The total lease hold area of 23.800 hectares was non-forest land as per HAL settlement.

However, with the MoEF & CC Circular dated 10.03.2015 the non-forest land is now treated as forest land as per Sabik Settlement i.e. as on 25.10.1980. Accordingly we have already paid Rs.1,73,74,000/- towards Net Present Value (NPV) for entire forest land of 23.800 hectare on dt.26.06.2015.

It is pertinent to mention here that the mining operation is going on since 2011 and the entire mining lease area of 23.800 hectares is broken up.

In accordance with the MoEF & CC Circular dated 10.03.2015, forest diversion proposal for the lease area of 23.8000 Hectares has been submitted online in Form - A in the official web-portal of MoEF & CC vide reference under Sl.No.1. Now we are submitting six sets of hard copies of online proposal Form-A downloaded from MoEF & CC website duly signed along with the acknowledgement of MoEF & CC in compliance to the online EDS query raised by your good office on dtd.03.03.2016. A list of documents and maps submitted alongwith the proposal is attached herewith for your kind perusal.

It is therefore requested that the said proposal may kindly be considered for obtaining approval of MoEF & CC under Section - 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited

Director (Mines)
Encl: as above.