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Dated: 18-05-2005

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 63.91 ha. of forest land for Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s Indian Charge Chrome Limited (ICCL) in village Kaliapani under Sukinda Tehsil of Jajpur district, Orissa.

Sir,

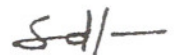
I am directed to refer to your letter no.10F(Cons)/44/2002/14708/F&E dated 23-8-2002 and compliance report vide letter no. 10F(Cons)/44/2002/6301/F&E dated 7-4-2005 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 63.91 ha. of forest land for Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s Indian Charge Chrome Limited (ICCL) in village Kaliapani under Sukinda Tehsil of Jajpur district, Orissa, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
3. The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation, shall be notified by the State Government as RF under section - 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report the compliance.
4. The State Government shall raise and maintain a Safety Zone and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, on degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
5. The State Government shall maintain the above-mentioned funds including the funds collected for Net Present Value of diverted forest land, in form of Fixed Deposits in the name of concerned DFO/ Nodal Officer of the State, till such time the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) intimates the Head of Account for deposition of funds.
6. The User Agency shall raise and maintain a botanical garden under the supervision and guidance of State Forest Department and State Medicinal Plant Board as per the plan submitted by them at the project cost. This area shall be declared by the State Government as 'Protected Forests' under Indian Forest Act, 1927.

7. Demarcation of the area will be done on ground at project cost using four feet high RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.
8. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
9. Mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by the IBM.
10. Concurrent Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional CCF, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the Annual report that the annual programme mentioned in Concurrent Reclamation Plan is not being adhered to by the user agency, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time the annual programme is completed for that year.
11. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
12. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
13. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
14. The User Agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the wildlife.
15. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.
16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
17. Any other condition that the State Government or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,



(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (EZ), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
4. RO (Hqs), New Delhi.
5. M/s Indian Charge Chrome Ltd.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division.
7. Guard file.


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