

**F. No. 8-116/2000-FC(vol.)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

To,  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub:** Diversion of 2.47 hecatres of forest land earmarked to be maintained as Safety Zone within the applied ML area of 73.777ha in Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) in village Kaliapani No. 15 of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur district, Odisha in addition to 63.91 ha of forest land already diverted during Original ML period.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 61/ 2014-13997/ F & E dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of 2.47 hecatres of forest land earmarked to be maintained as Safety Zone within the applied ML area of 73.777ha in Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) in village Kaliapani No. 15 of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur district, Odisha in addition to 63.91 ha of forest land already diverted during Original ML period was sought in accordance with the provisions of the section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Odisha and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby accords final approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 2.47 hecatres of forest land earmarked to be maintained as Safety Zone within the applied ML area of 73.777ha in Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) in village Kaliapani No. 15 of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur district, Odisha in addition to 63.91 ha of forest land already diverted during Original ML period, for a period co-terminus with the period for which approval for diversion of the remaining 63.91 hectares of forest land located within the mining lease has been accorded by this Ministry vide letter No. 8-116/2002-FC (vol.) dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005, subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the final approval under the afore-mentioned Act for diversion of the said 63.91 hectares of forest land accorded by this

  
18/11/2014

Ministry vide the said letter No. 8-116/2002-FC (vol.) dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005 and the following additional conditions:

- (i) State Government shall ascertain the status, as on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1980, of the area located in the mining lease which has been treated as 'non-forest' as per the Hal (present) record of rights and intimate the same to this Ministry within six months; and
- (ii) In case whole or a part of the area located in the mining lease which has been treated as 'non-forest' as per the Hal (present) record of rights was recorded as forest as on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1980, State Government shall either seek approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of such forest land or surrender such forest land from the mining lease.

Yours faithfully,

*2/11/2012*  
(H. C. Chaudhary)  
Director

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

*2/11/2012*  
(H. C. Chaudhary)  
Director