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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 209.54 ha of additional forest land in addition to 42.417 ha of broken up Reserve forest land already diverted earlier in Guali Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District, Orissa for Iron ore mining by Sri Ramesh Prasad Sao during 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F(Cons)6/2009-4714/F&E dated 13.03.2009, on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for diversion of 95.00 ha forest land in addition to 42.417 ha of broken up Revenue Forest land already diverted earlier, out of proposed (209.54 + 42.417 ha) of forest land in Guali Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Orissa for iron ore mining by Sri Ramesh Prasad Sao during 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 2nd January 2010 was granted, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Orissa vide their letter No. 10F(Cons)-488/2011-15216/F & E dated 18.08.2011, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 95.00 ha forest land in addition to 42.417 ha of broken up Revenue Forest land already diverted earlier, out of proposed (209.54 + 42.417 ha) of forest land in Guali Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Orissa for iron ore mining by Sri Ramesh Prasad Sao during 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent area of non-forest land identified and provided by the State Government from the funds received from the user agency.
- (iii) The non-forest land identified to compensatory afforestation shall be notified as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest under relevant section(s) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the concerted State Forest Act. Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, State Government of shall send compliance in this regard within six months.

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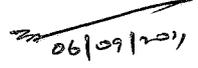
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- (iv) State Government shall realize from the user agency, Additional amount of NPV, if any, becoming due after finalization of the rates of NPV.
- (v) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area as well as within 100 Meter radius from the lease area inside RF if density is lesser than 0.4 and maintain it till the life of the project, in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- (vi) The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.
- (vii) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.
- (viii) The User Agency will prepare a plan for protection and maintenance of remaining forest land out of additional 209.54 ha in consultation with State Forest Department to be implemented at the User Agency's cost. In this regard, a map shall be submitted showing the area diverted in the mining lease area.
- (ix) No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
- (x) The user agency shall start mining as per approved mining plan. The mining will continue in earlier broken area of 42.417 ha of forest land, however, due care should be taken to ensure compliance to the Scheduled Tribe and other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 shall be done as per Ministry's circular dated 30.07.2009.
- (xi) The User Agency shall start mining as per approved mining plan. The mining will continue in earlier broken area of 42.417 ha of forest land, however, due care should be taken for reclaiming earlier mined areas. Reclamation Plan approved by IBM, shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department/Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the Annual Report that the annual programme mentioned in the 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.
- (xii) It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.
- (xiii) The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
- (xiv) The User Agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within five km area from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks whenever required.
- (xv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xvi) All the conditions recommended by the State Government like site specific wildlife management plan and comprehensive wild life management plan and any other conditions imposed shall be implemented at the User Agency's cost.
- (xvii) The user agency shall submit an annual self-monitoring report containing status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval to the State Government and concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.

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(xviii) Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar / State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

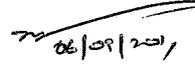

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2. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
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