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The Divisional Forest Officer
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Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of balance forest land of 84.707 ha in favour of M/s D. C. Jain for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keonjhar (Odisha) – Reg.

Ref: 1. Your good office letter No. 5172/6F-Mining-57/2020 dated 01.09.2021
2. MoEF&CC, GoI, F.No. 8-31/2015-FC dated 12th August 2021

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter, we are herewith submitting pointwise compliance as given below;

i. The area of Block – A not considered as lapsed is 89.961 ha while the remaining area of other four blocks has been declared as lapsed. Corresponding change in the land use of the area proposed for diversion has not been informed by the State Government. Area change matrix indicating the purpose wise breakup of forest land required for diversion needs to be informed by the State Government along with soft copies of KML/shape files.

Compliance: - The details land use breakup for 89.961 Ha is attached as **Annexure-1**. Soft copies of KML file submitted for your kind reference.

ii. Copy of approved Mining Plan, corresponding the area not declared as lapsed by the State has not been submitted. Updated Mining Plan with progressive Mine Closure Plan may be submitted by the State.

Compliance: - The Mining Plan with progressive Mine Closure Plan for the mine lease area over 89.961 Ha has been approved by IBM vide its letter no. RMP/A/18/BHU/2020-21/2053 on 06.11.2020. Approved Mining Plan along with progressive Mine Closure Plan for the area 89.961 Ha is attached as **Annexure-2**.

iii. It is observed that an area of 11.48 ha (out of 101.171 ha) has been declared as lapsed. Status of its reclamation and handing over back to the State Forest Department may also be intimated by the State.

Compliance: - Regarding other *blocks i.e.* B1, B2, B3, C, constitutes total area 11.48 Ha, Revision Authority (R.A) remand back the matter to State Govt. to hear the matter at fresh. The matter is yet to be disposed. Hearing is pending at State Govt. We will take the action accordingly as per the outcome of the hearing.

iv. It is also observed that following conditions stipulated in the approval dated 14.11.2005 have not complied with by the State/User Agency:

Compliance:

c	Non-realization of balance amount due towards Regional Wildlife Management Plan.	We are herewith undertake to pay the approved cost of implementation of Regional wild life management plan. Undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure - I
d	No concurrent reclamation has been carried out by the user agency.	Since no mining operation has yet to be commenced and no pit has been fully exhausted, concurrent reclamation has not been feasible at this stage. Reclamation & Rehabilitation plan will be carried out as per the progressive mine closure plan approved by IBM. The plan will be submitted at the authority after the mine coming into operation. The undertaking in this regard is attached as Annexure-II

Vi. Suitability of non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation in lieu of proposal diversion under the extant proposal may be reconfirmed by the State and the same may be submitted along with updated details of relevant attributes such as CA scheme, KML/Shape files.

Compliance: As the total lease area is 89.961 Ha, Non-forest land for compensatory afforestation will be required over 76.254 Ha excluding safety zone along the lease boundary i.e. 3.113 Ha. In the earlier diversion proposal over 16.464 Ha (out of 101.171 Ha) non forest land provided for 16.464 HA in village Baitarani-Bhuyan over khata No. 67/1, Plot No. 365/476 under Telkoi Tahasil, for which notification published by Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt. of Odisha vide No. FE-DIV-FLD-0022-2018-15436/FE&CC dated 31.08.2021. Out of 16.464 Ha forest diversion area, 10.594 Ha is coming under 89.961 Ha (Block A). PF Notification for 16.464 Ha is attached as **Annexure-3.**

Further, for the instant proposal we have already identified 79.407 Ha of land in two villages i.e. 69.64 ha in village Damdargouni under Telkoi Tahasil of Keonjhar district and 9.800 ha in village Champajhar under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar district for compensatory afforestation. For which CA scheme already been prepared and approved at your end. **The KML file for the CA land is submitted herewith.**

Vii. Similarly, site specific Wildlife Management plan, especially with regards to financial provisions may be updated and submitted for further consideration of the Ministry.

Compliance: Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for Dalpahar Iron & Mn Mines of Shri D.C. Jain has been approved by PCCF, Wildlife Odisha vide Memo No. 90970/1WL (C) SSP-442 on dated 27th November 2014 with a total budget of 250.254 Lakhs. The same has been updated with revised budgetary provision of Rs 308.364 Lakhs and submitted to your good office for the approval on 10th March 2021. We are herewith submitting the same for your ready reference. **Annexure-4**

Viii. **Extant proposal, for want of submission of additional information within the stipulated period of 90 days, has been de-listed from the PARIVESH portal. A request for re-listing of the proposal needs to be submitted online for its further consideration by the Ministry.**

Compliance: While forwarding the FAC compliance to the MoEF&CC, GoI by the State Govt. during the month of July 2021, the extant proposal was shown as de-listed in the PARIVESH portal. Further, the extant proposal has been re-listed after request by the project proponent. The screen shot of the same is attached as **Annexure-5**.

With the above compliance we request you to kindly consider the proposal i.e. “for diversion of forest land of Block-A over 89.961 Ha including 10.594 Ha already diverted area including safety zone located within the Baitarani RF of Keonjhar district for Dalpahar Iron & Mn Mines of M/s Dharam Chand Jain” and process towards grant the forest clearance under section 2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980.

Thanking You
With Regards



Authorized Signatory
for Dalpahar Iron & Mn Mines