

Compliance of Statute(s), Circulars and directives issued by Govt. of India, MoEF. as applicable to the project.

Approval under section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 has not been accorded in respect of Forest land involved in the mining lease.

1. No.5-2/2007-FC dt.17.01.2008 – designating an authority to approve the mining plan in respect of minor and major minerals.

The Mining Scheme along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan has been approved by IBM vide No. 314(3)2012-MCCM(CZ)/MS-31, dt. 15.04.2013 with validity up to 31.03.2018. The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-**

2. No.11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dt.30.07.2009,dt.03.08.2009 , dt. 20.09.2012, dt. 05.02.2013 , dt. 05.07.2013 & dt. 28.10.2014, No. 11-623/2013-FC dt. 09.10.2013,No- 11-179/2012-FC dt. 20.12.2013 – ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

The User Agency has applied for issue of Certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 over 360.01ha forest land (57.552 ha Reserved Forest, 141.62 ha Revenue Forest and 160.838 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980) to the Collector, Keonjhar vide their letter No. CN/167/102/2016 dated 22.06.2016. The copy of the said letter is enclosed as Annexure - XXXVII. Nonetheless, it is mentioned that certificate under FRA, 2006 for 160.838 ha Non-Forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 will be submitted by the Collector, Keonjhar along with his findings on settlement of rights under FRA and consent of the Gramsabha, in respect of the aforesaid non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980, to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests as enshrined in the FC Amendment Rule, 2014.

3. No.2-1/2003-FC dt.21.03.2011,11-63/2012-FC dt. 07.01.2013, dt. 6.01.2011, dt. 17.02.2011 – Revision of Para 4.4 of the guidelines on Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 regarding projects involving Forest as well as non-forest lands.

Mining activities is restricted to the non-forest land involved in the mining lease in pursuance of Letter No. 37842 dated. 18.08.201 of the DDM, Joda.

4. No.11-9/98-FC dt.08.07.2011 – Submission of Geo-referenced digital data for applications under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The DGPS map signed by all concerned officials of Revenue, Mining and Forest Dept., validated by ORSAC and duly countersigned by the undersigned is enclosed as **Plate-**

5. No.8-66/2009-FC dt. 30.09.2011- Guidelines for re-diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 reg.

Not Applicable.

6. No. 11-168/2009-FC dt.14.02.2014- Submission of Mining Plans reg.

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7. No.11-362/2012-FC dt. 01.02.2013- Submission of proposal to obtain approval for diversion of entire forest land located within the Mining Lease and grant of Environment Clearance to Mining project.

The granted lease over 403.3238 ha involves 57.552 ha Reserved Forest, 141.62 ha Revenue Forest and 160.838 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980.

No Forest land is accorded approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of forest land for non-forest purpose.

Approval under Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been accorded over 199.172 ha forest land during 3rd RML vide F.No. 8-5/2015-FC dated 29.09.2016 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for the purpose of execution of mining lease. Forest Land, applied for diversion over-199.172 ha under section-2(ii), is yet to be approved under FC Act, 1980. The instant diversion proposal has been submitted over 160.838 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest, as on 25.10.1980, for approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The User Agency has obtained Environmental Clearance for 8.0 Million ton of Iron ore production from Govt. of India, MoEF vide their letter No. J-11015/63/2008-IA.II (M) dt. 26.11.2010. The copy of the approved Environmental Clearance is enclosed as Annexure- XIX

8. No.8-25/2000-FC dt.12.07.2012– Guidelines (Para 4.7 (i)) for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The total forest land located in the safety zone is 2.2001 ha and that of the Non-Forest land located in the safety zone is 2.7082 ha. Proposal for diversion of forest land under section 2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980, located in the safety zone of the mining lease, is not warranted.

9. No.11-73/2014-FC dt.13.05.2014 – Simplified procedure to obtain approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land located in safety zone of existing mining.

Not Applicable

10. No. 11-285/2011-FC dt. 05.11.2013, No. 11-267/2014-FC dt. 27.08.2014- Simplified procedure for grant of approval in certain cases of renewal of mining leases.- reg.

Not Applicable

11. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 - Completion of procedural formalities for felling and extraction of timber and other forest produce from forest land diverted for non-forest purpose- reg.

Not Applicable

12. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Simplified procedure to obtain approval under the Act for re-diversion or change in land use of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose-reg.

Not Applicable.

13. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Nature of documents relating to land identified for creation of compensatory afforestation required to be submitted along with the application seeking Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – reg.

Non-forest land, equal in extent the forest land submitted for diversion over 160.838 ha under Sec 2(ii) under FC Act, 1980, will be met from the identified and allotted non-forest Govt. land over 160.838 ha in village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal Division in Dhenkanal District in favour of Katamati Iron ore Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. vide letter No.1185/Rev dt. 20.07.2016 of Collector, Dhenkanal for raising Compensatory Afforestation. The copy of the allotment letter is enclosed as **Annexure – ~~XXXXIII~~ A**. Compensatory Afforestation scheme, prepared by the DFO, Dhenkanal Division, in respect of the aforementioned Non-forest land is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- ~~XXXXIII~~**.

14. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Enumeration of trees available on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purpose –reg.

There are 1688 Nos. of sound trees, 866 Nos. of unsound trees and 4086 nos. of poles below 30 cm girth enumerated inside the proposed diversion area of 160.838 ha. The species wise and diameter class wise abstract of enumerated trees is enclosed as **Annexure – ~~XXXXIV~~**.

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