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Ref: RML/BD/Parasi/24-25/049

June 18, 2024

To The Divisional Forest Officer, Khunti Forest Division, Khunti, Jharkhand.

Sub: Regarding proposal for diversion of 11.959 hectares of forest land proposed for mining in Parasi Gold Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. under Khunti Forest Division, Khunti.

Sir,

In reference to your letter no. 970 dated 14.06.2024, we are enclosing herewith our letter submitted to The Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/24-25/017 dated 30.04.2024 along with its all annexures for your kind information.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully, For Rungta Mines Limited

B. K. Jha Jt. President (BD)

Encl: as above.

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To,
The Secretary,
Department of Mines & Geology,
Government of Jharkhand
Yojna Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Nepal House,
Doranda, Ranchi,
Jharkhand- 834002

Sub: Extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued for the grant of Mining Lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares to M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018.

Ref: 1. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020

- 2. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021
- 3. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009 dated 05.05.2022
- 4. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/049 dated 14.06.2022
- 5. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/23-24/191 dated 15.12.2023

Respected Sir,

- 1. As per the NIT dated 12.08.2017 floated by the Government of Jharkhand, e-auction for Grant of Mining Lease for Parasi Gold Block located in Ranchi District of Jharkhand, was conducted on 01.11.2017. Based on the highest final price offer, M/s Rungta Mines Limited was declared as the "Preferred Bidder" for Parasi Gold Block under Rule 9(4)(b)(iii) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. It is relevant to point out that in the DGPS Map appended to the Tender Document, the size of the Parasi Gold Block lease area was shown as 75.273 ha.
- 2. Upon being declared Preferred Bidder, we deposited 1st instalment of the Upfront Payment amounting to Rs 1,52,64,046/- on 15.11.2017 in the form of Demand Draft payable to the Director of Mines.
- 3. Thereafter, the Director (Mines), Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand had issued Letter of Intent (LOI) to Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 which was valid for 3 years i.e. upto 03.01.2021. It may be noted that in the LOI, the lease area for the Parasi Gold Block was shown over 69.240 ha, which is was in conflict with the DGPS Map in the Tender Document, which had mentioned it as 75.273 ha.
- 4. That because of this discrepancy in the lease size area, our initial proposal for Mining Plan was returned by the IBM on 25.05.2018. Accordingly, we had vide our letter dated 01.06.2018 requested the Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand to resolve the discrepancy regarding the lease area size.



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Date: 30.04.2024



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- 5. Finally, on 09.07.2018, the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand issued a clarification that the as per the DGPS survey report, the area of lease is 75.273 hectares. Therefore, a period of more than 6 months was lost after the initial grant of LOI dated 03.01.2018 owing to discrepancy in the lease size area, which was totally beyond our control.
- 6. After the issuance of the clarification regarding lease area size, we have taken all steps for compliance with conditions of the LOI, which are enumerated hereunder:
 - i. We have deposited the 2nd instalment of upfront payment amounting to Rs 1,55,22,138/- and submitted the Performance Bank Guarantee(BG) no. 119/2018 dated 08.01.2018 for an amount of Rs 15,22,21,383/- vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi_Comr/17-18/432 dated 09.01.2018 and the period of validity of the said BG is extended upto 10.01.2025.
 - ii. We obtained approval of Mining plan over 75.273 hectares by the IBM, Ranchi on 28.11.2018,
- iii. We obtained Environment Clearance from SEIAA, Jharkhand on 26.10.2019.
- iv. We submitted the Diversion proposal for Forest Clearance over Forest Land (i.e. F. C. application) on 03.12.2018 which has been forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand on 29.11.2019. Further as instructed, we obtained FRA certificate on 19.06.2020 and submitted the same on 22.06.2020 to PCCF(Nodal), which was forwarded to the Principal Secretary, Dept. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi on 05.08.2020.

However, since then, our Forest Diversion Proposal is **still pending** at the government level for reasons completely beyond our control.

- 7. It may be noted that in the interregnum, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Ministry of Mines, Government of India in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 20A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 2015, inter alia issued a direction dated 14.10.2021 that the where the letter of intent was valid as on April 1, 2020, the period for execution of mining lease shall be deemed to have been extended for the period of 6 months from the date of expiry of the period prescribed or allowed under Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. In terms of the said direction, all such LOIs, including our LOI got extended by a further period of 6 months.
- 8. However in view of the fact that our Forest Diversion Proposal was still pending, we had submitted our request for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years as per provisions of Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 to your kindself vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020. Copy of our said letter dated 10.12.2020 is enclosed as **Annexure-1** for ready reference.

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- 9. Subsequently, we received letter no. Kh. Ni. (Vividh)-13/2019/1623/M dated 26.08.2021 from Joint Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, informing us about a review meeting on the progress of Parasi Gold Block to be held under your Chairmanship on 03.09.2021 at your good office. In the said review meeting we had submitted the progress of the said Parasi Gold Block vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021 and again requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years. Copy of our said letter dated 03.09.2021 is enclosed as **Annexure-2** for ready reference.
- 10. Further to the above, review meetings were fixed on 14.09.2021 vide letter Kh.Ni (Vividh)-13/2019/1769/M dated 09.09.2021, on 01.10.2021 vide letter no. Kh.Ni (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016/1452/M dated 28.09.2021 and on 05.10.2021 vide letter no. Kh.Ni (Vividh)-13/2019/1478/M dated 01.10.2021 but all these meetings were postponed. Long periods have passed since we requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) to your kindself but we are still awaiting the same till date.
- 11. Since, we have not yet been granted the extension of LoI, we again requested your goodself vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009 dated 05.05.2022 and letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/049 dated 14.06.2022 for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years (copy of letter dated 05.05.2022 and letter dated 14.06.2022 is enclosed as **Annexure 3 & Annexure 4** respectively).
- 12. Furthermore, we received letter no. Kh. Ni. (Vividh)-13/2019/2041/M dated 23.09.2022 from Director (Mines), Directorate of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, informing us about a review meeting on the progress of Parasi Gold Block to be held under your Chairmanship on 29.09.2022 at your good office wherein we again requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years.
- 13. Once again, we received letter no. Kh. Ni. (Vividh)-13/2019/2557/M dated 13.12.2023 from Director (Mines), Directorate of Mines, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, informing us about a review meeting on the progress of Parasi Gold Block to be held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India on 15.12.2023 at your good office. In the said review meeting we had submitted the status of LOI vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/23-24/191 dated 15.12.2023 and again requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years. Copy of our said letter dated 15.12.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure-5** for ready reference.
- 14. In view of the above, we humbly reiterate our submissions made in our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020, letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021, letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009 dated 05.05.2022, letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/049 dated 14.06.2022 and letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/23-24/191 dated 15.12.2023.





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- 15. We submit again that we have been in complete compliance with all conditions of the LOI, and but for the pendency of our Forest Diversion Proposal at the government, the LOI conditions would have been fulfilled and the mining lease could have been executed. However, for reasons which are beyond our control, the forest diversion proposal has remained pending
- 16. In view of the foregoing circumstances, we submit that the following periods deserve to be excluded from the LOI validity period:
 - a. The period between 03.01.2018 and 09.07.2018, during which there was a discrepancy in the lease size area in the LOI (69.240 ha) and the Tender Document (75.273 hectares), which was finally clarified by the State Government on 09.07.2018:
 - b. Period of 6 months, owing to the Ministry of Mines, Government of India direction dated 14.10.2021;
 - c. The period since 05.08.2020 on account of the fact that the Forest Diversion Proposal has been pending at the government level since 05.08.2020, and continues to remain pending till date.

We therefore humbly request to kindly grant an extension of the LOI by a period of 3 years and 5 months in accordance with (a), (b) and (c) above, with such period of 3 years and 5 months being kindly considered from the date of issuance of extension order of LOI.

17. Since the delay in the matter is beyond our control, we humbly and respectfully pray that our request be considered by your kind-self on an urgent basis. Furthermore, we also humbly pray that the process of grant of Forest clearance may also be kindly expedited in order to grant of Mining lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares to M/s Rungta Mines Limited at the earliest.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully For Rungta Mines Limited,

(Braj Kishore Jha) Director

Encl: As above.

Copy to:

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Date:10.12.2020

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Respected Sir,

In reference to the aforementioned subject matter, we would like to submit our following humble submissions for your kind consideration:

- 1. That on 13.11.2017, Rungta Mines Limited was declared "Preferred Bidder" as per Rule 9.4(b)(iii) of Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 after the "Forward e-auction" conducted on 01.11.2017 for Parasi Gold Block, in District- Ranchi vide letter no. no. Kha.Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-2543/M, Ranchi dated 13.11.2017 issued by the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand and asked us to deposit the payment of First Installment (10% of Upfront Payment) as per Rule 11(2) of Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, which we deposited vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi_com/17-18/328 dt. 15.11.2017. Copy of both the letters dated 13.11.2017 & dated 15.11.2017 are enclosed as Annexure-1.
- 2. That on 03.01.2018 the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand issued us Letter of Intent (LOI) vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)- 18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 for the grant of Mining Lease for the Parasi Gold Block over an area of 69.240 Ha. in Tamar Block of Ranchi District with certain conditions for payment of 2ndinstallment of the upfront payment and depositing of Bank Guarantee for the Performance Security which we complied vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi comr/17-18/432

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dated 09.01.2018. Copy of both the letters dated 03.01.2018 & dated 09.01.2018 are enclosed as Annexure-2.

- 3. That after compliance of the required terms of payments of 2nd installment of the upfront payment and depositing of Bank Guarantee for the Performance Security, the immediate next obligation of the declared "Preferred Bidder" is to submit Mining Plan to comply with the conditions of the said LOI dated 03.01.2018 and adhere to the Sl. No. 18 of "Clause-12. Timetable" of the Tender Document i.e. submission of mining plan by the Preferred Bidder to become Successful Bidder. Accordingly, on 28.02.2018 M/s Rungta Mines Limited requested the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand vide its letter no. RML/BD/Parasi_comr/17-18/720 dated 28.02.2018 to provide Certified Map of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Ha. as per DGPS map required for preparation of Mining Plan. Copy of the letter dated 28.02.2018 is enclosed as Annexure-3.
- 4. That on 09.03.2018 the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand issued us letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)- 18/2016-614-M/Ranchi and advised us that the Map from Tender Document of Parasi Gold Block can be downloaded from website of M/s MSTC Ltd. which may be considered as certified one for preparation of Mining Plan. Copy of the letter dated 09.03.2018 is enclosed as Annexure-4.
- 5. That accordingly M/s Rungta Mines Limited prepared draft Mining Plan on the basis of Map of Parasi Gold Block downloaded from website of M/s MSTC Ltd. over an area of 75.273 Ha.(as per DGPS survey) & submitted on 14.04.2018 to Regional Controller of Mines (RCOM), Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi for approval but RCOM, IBM, Ranchi returned the Draft Mining plan on 25.05.2018 stating that -"On examination of your above referred Mining Plan document and site visit of the area/location on 23/05/2018, it was observed that the L.O.I. was issued over an area of 69.240 hectares by the Government of Jharkhand, whereas the Mining Plan has been submitted over an area of 75.273 hectares. Thus, area mentioned in the Mining Plan and L.O.I. issued are at variance. In the light of above, the submitted Mining Plan document is considered not fit for approval."

 Copy of the letters dated 14.04.2018 & 25.05.2018 is enclosed as Annexure-5.
- That in view of the facts cited above in para-5, M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide its letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/18-19/139 dated 01.06.2018 requested the Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand for his kind

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intervention in the matter to resolve the issue of the differences in the concession area mentioned in the Letter of Intent (LOI) issued vide letter no. Kha.Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)- 18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 for the grant of Mining Lease for the Parasi Gold Block over an area of 69.240 hectare, whereas the Map for the lease area of Parasi Gold Block, is over an area of 75.273 ha. provided with Tender Documents. It may kindly also be appreciated that in the said letter we categorically mentioned that we have made all possible sincere effort to obtain duly approved Mining Plan from the competent authority of Indian Bureau of Mines, Govt. of India within stipulated time but due to the variance in area mentioned in the L.O.I. issued and in "Information Memorandum" attached along with this Tender Document as Schedule V and Maps provided with DGPS survey report, the Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi has returned the Mining plan submitted by us vide letter no- Ranchi/Gold/MP-06/2018-19 dated 25.05.2018. Thus, until the issue of the differences in the concession area described above is resolved, there shall be delay in adhering to the Sl. No. 18 of C - i. e. submission of mining plan by 9th June, 2018; which would be for the reasons beyond the control of the Preferred Bidder M/s Rungta Mines Limited. Copy of the letter dated 01.06.2018 is enclosed as Annexure-6.

- 7. That on 09.07.2018 the Director of Mines, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand issued clarification that as per DGPS survey report of Tender Document, the area of lease is 75.273 Hectares, which subsequently on 27.08.2008 was also clarified to the RCOM, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi that as per DGPS survey report of the Tender Document, the area of lease is 75.273 Hectares and thus on 10.07.2018 M/s Rungta Mines Limited resubmitted draft Mining Plan to RCOM, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi for approval which was approved by RCOM, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi on 28.11.2018 vide approval letter no. RAN/RNC/Gold/MP-14/2018-19 dated 28.11.2018. Copy of letters dated 09.07.2018, dated 27.08.2008 of the Director of Mines and letter dated 28.11.2018 of RCOM, IBM, Ranchi are enclosed as Annexure-7.
- 8. That immediately after approval of Mining Plan, which is the base document for making further applications for Environment Clearance & Forest Clearance, M/s Rungta Mines Limited submitted online proposal vide Proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 seeking prior approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 11.959 Hectare forest land applied for Forest Clearance to the Nodal Officer, Government of Jharkhand and also submitted application on 24.12.2018 to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ranchi, Jharkhand for the grant of TOR for EIA studies & preparation of EIA & EMP Report required for processing of Page 3 of 7



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application for the grant of Environment Clearance (EC). Copy of Proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 and application for TOR for EC dated 24.12.2018 areenclosed as Annexure-8.

- 9. That on 05.04.2019 State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ranchi, Jharkhand accorded Terms of reference (TOR) vide Letter No. EC/SEIAA/2018-19/2095/2018/153, dated 05.04.2019 for EIA studies & preparation of EIA & EMP Report required for processing of application for the grant of Environment Clearance (EC). On 08.07.2019 Draft EIA & EMP report is prepared & submitted to Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB), Ranchi for Conducting Public Hearing required in the process of Grant of EC vide our letter no. RML/ Parasi/SEAC/19-20/120 dated 08.07.2019. Public Hearing was conducted successfully on 22.08.2019. Proceedings of Public Hearing was forwarded to SEIAA, Ranchi by JSPCB vide letter no. PH/JSPCB/46-07/2019/B-1094 dated 16.09.2019 and on 26.10.2019 SEIAA, Jharkhand granted Environment Clearance vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2018-19/2095/2018/597 dated 26.10.2019 for the project Parasi Gold Deposit and Beneficiation Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Limited. Copies of all these referred letters are enclosed as Annexure-9.
- 10. That on 27.12.2018 Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Jharkhand issued email confirming that the online proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 submitted has been examined by his office and has been found to be complete in all respect and directed to submit signed hard copy of above proposal along with all necessary enclosures to the office of the concerned Divisional Forest Office and District Collector and upload a copy of acknowledgement slip(s). Accordingly, M/s Rungta Mines Limited on 29.12.2018 submitted duly signed required numbers of hard copies of above proposal along with all necessary enclosures to the office of the concerned Divisional Forest Office and District Collector and uploaded copy of acknowledgement slip(s) (single PDF file) as directed. Copy of email dtd. 27.12.2018 & Letter dt. 29.12.2018 are enclose as Annexure-10.
- 11. That on 21.01.2019 Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Khunti Forest Division has written us vide his letter no. 213 dated 21.01.2019 to submit certain documents for further processing of application for obtaining Forest Clearance which was replied on 18.02.2019 by M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/18-19/499 dated 18.02.2019 giving therewith point wise compliance. In the course of

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processing of application for Forest Clearance Enumeration of standing trees within the Forest area of 11.959 Ha was certified by the Range Forest Officer, Tamar Forest Range on dated 10.05.2019 & forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Khunti Forest Division vide letter no 105 dated 14.05.2019 and The Divisional Forest Officer, Khunti Forest Division certified the distance of Mining Lease area from National Park, Sanctuary & Eco Sensitive Zone vide letter no 1669 dated 15.06.2019. Further, on 19.06.2019, letter no. 1705 was issued to us asking for submission of No Objection Certificate (NOC) required for Forest Clearance of "Jangal-Jhari category" of Forest land over 18.66 Acre (7.55 ha.) land falling within the 11.959 Hectare forest land applied for Forest Clearance under our proposal no. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 which was compiled on 31.07.2020 by obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) for Jungle Jhari Forest area was issued by the Dy. Commissioner, Ranchi vide letter no 1878(ii) S.S. x-11/2019 dated 31.07.2019 over 16.55 Acres; and affidavit giving NOC with respect to plot no 1307 (P) over an area of 2.01 Acres by the Raiyat. Copies of all these referred letters are enclosed as Annexure-11.

- 12. That further on 17.08.2019 Compensatory Afforestation (CA) Scheme was approved by the Divisional Forest Officer, Medininagar Forest Division vide letter no 2962 dated 17.08.2019 for the CA land identified at Village Duriyatu, Than Panki, Thana No 507, Dist. Palamau over an area of 11.959 Ha. and submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Khunti Forest Division in compliance to the letter no 2253 dated 12.08.2019 for the processing of Forest Diversion proposal. Copies of all these referred letters are enclosed as Annexure-12.
- 13. That on 23.08.2019 DFO, Khunti forwarded proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 with his recommendations to the Conservator of Forest, Ranchi Circle for further onward processing which was further on 24.10.2019 recommended by the Conservator of Forest, Ranchi Circle after obtaining concurrence of Regional Conservator of Forest, Ranchi Region forwarded proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/37423/2018 dated 03.12.2018 to the PCCF (Nodal Officer), Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand and on 29.11.2019 The PCCF cum Executive Director, Banjar Bhumi Vikas Board, Jharkhand, Ranchi forwarded the Diversion Proposal to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no 1385 dated 29.11.2019.Copies of all these referred letters are enclosed as Annexure-13.





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- 14. That on 16.01.2020, the PCCF(Nodal Officer), Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand was directed vide letter no. Van Bhumi-58/2019/133 to submit FRA certificate under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Act), 2006 along with Comments of Chief Wild Life Warden(CWLW) on Conservation Plan of wildlife of the area which was compiled by forwarding the comments of CWLW vide letter no 97 dated 12.02.2020 to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi and subsequently by forwarding the FRA Certificate vide letter no 548 dated 05.08.2020 to the Principal Secretary, Dept. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi.Copies of all these referred letters are enclosed as Annexure-14.
- 15. That it is pertinent to mention here that immediately on receipt of communication from PCCF(Nodal Officer), Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand regarding submission of FRA certificate under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Act), 2006, we requested the concerned authorities and "Gram Shabha" for obtaining certificate under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Act), 2006 was conducted on 10.01.2020 and the proceedings of the Gram Shabha was forwarded by the Circle Officer, Tamar to the SDO, Tamar, Ranchi vide letter no 29(ii) dated 21.01.2020 but in the midst of COVID-19 PANDEMIC issuance of FRA certificate from the competent authority i.e. Dy. Commissioner, Ranchi District got delayed and could be issued on 19.06.2020 and further its onward transmission through proper channel to PCCF(Nodal Officer), Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand could be done on 07.07.2020 only.
- 16. Thus, the application for Forest Clearance is at present pending with the Dept. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi for recommendation to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India for the grant of Forest Clearance.
- 17. That we are submitting enclosed herewith a list of dates in chronological order which clearly illustrate that we have consistently been making all sincere efforts to obtain required statutory clearances i.e. approval of Mining Plan from IBM, grant of Environment Clearances from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ranchi, Jharkhand & Forest Clearance from MoEF&CC, Govt. of India so that Mining Lease Deed can be executed well within the time

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period of 3 years from the date of grant of LOI dated 03.01.2018, as provided in Rule 10(6) of Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 but, due to the delay in getting forest clearance it appears that it may not be feasible for the reasons totally beyond the control of the preferred Bidder M/s Rungta Mines Limited.Copy of list of dates in chronological order is enclosed as Annexure-15.

In view of our aforesaid submissions, we humbly request to consider our case for extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) as provided in Rule 10(6) of Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 for a further period of 2 years issued to preferred Bidder M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha.Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)- 18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 for the grant of Mining Lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of over an area of 75.273 Hectares in District- Ranchi. For this, we shall always be grateful to you.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully, For Rungta Mines Limited,

(Ashutosh Mohanty)
Director

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Government of Jharkhand,
Nepal House (Yojana Bhawan),
Doranda, Ranchi -834002.



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Ref: RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100

September 3, 2021

To
The Secretary,
Department of Mines & Geology
3rd Floor, Nepal House,
Doranda, Ranchi
Jharkhand-834002

Sub: Review of the progress of auction blocks – i.e. Parasai Gold Block of Ranchi District in the State of Jharkhand for which LOI issued to M/s Rungta Mines Limited.

Sir,

In reference to your letter no. Kh.Ni (Vividh)-13/2019/1623 dated 26.08.2021, communicated through e-mail dated 26.08.2021, this is to submit that, we have submitted application vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020 for Extension of Validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued for grant of Mining Lease of Parasai Gold Block to your goodself which is under consideration.

In the context, we would like to take this opportunity, to reiterate the contents already submitted in the above said application vide letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020 but for the sake of brevity, we are not making the entire statement again rather we are enclosing herewith a copy of the said letter dtd. 10.12.2020 with all Annexures for your kind consideration.

In view of our aforesaid submissions, we humbly request to consider our case for extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued to preferred bidder M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)- 18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 as provided in Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 for a further period of 2 years to be counted from the date of issuance of extension order of LOI for the grant of Mining Lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares in District- Ranchi. For this, we shall always be grateful to you.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully For Rungta Mines Limited,

(Ashutosh Mohanty) Managing Director

Copy to: The Director of Mines,

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Ref: RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009

Date: 05.05.2022

To,

The Secretary,

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Government of Jharkhand

2Yojna Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Nepal House,

Doranda, Ranchi,

Jharkhand-834002

Sub: Extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued for the grant of Mining Lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares to M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018.

Respected Madam,

In reference to the subject matter, we would like to submit that the Director (Mines), Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand had issued Letter of Intent (LOI) to Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 which was valid for 3 years i.e. upto 03.01.2021.

We had submitted our request for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years as per provisions of Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 to your kindself vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020. Copy of our said letter dated 10.12.2020 is enclosed as Annexure-1 for ready reference.

Subsequently, we received letter no. Kh. Ni. (Vividh)-13/2019/1623/M dated 26.08.2021 from Joint Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, informing us about a review meeting on the progress of Parasi Gold Block to be held under your Chairmanship on 03.09.2021 at your good office. In the said review meeting we had submitted the progress of the said Parasi Gold Block vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021 and again requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years. Copy of our said letter dated 03.09.2021 is enclosed as Annexure-2 for ready reference.

Further to the above, review meetings were fixed on 14.09.2021 vide letter Kh.Ni (Vividh)-13/2019/1769/M dated 09.09.2021, on 01.10.2021 vide letter no. Kh.Ni (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016/1452/M dated 28.09.2021 and on 05.10.2021 vide letter no. Kh.Ni (Vividh)-13/2019/1478/M dated 01.10.2021 but all these meetings were postponed. Long periods have passed since we requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) to your kindself but we are still awaiting the same till date.

In view of the above, we humbly reiterate our submissions made in our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020 & subsequent letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021. On perusal of our submissions you would kindly appreciate that-

- i. We obtained approval of Mining plan by the IBM, Ranchi on 28.11.2018,
- ii. We obtained Environment Clearance from SEIAA, Jharkhand on 26.10.2019.





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iii. We submitted the Diversion proposal for Forest Clearance over Forest Land (i.e. F. C. application) on 03.12.2018 which has been forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand on 29.11.2019. Further as instructed, we obtained FRA certificate on 19.06.2020 and submitted the same on 22.06.2020 to PCCF(Nodal), which was forwarded to the Principal Secretary, Dept. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi on 05.08.2020, but since then, it is pending at the government level.

In view of the above, we request you to kindly consider our case for extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued to preferred bidder M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni.(Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 as provided in Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 for a period of 2 years and the period of 2 years may kindly be considered from the date of issuance of extension order of LOI.

We look forward that our above request will be considered by your kindself on urgent basis and also to expedite the process of grant of Forest clearance in order to grant of Mining lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares to M/s Rungta Mines Limited at the earliest.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully For Rungta Mines Limited,

(Ashutosh Mohanty)
Managing Director

Copy to:

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Ref: RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/049

Date: 14.06.2022

To,
The Secretary,
Department of Mines & Geology,
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Yojna Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Nepal House,
Doranda, Ranchi,
Jharkhand- 834002

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Ref: 1. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020

- 2. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021
- 3. Our letter No. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009 dated 05.05.2022

Respected Sir,

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03.09.2021 subsequent letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/22-23/009 dated 05.05.2022 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-3**). On perusal of our submissions you would kindly appreciate that-

- i. We obtained approval of Mining plan by the IBM, Ranchi on 28.11.2018,
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Date: 15.12.2023

To,
The Secretary,
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Nepal House, Doranda,
Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834002

Sub: Status of Letter of Intent (LOI) issued for the grant of Mining Lease of Parasi Gold Block over an area of 75.273 Hectares to M/s Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018.

Respected Sir,

In reference to the subject matter and letter no. Kha.Ni. (Vividh)-13/2019/2557M/Ranchi dated 13.12.2023, we would like to submit that the Director (Mines), Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand had issued Letter of Intent (LOI) to Rungta Mines Limited vide letter no. Kha. Ni. (Ranchi/Gold)-18/2016-15-M/Ranchi dated 03.01.2018 which was valid for 3 years i.e. upto 03.01.2021.

We, the Preferred Bidder well before the expiry of the validity of LOI without any delay on our part have requested for extension of Letter of Intent (LOI) for a further period of 2 years as per provisions of Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 to your kind office vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/20-21/176 dated 10.12.2020. Copy of our said letter dated 10.12.2020 is enclosed as Annexure-1 for ready reference.

Subsequently, we again requested your kind office to extend the validity of LOI for a further period of 2 years vide our letter no. RML/BD/Parasi/21-22/100 dated 03.09.2021. Copy of our said letter dated 03.09.2021 is enclosed as **Annexure-2** for ready reference.

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A chronological dates of events showing progress made in obtaining required statutory clearances for execution of Parasi Gold Mining & Beneficiation Project is enclosed as Annexure-4 for your ready reference.

We, the Preferred Bidder is still awaiting the extension of validity of LOI and Forest clearance of our Forest Diversion Proposal, without which further progress of the Parasi Mining Project is not possible.

In view of the above, we humbly request you to kindly consider our case for extension of validity period of Letter of Intent (LOI) dated 03.01.2018 as provided in Rule 10(6) of the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 for a further period of 2 years and the period of 2 years may kindly be considered from the date of issuance of extension order of LOI.

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(Braj Kishore Jha)
Director

Encl: As above.

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