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F. No. 8-80/2004-I

ANNEXURE - XII

Government of India

Ministry of Environment & Forests

(F.C. Division)

Stage II clearance for  
Tiringpahar Mn. Mines pts.

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi-110003.

Cdw: VP(EM)/GM(CAD)/CRE, Bbsr.

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Dated : 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007

To

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

28/3/07

Sub: Diversion of 52.348 ha of forest land for renewal of mining lease in Tiringpahar Manganese Mines (Guruda Block) of M/s TISCO Limited in Keonjhar District of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F (Cons)90/2004/14459/F&E dated 23.09.2004 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the 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, and on the basis of recommendations of the above-mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government granted **in-principle** approval on 26.05.2005 for the above project. The compliance of various conditions, stipulated at the time of granting in-principle approval, was received vide your letter No. 10F (Cons) 90/2004/3397/F&E dated 02.03.2007. After consideration of the proposal and compliance of various conditions by the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **diversion of 52.348 ha of forest land** for renewal of mining lease in Tiringpahar Manganese Mines (Guruda Block) of M/s TISCO Limited in Keonjhar District of Orissa, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions :-

- (i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 40.698 ha (fresh area) of non-forest land, and shall be maintained at the project cost.
- (iii) The non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927/State Forest Act. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance within three months in this regard.
- (iv) The Concurrent Reclamation Plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very 1<sup>st</sup> year and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the RCCF, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the annual report that 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.
- (v) The State Government shall deposit NPV and all other funds with the Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), in Account No. CA 1585 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, Ground Floor, C.G.O. Complex, Phase-1, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, as per the instructions communicated vide letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 20.05.2006.
- (vi) The mining lease period under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.

- (vii) The user agency shall raise, fence and maintain a safety zone around the mining area and will also raise and maintain plantation over an area one and half times of extent of the safety zone, over degraded forest land elsewhere, at the project cost.
- (viii) RCC pillars 4 feet high shall be erected to demarcate the area by the user agency at the project cost and will be marked with forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
- (ix) The Regional Wildlife Management Plan, prepared for Bonai and Keonjhar Divisions for conservation of wildlife and their habitat, shall be implemented at project cost. State Government shall submit the progress of implementation of Wildlife Management Plan prepared for Bonai and Keonjhar Divisions. In addition the User Agency shall also implement a site specific Wildlife Management Plan in consultation with Chief Wild Life Warden (CWLW), Orissa.
- (x) The User Agency shall also implement a Conservation Plan in their leasehold area as per guidelines of the CWLW, Orissa.
- (xi) The top soil shall be protected by the user agency at the project cost.
- (xii) Trees will be felled in a phased manner over a period of 20 years in accordance with a plan prepared in consultation with the State Forest Department. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project.
- (xiii) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (xiv) All necessary measures should be taken by the user agency to protect the environment.
- (xv) Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
- (xvi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xvii) The forest land thus diverted shall be non-transferable. Whenever the forest land is not required, it shall be surrendered to the State Forest Department under intimation to this Ministry.

The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Joshi)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.
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