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**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(FC Division)**

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**Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018**

To,

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

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of balance 17.14 ha of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 including 0.57 ha of forest land in safety zone in addition to already diverted forest land of 224.63 ha for Chromite mining in their Saruabil Chromite Mine of 246.858 ha in village Saruabil, Kamarda and Tailangi under Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha under Cuttack Forest Division during extended Mining lease period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 by M/s Misrilal Mines (P) Ltd.**


Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. 10F (Cons) 20/2016/2052/F&E dated 07.11.2016 submitting the above subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meetings held on 26.04.2018. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings held on 26.04.2018 are placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in).

2. The FAC in its meeting held on 26.04.2018, after thorough deliberation and discussion with APCCF, Regional Office, Bhubneshwar and user agency, recommended that the request of State Government may be accepted to close the project. State Government and user agency shall ensure that no non-forestry activity is carried out over 17.41 ha of forest land. If any violation of the provisions of FCA over 17.41 ha is observed by the State Government, the work on entire forest land, which has been diverted under section (ii) of FCA 1980, shall be stopped immediately.

In view of above, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority to close the proposal subject to the condition that the State Govt. shall ensure that no non-forestry activity is carried out by the user agency over 17.41 ha of forest land, and if any violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 17.41 ha is observed by the State Government, the work on entire forest land, which has been diverted under section (ii) of FCA 1980, shall be stopped immediately, under intimation to this Ministry.


Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.6.18

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
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