



The Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Forest Division

Ref. No: CHO/KIM/ 102 /101

Date: 27.04.2021

Sub: Compliance to EDS towards diversion of forest land over 17.836 ha in respect of the Utility corridor for Khondbond project M/s Tata Steel Ltd. (Proposal No. FP/OR/Others/36587/2018, State Sl. No-OR-056/2018 dated.25.10.2018)

Ref: Your Memo No. 10911, dated-03.06.2020

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to your letter cited under reference, we hereby furnish the following compliances to the EDS issued.

Sl No	EDS and its compliance status	
	Activities	Compliance
1	The KML file and shape file of the forest land proposed for diversion and the identified land for CA have not been enclosed with FDP.	Soft copy of subject KML file is attached along with Form - A submitted online in the MoEF Portal. However, the CD drive of the same is enclosed herewith.
2	The DGPS map of the CA land identified has not been enclosed in the DP.	DGPS map has been submitted at ORSAC for authentication. Copy of acknowledgment of the same by ORSAC is enclosed. The approval is awaited. Once approved, the DGPS map duly authenticated by ORSAC will be submitted. An undertaking to this effect is enclosed (Annexure-I) .
3	17.836 ha of non-forest land identified in village Benidihi under Banspal tahasil in Khata no 79 having plot no 214/620 of parbat kissam for compensatory afforestation but the CA area shown in Topo sheet no F-45N7 falls within Kakuriamba RF.	The non-forestland identified in village Benidihi under Banspal tahasil in Khata No 79 having plot no 214/620 of parbat kissam for CA has been jointly verified by Revenue and Forest official and the same does not form a part of any Reserved Forest. The village map showing the said plot number, GPS readings duly certified by Revenue and Forest officials is attached here with. (Annexure-II)
4	It is seen that UA has applied for diversion of 17.836 ha of Forest land but the entire project needs 37.330 ha of land, which includes 33.525	In OLCS project of 4.68 Ha it was mentioned that the entire project needs 37.330 ha of land which includes 33.525 ha of forest land, 2.805 ha of non-forest land and

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	and 1 ha of private land. Out of the 33.525 ha, UA proposes for use of earlier diverted forest land of 14.792 ha in his favor and other UA for different purpose (P-49 & 28DP). Thus, the total need of forest land for the project does not tally. Further, nowhere in part-II or in site inspection report of DFO, this has been clarified. the land schedule of non-forest land and balance forest land has not been furnished.	DRP of 4.68 ha, the earlier diverted forest land is 11.009 ha. hence remaining area was required to be diverted = 33.525 ha - 11.009 ha = 22.516 ha. (Including 4.68 ha). So, the area needed for further diversion within Joda West lease is 22.516 ha - 4.68 ha = 17.836 ha. Before the Application of 4.68 ha DRP a separate DRP of 17.836 ha was applied for OLCS project and later on it was withdrawn to accommodate both 33KV transmission line and OLCS within the same area of 17.836 ha as both are integral part of Khondbond Expansion project. Expeditionary completion of the project is critical in order to meet the enhanced iron ore requirement of Kalinganagar, Jamshedpur and other steel units of the company. Hence the instant proposal involving 17.836 ha for utility corridor, within Joda West Mn lease has been submitted separately for seeking expeditious and favorable consideration.
5	As per the NOC issued by M/S OMC Ltd 13.3.14 for acquisition/alienation of 4.775 acres of forest land in favor of M/s Tata steel Ltd, the proposed conveyor system is to pass through route-1 which has been jointly verified by both the agencies but in the DP the present UA proposes for route-3 & further, this acquisition/alienation of land will hold good, after approval of proposed re-diversion/change in land use pattern of forest land involved in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd.	The route-3 in the instant DRP refers to the route selected from among the three-alternative route evaluated within the leasehold area of Joda West Mn mine (i.e. Span C). The route-1 is the route within OMC lease (i.e. Span D) from out of the four alternatives (route 1 to route 4 suggested by Tata Steel Ltd) and for which NOC was obtained from OMC
6	The proposed transmission line connecting 220/33KV main receiving sub-station at Joda to the proposed plant at Khondbond, passing through alternate alignment route-3 involves 16.801 ha land including 10.880 ha of forest land & 5.921 ha of non-forest land. but UA has not furnished land schedule for both Forest & non-forest land.	The land Schedule of both forest and Non-forest land involved in respect of 33KV transmission project, duly authenticated, is enclosed as in (Annexure-III)
7	The proposed alignment of utility corridor has been shown in ML area of Khondbond mines, Joda West mines & Joda East mines of M/s Tata steel ltd & ML of Banspani mines of OMC ltd. But UA has not furnished the approved change in land use plan of the above ML areas from the Competent Authority.	The approved land use plan indicating the utility corridor within Khondbond mines, Joda West mines and Joda East mine is enclosed as (Annexure-IV), (Annexure-V) & (Annexure-VI) respectively. The total area of Utility corridor falling within OMC Banspani lease is categorized as non-forest private land. The land schedule is enclosed as (Annexure-VII)
8	The lay out plan of the conveyor corridor has been divided in to 5 spans namely A, B, C, D, E and span D passes through the lease hold area of M/s OMC, crosses Express Highway-	The Approval granted by competent railway authority for the area of railways is enclosed as (Annexure-VIII). The permission granted by Chief engineer (D.P.I. & Roads), ODISHA, Bhubaneswar for crossing the

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	E and span D passes through the lease hold area of M/s OMC, crosses Express Highway-02, passes through some area of railways. But UA has not obtained NOC from all the competent authorities of concerned Departments.	The permission granted by Chief engineer (D.P.I. & Roads), ODISHA, Bhubaneswar for crossing the Express Highway-02 is enclosed as (Annexure-IX)
9	DFO Keonjhar needs to clarify on reduction of already identified area of non-forest land of 683.334 ha to 669.334 ha vide letter no 1668 dtd 02.12.2019 of collector Keonjhar against diversion of Forest land for Joda West iron & Mn Mines in favour of M/s Tata steel ltd to accommodate the need of CA land for the instant proposed diversion of forest land of 17.836 ha, so as the stipulated condition of CA land need for Joda West iron & Mn mine in favour of M/s Tata steel has not been deviated.	An area of 705.170 Ha was allotted by the District Collector, Keonjhar towards CA land for the DRP involving 730.635ha of Forest land. This DRP included the area involving utility corridor within Joda West mining lease. The CA land for the instant proposal involving 17.836 ha was allotted by the Dist collector from within the above 705.170 ha. However, on scrutiny at later stage it was found that the land for CA, on ground, was less than 17.836 ha. Hence the same, on the report of Tahasildar Telkoi, was discarded by Collector Keonjhar. Subsequently Collector Keonjhar on request of project proponent allotted plot no-214/620 Kh-79 village Benidihi in Bansapal Tahasil, from the remaining CA land of 687.334 Ha, for the instant DRP of 17.836. Therefore, the balance CA land for Joda west DRP stands at 669.334. ha. The project proponent in respect of Joda West DRP has applied to Collector Keonjhar for allotment of additional CA land for meeting the balance CA land requirement of Joda West DRP.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

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Enclosed as above

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