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Dated, Keonjhar the 17th August, 2015

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 401.7824 ha. of additional forest land within applied RML area over 618.576 ha within Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Ore mining by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. in Keonjhar district.

Ref: Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/13031/2015, St. Sl. No.OR-046/2015.

The proposal for diversion of 401.7824 ha. of additional Forest land within the mining lease of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC Ltd. has been received through online from the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act. O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide No. FP/OR/MIN/13031/2015 bearing State Sl. No.OR-046/2015 on dated 05.06.2015. The said proposal in 5 sets is sent herewith after due scrutinization for approval under section-2(ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (Amended) over 401.7824 ha forest land including 7.2807 ha of safety zone.

A. Brief description of the Project Proposal

A.1. Brief description of the Project

Mining Lease was granted for a period of 30 years in the name of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Mines in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) Limited for exploration of Iron ore over an area of 618.5760 ha. in the revenue villages of Suakati & Daonra and Gandhamardan Proposed Reserved Forest under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha vide letter No.III(A)M-11/13 dated.21.05.1963, Mining and Geology Department, Govt. of Odisha (Copy enclosed as **Annexure- I**). The First Renewal of Mining Lease has been applied for Iron ore over 618.5760 ha on dated 04.04.1992 i.e., one year prior to the expiry of the lease and the second renewal has been applied on dated 01.05.2012.

The total mining lease area of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC Ltd. is 618.5760 ha which involves 486.1340 ha Proposed Reserved Forest, 33.6132 ha Village Forest, 85.5772 ha Non-forest Govt. land & 13.2516 ha Non-forest Tenant land. The M.L. area is located within latitude 21° 36'08.58286"N to 21° 37'41.89734"N and longitude 85° 29'13.06230" E to 85° 31'16.78336" E of survey of India Topo sheet No. 73 G/6 and 73 G/10. The northern ML boundary of Gandhamardan Block-A Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd is common with the southern boundary of Gandhamardan Block-B Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd.

The total forest land involved in the mining lease is 519.7472 ha. The forest land broken prior to 1980 is 64.7242 ha (57.3327 ha PRF and 7.3915 ha Village Forest). The lessee has obtained in-principle approval under sec- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 vide F. No. 8-105/2006-FC dated.17.02.2009 of MoEF, Govt. of India over 117.9648 ha (Virgin PRF-76.7206 ha + Pre-80 broken up- 41.2442 ha). The balance forest land over 401.7824 ha (Virgin PRF- 352.0807 ha, Virgin VF- 26.2217 ha and 23.48 ha pre-1980 broken up forest land) has been applied for approval under sec- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980.

The annual production capacity of the mines is 0.35 MTPA of Iron ore. The mineable reserve is computed at 3,97,74,618.00 tonne of Iron ore. The project will generate direct employment for more than 377 people and indirect employment for 2000 people to achieve the targeted production.

The present proposal has been applied by the lessee in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A. No. 3402 of 2012. The said order is enclosed vide **Annexure-XV**, Page No. 132 to 138 in the Diversion Proposal for kind reference.

A.2. Physiography and Geological formation

The mining project of M/s OMC Ltd is situated in the central part of Keonjhar popularly designated as Bhuyan- Juang Pirh (BJP), which is famous for quartzite and lava deposits. This geological formation is an integral part of Western mountainous terrain containing lofty hills with intervening narrow vallies. This area is densely forested and represented by high hills namely Gandhamardan I (Δ 1090 mtr.), Gandhamardan II (Δ 1062 mtr.) and Gonasika (Δ 1009 mtr.) etc. The rocks of Keonjhar District belong to the iron ore series of the Dharwars, an exceedingly ancient system of archaean rocks, which also occurs in neighbouring Singbhum and Sundargarh Districts. This mass gives passage after a short distance south of Keonjhar boundary to rocks of Gandawana system, to Archaean rocks (Khondalite and charnockite) at its west, southwest and to quaternary rocks at its southeast. Shale, phyllites, schists, sandstone, conglomerates and quartzite occur often with extensive basic intrusion. Most part of this district is covered by rocks of Iron ore group represented by BHJ, BHQ & BMQ which provides the iron ore deposits.

The quartzites are normally seen on the hilltops extending roughly in north-south direction to west of Keonjhar. The quartzite is underlain by pyrophyllite, which forms economic deposits at some places. This is in turn underlain by weathered Keonjhar granite. At times, on the top of the weathered granite, china clay pockets are available. On the further west, trap and tuffites are seen. White to yellowish lithomarge is also seen associated with traps. Buxites with intercalated laterite cap over metavolcanics on the flat-topped hill of Dholkota pahar near Kuanr, about 30 K.M west of Keonjhar has been reported with reserve of 10 million tons with $Al_2O_3\%$ up to 49. Dolerite dykes and basic intrusive are also seen in this central area. Due to the availability of quartz sericite schist and amphibolite predominantly in this area, better agricultural lands are found in Telkoi and Banspal.

A.3. Floristic- Faunal Composition

The applied forest land is a part of Gandhmadan PRF which comes under the type 3C/C_{2e} Moist Peninsular Low Level Sal. The prevailing forest growth comprises the sal forests of Bhuyan & Juang Pirh plateau and extends over a large area. The main associates of sal are *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Terminalia alata*, *Embllica officinalis*, *Bridelia retusa*, *Gmelina arborea*, *Cleistanthus collinus*, *Careya arboria*, *Diospyrus melanoxylon*, *Butea parviflora*, *Woodfordia fruticosa*, *Zyziphus spp.* The main climbers associated with sal in these areas are *Combretum decandrum*, *Butea superba*, *Bahunia vahlii*, *Smilax tetraphylla* etc. The important grass species are *Heteropogon contortus*, *Aplida mutica*, *Dicanthium carricosum*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Chrysopogon aciculatus* etc.

The moist peninsular low level sal occurs on crystalline rocks with yellow loam soil. The present canopy density varies from 0.3 to 0.4. The quality of sal is of Q IV. It is mainly due to shifting cultivation and human interferences.

Regeneration of sal is not up to mark. At places, it is patchy. The established crops come mainly from the coppice origin. The proportion of established regeneration varies considerably. The failure of regeneration from seed origin is due to absence of mother trees. However, in some blocks like Bayakumutia, Gonasika, Samakoi, Saleikena-Siriabahal-Kalapokhari, Mundula etc. the regeneration is normal.

No rare or endangered flora& fauna is noticed in this area but however, movement of mega fauna like elephant is often noticed in the fringe area. The area comes under the elephant habitat zone- 2 of ORSAC, Bhubaneswar.

B. Documents and Undertakings as regards Forest Diversion Proposal

B.1. Maps

The user agency has furnished the required maps as depicted in the following table-

Sl. No	Particulars	Scale	Reference
01	Location map of the area/ Index map showing adjoining lease areas.	1: 50,000	Plate-I
02	Original Lease Plan	16" = 1 Mile	Plate-II
03	Lease Plan as per RML application	1: 4000	Plate-III
04	Authenticated Broken up Map	1: 4000	Plate-IV
05	Proposed Land use Plan	1: 4000	Plate-V
06	Geological Plan	1: 4000	Plate-VI
07	Safety Zone Plan	1: 4000	Plate-VII
08	Phase Reclamation Plan	1: 4000	Plate-VIII
09	DGPS Map of the mining lease showing the applied forest land.	1:4000	Plate-IX (A)
10	Satellite imagery superimposed on the DGPS map of the mining lease.	1:4000	Plate-IX
11	Compensatory Afforestation Plan 329.811 ha	16" = 1 Mile	Plate-X (B)

B.2. Forest Land

The total forest land involved in the mining lease is 519.7472 ha. The forest land broken prior to 1980 is 64.7242 ha (57.3327 ha PRF and 7.3915 ha Village Forest). The lessee has obtained in-principle approval under sec- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 vide F. No. 8-105/2006-FC dated.17.02.2009 of MoEF, Govt. of India over 117.9648 ha (Virgin PRF-76.7206 ha + Pre-80 broken up- 41.2442 ha). The balance forest land over 401.7824 ha (Virgin PRF- 352.0807 ha, Virgin VF- 26.2217 ha and 23.48 ha pre-1980 broken up forest land) has been applied for approval under sec- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980. The details of the forest land along with the purpose of utilization over 401.7824 ha of the applied diversion proposal is furnished hereunder-

Purpose wise breakup of the forest land required for the project under the present proposal

Sl No.	Purpose of Utilization	Forest Area in ha (Virgin)		Forest Area in ha (Pre-80 Broken)		Total
		P.R.F.	V.F.	P.R.F.	V.F.	
1	Mining	306.2866	12.3715	19.51	-	338.1681
2	Dumping of overburden	3.5016	-	3.97	-	7.4716
3	Stacking of ore	0.4280	4.3597	-	-	4.7877
4	Sub-grade ore stacking	11.1385	-	-	-	11.1385
5	Processing and stacking	24.9305	3.9962	-	-	28.9267
6	Housing/Colony	-	-	-	-	-
7	Safety Zone area for Magazine (3.0 MT capacity).	4.0091	-	-	-	4.0091
8	Safety Zone of the Mining Lease.	1.7864	5.4943	-	-	7.2807
Total		352.0807	26.2217	23.48	-	401.7824

B.3. Status of total land as on 25.10.1980 involved in the project (both Forest and Non-forest).

The Tahasildar, Banspal Tahasil has furnished certificate as regards status of total land as on 25.10.1980 involved in the Gandhamardan Block- A Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd and that of the land involved in the instant proposal which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- Tv (A)**.

B.4. Tree Enumeration.

There are 297 nos. of sound, 11538 Nos. of unsound trees and 248 Nos. of poles below 30 cm girth enumerated in the 26 nos. of representative sample plots @2.00 ha per sample plot within the virgin area of 378.3024 ha. of the Mining Lease. In addition, there are 42 nos. of sound, 1449 Nos. of unsound trees and 250 Nos. of poles below 30 cm girth in the broken up forest land over 23.48 ha included in the instant proposal. The species wise and diameter class wise abstract of enumerated trees in respect of virgin and broken up land in separate sheets is enclosed as **Annexure – xxI(CB)**.

B.5. Cost benefit analysis.

The Cost Benefit analysis has been worked out as per the guide lines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and enclosed in the proposal as **Annexure- xxI(CA)**. The Cost Benefit ratio is **1:13.60**

B.6. Re-settlement and Rehabilitation.

The project does not involve displacement of any human habitation.

B.7. Safety Zone

The total mining lease area of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC Ltd. is 618.5760 ha which involves 486.1340 ha Proposed Reserved Forest, 33.6132 ha Village Forest, 85.5772 ha Non-forest Govt. land & 13.2516 ha Non-forest Tenant land. The total Safety Zone of the mining lease is 21.43 ha. The forest land located in the safety zone is 7.2807 ha and non-forest land located in the safety zone of the mining lease is 14.1493 ha. The details of safety zone of the mining lease is furnished hereunder-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Forest land in ha				Non-forest land in ha.			Grand Total
		P.R.F.	V.F.	DLC	Total	Govt. Land	Pvt. land	Total	
1	7.5 mtr strip along the boundary line (Except common boundary line to the north)	1.696	1.033	-	2.729	1.946	1.257	3.203	5.932
2	10 mtr width on either side of the village road.	-	0.300	-	0.300	1.440	0.804	2.244	2.544
3	15.0 mtr on either side of the 33KVA power line.	-	1.2541	-	1.2541	3.8162	0.3877	4.2039	5.4580
4	50mtr width on either side of the nala	-	-	-	-	0.420	1.355	1.775	1.775
5	Safety zone area to the northern and western side of the Housing colony	0.0904	2.9072	-	2.9976	2.7234	-	2.7234	5.721
Grand Total		1.7864	5.4943	-	7.2807	10.3456	3.8037	14.1493	21.430

The northern boundary of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Mines is common with southern boundary of Gandhamardan (Block-B) Iron Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. The safety zone area has been demarcated with 4 feet height RCC pillars. In pursuance of the prevailing guideline of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India on demarcation, protection and regeneration of safety zone, the lessee has demarcated the safety zone all along the mining lease boundary as depicted above as per Safety Zone Plan (Copy enclosed as **Plate- vġ**). The lessee has deposited an amount of Rs. 96,38,100.00/- towards the cost of fencing & regeneration of safety zone and Rs. 13,55,600.00/- towards the cost of afforestation on one and half time of degraded forest land selected in Atei Reserved Forest under Ghatagaon Range. Fencing & Regeneration have not been taken up as on date. The lessee has undertaken to ensure management of safety zone in the mining lease as stipulated vide F. No. 11-125/2014-FC dated 04.07.2014 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. The said under taking is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- xxxx (A)**.

B.8. Phased Reclamation Plan.

Earlier mined out area has not been reclaimed. Reclamation will be carried out, after exhaustion of the mined out area as per mining plan. In this regards the User Agency has furnished an undertaking vide **Annexure- xxxx**.

B.9. Lease Profile

The User Agency has furnished the lease profile vide **Annexure- xxxx** in the Diversion Proposal.

B.10. District Profile

The district profile in the prescribed proforma vide **Annexure- VII** of FC Act guideline is annexed herewith as **Annexure – xxxv**.

B.11. Compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I order accorded over 117.9648 ha

The Compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I order accorded over 117.9648 ha vide letter No.8-105/2006-FC dt. 17.02.2009 is enclosed as **Annexure – xvġ (A)**.

B.12. Compliance to Statute(s), circular & directives issued by Govt. of India, MoEF as applicable to the project which came in to force after grant of earlier approval.

The desired compliance is enclosed as **Annexure – xxxvġ**.

B.13. Certificate under FRA, 2006

Certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 has been issued by the Collector, Keonjhar over an area of 519.7472 ha of forest land. The certificate issued by Collector, Keonjhar is enclosed as **Annexure- xxxġ**.

B.14. Site Inspection Report of DCF

Site Inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Keonjhar Division is furnished as **Annexure- xxxvġ**.

B.15. DGPS maps

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- Tx(A)**. The area

as per land schedule and that of DGPS map involved in the submitted diversion proposal is produced below-

Sl No.	Category of Forest Land	Area applied for (in ha.)	Area as per DGPS Map (in ha.)	Difference	Remarks
1.	Gandhamardan PRF	375.5607	373.488	2.0727	0.55% Decrease
2.	Revenue Forest	26.2217	26.687	0.4653	1.77% Increase
	Total:	401.7824	400.175	1.6074	0.40% Decrease

It is mentioned that the prepared DGPS map suffers from the following discrepancies which was also intimated during submission of DGPS map over 117.9648 ha forest land.

Discrepancies in the prepared DGPS Map.

- A. VF Plot No. 1028 & 1030 – The area of Plot No. 1028 included in the Mining Lease is 13.0852 ha as per authenticated land schedule and the status of the plot is Village Forest. However, an area over 4.088 ha of the same plot has been shown embedded in Gandhamardan PRF.

Similarly, the area of Plot No. 1030 included in the Mining Lease is 6.6848 ha as per authenticated land schedule and the status of the plot is Village Forest. However, an area over 3.725 ha of the same plot has been shown embedded in Gandhamardan PRF.

This fact has been depicted in the DGPS Map.

- B. Spatial extent of Gandhamardan PRF– The extent of Gandhamardan PRF shown in the DGPS Map in the North-East corner is not in consonance with the notified PRF Map. However, the same is in agreement with that of the authenticated Village Sheet No. 3 of Suakati Village.
- C. Typological Error- The part of mining lease shown as Doanra PRF may kindly be read as Gandhamardan PRF.

C. Compensatory Levies

C.1. Compensatory Afforestation

1. Total Mining Lease area	-	618.5760 Ha.
2. Forest area involved in the ML	-	519.7472 Ha.
3. Forest area broken (Prior to 1980)	-	64.7274 Ha.
4. Forest area covered under safety zone	-	7.2807 Ha.
5. Forest area applied for diversion in 2nd RML including SZ over 7.2807 ha	-	401.7824 Ha.

The total forest land involved in the mining lease is 519.7472 ha. In-principle approval under FC Act, 1980 has been accorded over 117.9648 ha and non-forest Govt. Land over 117.9648 ha has been allotted for Compensatory Afforestation against the diversion of 117.9648 ha forest land in compliance with condition No. 1 (i) of Stage-I approval vide F.No.8-105/2006-FC Dated 17.02.2009 of MoEF, Govt. of India and the same land has been mutated in favour of State Forest Department. In the instant 2nd RML diversion proposal, Non-forest Govt. land to the tune of 329.7743 ha (519.7472 ha – 64.7274 ha – 117.9648 ha – 7.2807 ha) has

been identified and allotted over an area of 329.811 ha in village Khamarpadar under Thuamulrampur Tahasil vide letter No.737/Rev dt. 30.04.2013 of Collector, Kalahandi for Compensatory Afforestation. The copy of the allotment letter is enclosed as **Annexure -XXIX**. Compensatory Afforestation scheme in respect of aforementioned Non-forest land is enclosed herewith.

C.2. Net Present Value.

The total forest land involved in the mining lease is 519.7472 ha. NPV of Rs.46,19,25,521/- over entire forest land has been realised @Rs. 5,80,000.00 per ha over 64.7242 ha pre-1980 broken up forest land of canopy density- 0.1, Rs. 9,20,000.00 per ha over 151.6375 ha virgin forest land of canopy density- 0.4, Rs. 7,30,000.00 per ha over 303.3855 ha virgin forest land of canopy density- 0.35 and the differential amount of NPV of Rs. 6,34,07,570/- over 303.3855 ha demanded at the revised canopy density of 0.4 @Rs. 9,39,000 per ha.

The details of deposit in Ad-hoc CAMPA Account is produced below-

1. Demand Draft No. 018947 dt. 19.04.2006 for NPV amount of **Rs. 17,70,46,536/-**.
2. Demand Draft No.650824 and 65091 dt. 21.07.2010 and 23.07.2010 respectively for NPV amount of **Rs. 22,14,71,415/-**.
3. RTGS dated 16.03.2013 for NPV amount of **Rs. 6,34,07,570/-**.

C.3. Wild Life Management- Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan and Regional Wildlife Management Plan.

The area does not form part of any National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve. It also does not come under any wild life corridor. But, there is movement of wild elephants often noticed in the fringe area. In this regard, a Comprehensive Site Specific Wildlife conservation Plan has been prepared and duly approved by PCCF (WL)& CWLW, Odisha with a total financial outlay of Rs. 629.83 lakhs out of which the user agency has deposited Rs. 516.69 Lakhs on dated 14.02.2013 for the activities to be implemented by Forest Department in the project impact area.

The lessee has deposited an amount Rs. 2,65,98,768/- (1,23,71,520/- dt. 14.02.2013 and Rs. 1,42,27,248/- dt. 03.12.2013) through RTGS towards the cost of Regional Wildlife Management Plan @43,000/- per ha over 618.576 ha of ML area. The lessee has furnished an undertaking to bear the differential cost towards Regional Wildlife Management Plan (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XXX(A)**).

D. Statutory Clearances

D.1. Forest Clearance

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D.2. Mining Plan

The Mining Plan along with PMCP has been approved by the IBM vide No.314(3)/2012-MCCM(CZ)/MP-28 dt.14.08.2013 which is valid up to 31.03.2018 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure- XX**).

D.3. Environmental Clearance

The Environmental Clearance has been accorded by MoEF, Govt. of India vide No. J-11015/1088/2007-IA.II (M) dated 16.01.2009 for production of Iron ore from 0.25 MTPA to 0.35 MTPA (Copy enclosed as **Annexure -xxxvii**).

D.4. Consent to Operate from SPCB, Odisha

The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha has issued Consent to operate vide letter No.5999/IND-I-CON-6050 dated.07.04.2011 with validity up to 31.03.2016 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure xxxviii**).

E. Misc. Information

E.1. Violation and Action Taken thereof.

Violation.

- i. Illegal dumping of ores on forest land (Gandhamardan PRF) extracted from adjoining lease Block- B in the lease hold area of Block- A of dimension 200 mt x 150 mt x 40 mt (approx.- 3.00 ha) at the common boundary with GPS location.
Latitude : N 21 ° 37' 04.5"
Longitude : E 85 ° 30' 47.2"
- ii. 2 ha. of forest land (Gandhamardan PRF) has been illegally used for road in Block- A without approval in violation of the F.C. Act, 1980.

Action taken.

- i. Show Cause notice has been issued to the Regional Manager, Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines, M/s. OMC Ltd. vide letter No. 9513 dated 19.12.2011.
- ii. OR case No. 23 of 2015-16 has been booked. Action is being taken for sanction and submission of prosecution in the Hon'ble Court of SDJM, Keonjhar.

Present status

- i. Removal of dump from the OB dump site in Block- A is under progress as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide their order dated 16.04.2012 (Copy enclosed) and subsequent direction of Steel and Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha (Copy enclosed).
- ii. The lessee has represented and submitted a proposal for use of the road under question which is under consideration at the level of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

E.2. Pending Court Matters.

The lessee has furnished an undertaking as regards pending court matters in respect of the Gandhamardan Block- A Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd which is enclosed vide **Annexure-xxxx(A)** for kind perusal.

E.3. Compliance of the order dated 01.09.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A No. 204 and 219, 223 in I.A. No. 204 and I.A No. 224 in I.A. No. 215 in W.P.(C) 562/2009 read with I.A No. 212 in W. P (C) 562/2009.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide No. FP/OR/MIN/13031/2015, St. Sl. No.OR-046/2015 on dated 05.06.2015. Essential Details in connection with the said proposal was sought for from the User Agency on dated 07.06.2015. In compliance with the Essential Details Sought for, the User Agency submitted incomplete compliance on dated 18.06.2015 and therefore, the User Agency was again requested to provide complete and correct documents dated 19.06.2015. The compliance submitted dated 06.07.2015 was incomplete and the User Agency was once again requested through EDS portal dated 19.07.2015 and the final compliance has been received on dated 12.08.2015. The aforesaid proposal is forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle through Online portal dated 19.08.2015 within the time period fixed at the level of the Divisional Forest Officer at the expense of 23 days spent towards examination of factual details and feasibility of the proposal, map certification, site inspection and tree enumeration.

The submitted diversion proposal over 401.7824 ha of Forest land in the 2nd renewal of the mining lease is forwarded herewith for approval as per provision under section -2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Amended) in compliance with the guideline issued vide F. No. 11-51/2015-FC dated 01.04.2015 of MoEF &CC, Govt. of India with the suggestion that the lessee may be stipulated to earmark proportionate area as deemed fit for the purpose of stacking of top soil in the proposed land use plan.

Enclosure- Diversion proposal along with requisite documents.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**

Memo No. _____/Dated

Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal officer, O/O. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of kind information.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**