

**Compliance of Statute(s), Circulars and directives issued by Govt. of India, MoEF, as applicable to the project.**

In-principle (Stage-I) approval has been accorded under sec- 2 of FC Act, 1980 over 465.62 ha forest land vide letter F.No.8-87/96-FC dated 24.02.1999 of MoEF, GoI in respect of Bolani Ore Mines (6.90 Sq. Miles) of M/s SAIL. The compliance of Statute(s), Circulars and directives issued from time to time under FC Act, 1980, as applicable to the mining project, is produced hereunder -

1. No.5-2/2007-FC dt.17.01.2008 – designating an authority to approve the mining plan in respect of minor and major minerals.

The Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan has been approved by IBM vide No. MP/OTF.MECH/08-ORI/BHU/201-11 dated 06.08.2010 with validity up to 31.03.2030.

2. No.11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dt.30.07.2009,dt.03.08.2009 , dt. 20.09.2012, dt. 05.02.2013 , dt. 05.07.2013 & dt. 28.10.2014, No. 11-623/2013-FC dt. 09.10.2013,No- 11-179/2012-FC dt. 20.12.2013 – ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

The User Agency has applied for issue of certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 in respect of the submitted diversion proposal over 238.093 ha Non-Forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980, inclusive of the area submitted for approval over 124.313 ha , vide their letter No-236(B), dt. 23.06.2016 addressed to the Collector, Keonjhar. The Collector, Keonjhar will furnish the said certificate along with his findings on settlement of rights under FRA and consent of the Gramsabha in respect of the aforesaid proposal to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests as enshrined in the FC Amendment Rule, 2014.

3. No.2-1/2003-FC dt.21.03.2011,11-63/2012-FC dt. 07.01.2013, dt. 6.01.2011, dt. 17.02.2011 – Revision of Para 4.4 of the guidelines on Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 regarding projects involving Forest as well as non-forest lands.

Bolani Ore Mines (6.90 Sq. Miles) is a non-working mines. Ancillary mining activities as depicted in the land use plan is restricted to the non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980 in pursuance of recommendation of the CEC in IA No. 2746-2748 of 2009 communicated dated 07.07.2011.

4. No.11-9/98-FC dt.08.07.2011 – Submission of Geo-referenced digital data for applications under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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- \_\_\_\_\_.

5. No.8-66/2009-FC dt. 30.09.2011- Guidelines for re-diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 reg.

Not Applicable.

6. No. 11-168/2009-FC dt.14.02.2014- Submission of Mining Plans reg.

The Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan has been approved by IBM vide No. MP/OTF.MECH/08-ORI/BHU/201-11 dated 06.08.2010 with validity up to 31.03.2030.

7. No.11-362/2012-FC dt. 01.02.2013- Submission of proposal to obtain approval for diversion of entire forest land located within the Mining Lease and grant of Environment Clearance to Mining project.

In-principle (Stage-I) approval has been accorded under sec- 2 of FC Act, 1980 over 465.62 ha forest land vide letter F.No.8-87/96-FC dated 24.02.1999 of MoEF, GoI in respect of Bolani Ore Mines (6.90 Sq. Miles) of M/s SAIL. The total forest land involved in the Mining Lease over 723.312 ha, stands diverted under Sec 2(iii) in pursuance of the general approval accorded under FC Act, 1980 dated 01.04.2015 on realization of NPV over the entire forest land.

The User Agency has obtained Environmental Clearance for production of 15,000 Tonnes /annum of Manganese ore vide letter No. J-11015/396 /2008-IA.II (M) dt. 21.12.2012 of MoEF. Govt. of India.

8. No.8-25/2000-FC dt.12.07.2012- Guidelines (Para 4.7 (i)) for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The total forest land involved in the Mining Lease over 723.312 ha including safety zone stands diverted under Sec 2(iii) in pursuance of the general approval accorded under FC Act, 1980 dated 01.04.2015 on realization of NPV over the entire forest land.

The instant diversion proposal has been submitted over 124.313 ha Non-Forest Land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 for approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

9. No.11-73/2014-FC dt.13.05.2014 – Simplified procedure to obtain approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land located in safety zone of existing mining.

Not Applicable

10. No. 11-285/2011-FC dt. 05.11.2013, No. 11-267/2014-FC dt. 27.08.2014- Simplified procedure for grant of approval in certain cases of renewal of mining leases.- reg.

Not Applicable

11. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 - Completion of procedural formalities for felling and extraction of timber and other forest produce from forest land diverted for non-forest purpose- reg.

Not Applicable

12. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Simplified procedure to obtain approval under the Act for re-diversion or change in land use of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose-reg.

Not Applicable.

13. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Nature of documents relating to land identified for creation of compensatory afforestation required to be submitted along with the application seeking Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – reg.

Degraded Forest land, double the extent the forest land submitted for diversion over 124.313 ha under Sec-2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 (i.e 124.313 ha x 2 = 248.626 Ha) have been identified and allotted in 3 patches in Laxmiposi RF under Champua Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division. Compensatory Afforestation scheme in respect of the aforementioned degraded-forest land is enclosed herewith as **Annexure -**

14. No. 11-306/2014-FC dt.07.10.2014 – Enumeration of trees available on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purpose –reg.

There are 1164 Nos. of sound trees, 195 Nos. of unsound trees and 1080 nos. of poles below 30 cm girth enumerated inside the proposed diversion area of 124.313 ha. Species wise and diameter class wise abstract of trees enumerated in respect of applied forest land (virgin/unbroken + broken) is enclosed as **Annexure- \_\_\_\_\_**.

15. No. 11-362/2012-FC dt.20.01.2015 – Submission of proposal to obtain approval for diversion of entire forest land located within the Mining Lease and grant of Environment Clearance to Mining project - reg.

The User Agency has obtained Environmental Clearance for production of 15,000 Tonnes /annum of Manganese ore vide letter No. J-11015/396 /2008-IA.II (M) dt. 21.12.2012 of MoEF, Govt. of India. The copy of the approved Environmental Clearance is enclosed as **Annexure- III**.

  
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