

To
The Divisional Forest Officer
Koraput Forest Division, Koraput

Sub :- Proposal for Forest Diversion of 697.979 Ha. of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in Village Pottangi under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in favour of M/S NALCO Ltd. (Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/29981/2017).

- Ref:- (i) Dept of F & Env. Govt. of Odisha letter no- 13671 Dt. 02.08.2022
(ii) DFO Koraput letter No-3615 Dt. 03.08.2022
(iii) NALCO's letter vide Ref: NBC/P & T/267 Dt.04.08.2022
(iv) Dept of F & Env. Govt. of Odisha letter no- 14064 Dt. 08.08.2022

Madam,

Inviting reference to the above subject & cited letters, the following are the point wise clarification for your information & reference:

Sl. No.	Observation of MoEF & CC, GoI	Reply by NALCO
i.	Analysis of the area proposed for diversion and area proposed for CA area using DSS analysis revealed the following:	
a.	A kuchha road is observed to be passing through the forest area proposed for diversion. State Government may comment on the present use of the road and alternate road, if any, required to be provided as the area is proposed to be closed for mining.	The said roads were constructed by GSI/MECL during exploration stage for preparation of pits & trenches as mention in Page No-35, 36 & 48 of the Mining Plan. These road are not public road as the ML area is situated at an altitude of 1200 Meter above, without any habitation. (Copy enclosed-Annx-I).
b.	Site suitability certificate has been submitted in respect of 294.70 ha of degraded forest land only. Complete certificate for the entire forest land of 1400 ha proposed for raising CA needs to be submitted by the state.	This has been submitted in the diversion proposal at Page No-91. (Copy Enclosed-Annx-II). The observation by MoEF might have been mentioned previously as per the status of earlier rejected patches of CA land identified in Nabarangpur Division.
c.	CA has been proposed in 16 patches. Of the total forest area for compensatory afforestation -139 ha land is classified as moderately dense forest, -458 ha as open forest, -414 ha as scrub and -393 ha as non-forest (land without tree cover) in terms of forest classes.	As per the observation of MoEF & CC, re-confirmation may be provided by your good office for suitability of the land w.r.t presence of MDF. However, if the observation regarding presence of MDF of 139 ha (out of total 1400 ha of CA) is again established, fresh allotment of 139 Ha. is required for which

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To Letter No. 3879 /

Dated 20/08 /2022

The Executive Director (Project- Mines), I/c,
NALCO Bhawan, P/1 Nayapalli,
Nalco Corporate Office, Bhubaneswar-751013.

Sub: - Proposal for Forest Diversion of 697.979 Ha. of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in Village Pottangi under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in favour of M/S NALCO Ltd.(Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/29981/2017).

Ref: - Your Office letter No.273 Dated 11.08.2022.

Sir,

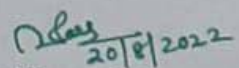
With reference to the subject cited above, it is to inform you that, as per your request this Division has identified the degraded Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation over an additional area of **140 Ha.** for Pottangi Bauxite Mines. You are requested to kindly depute your Technical Staff to conduct preliminary survey and demarcation work in consultation with the Forest Range Officer, Laxmipur and to have DSS report for consideration of allotment and further action.

As mentioned in your compliance point No.C(ii), there is no suitable area for Compensatory Afforestation in Totaguda PRF.

Further, as per condition No. (iii) & (iv) of the MoEF & CC, Government of India vide their letter No.8-17/2022-FC dated 27.07.2022, you are requested to prepare the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan and submit the same to this office for further action.

Sl. No.	Name of the Range.	Type of plantation.	Name of the Forest Block.	Area in ha.	GPS coordinate	
					Latitude	Longitude
1	Laxmipur	ANR with Gap @ 500 plants/Ha.	Godmak PRF- Patch-II	140	N 19 01 00.70	E 82.50 54.07

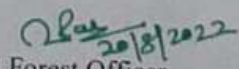
Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

Memo No. 3880 /

Dated 20/08 /2022.

Copy forwarded to Forest Range Officer, Laxmipur for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.437 dt.18.08.2022.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

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To Letter No. 4231 /

Dated 07 / 09 / 2022

The Executive Director (Project- Mines), I/c,
NALCO Bhawan, P/1 Nayapalli,
Nalco Corporate Office, Bhubaneswar-751013.

Sub: - Identification of suitable Degraded Forest Land for Addl. Comp. Afforestation.

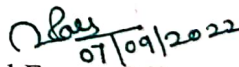
Ref: - Your office letter No.286 Dated 29.08.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the letter no. cited above on the subject, it is to inform you that, as per your preliminary survey report the degraded Forest Land identification for Addl. Compensatory Afforestation over an area of **140 ha.** at Godmak PRF of Laxmipur Range is allotted for Pottangi Bauxite Mines. So you are requested to do the final DGPS Survey and pillar posting work on the same site in presence of the concerned forest officials of Laxmipur and submit detailed reports to this office for taking further action at this end.

Sl. No.	Name of the Range.	Name of Forest Block	Area in Ha.	Remarks.
1	Laxmipur	Godmak PRF	140	ANR with Gap @ 500 plants/ Ha.
		TOTAL:-	140	

Yours faithfully,


07/09/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

Memo No. 4232 /

Dated 07/09 / 2022.

Copy forwarded to the Forest Range Officer, Laxmipur for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.437 dt.18.08.2022.


07/09/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

Memo No. 4233 /

Dated 07/09 / 2022

Copy forwarded to the Group General Manager, (Mines) M/s NALCO Damanjodi for information and necessary action. He is requested to depute his officials for the purpose.


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Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

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Koraput Forest Division

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Ref: Your Office Letter No. 3879 dated 20/08/2022.

Madam

Inviting reference to the above subject & referred letter, necessary technical staff were deputed to conduct the preliminary survey of the identified 140 ha degraded forest land for CA Pottangi Mines. Survey & demarcation of the area was carried out in consultation with the Range Officer, Laxmipur, in the presence of the officials of Range Office. KML file (CD), Map and DSS report of the said area prepared are enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

DGPS survey of the said degraded forest land and preparation of necessary Maps in consultation with ORSAC, will commence once allotment of the said land is made in favour of Nalco.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely



(K.K.Panda)

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Enclosure : As above

Copy to : CCF (Nodal) / RCCF Koraput : For information please

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Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department

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Memo No. 7339 / CWLW-FDWC-FD-0042-2022
Bhubaneswar, Dated the 05 August, 2022

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Koraput (T) Forest Division

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 697.797 ha forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil, Koraput District by M/s NALCO Ltd.-reg.

Ref: Memo. No.13669/FE&CC dt 02.08.2022 of Government of Odisha, FE&CC Department.

I am directed to invite a reference to the Memo. No. cited above wherein State Government have communicated a copy of letter dated 27.07.2022 containing the observations of Ministry on the aforementioned diversion proposal.

Point No. point No.(iii) & (iv) of the Ministry's said letter read as -

- iii) As the schedule-I species have been reported in the area, comments of PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha on the likely impact of the project on the movement of wildlife in general and elephant in particular needs to be furnished by the State.
- iv) As the area has schedule-I and schedule-II species, comments of PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha on the likely impact of the project on the movement of wildlife in general and elephant in particular needs to be furnished by the State.

In view of above, you are requested to furnish your views/comments on likely impacts of the project on the movement of wildlife in general and elephant in particular in the area through the Regional CCF, Koraput Circle to this office immediately.

Conservator of Forests (ET)

Memo No. 7340 /date 07/08/2022

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to the aforementioned Memo. No. of State Government. He is requested to offer his views within a week on the comments received from the DFO.

Conservator of Forests (ET)



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To Letter No. 4229 /

Dated 07/09 /2022

The Conservator of Forests (ET),
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
& Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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Ref: - Your Office Memo No.7339 Dated 05.08.2022.

In inviting a kind reference to the letter No. cited above on the subject, I would like to inform you that, as per condition of the MoEF & CC, Government of India vide their letter No.8-17/2022-FC dated 27.07.2022, as mentioned above in point No. (iii) at impact of the project on the movement of wildlife in general and elephant in particular needs that, it is to inform that there is no any Elephant movement found in the proposed area. In point No.(iv) as the area has Schedule-I and Schedule-II species, the User Agency has already been requested to prepare the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan and submit to this office for further action vide Letter No. ~~3887~~ dated ~~20.08.2022~~ (Copy enclosed).

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

[Signature]
07/09/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

Memo No. 4230 /

Dated 07/09 /2022

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle, Koraput for favour of kind information with reference to Memo No.7340 dated 05.09.2022 of Conservator of Forests (ET) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

[Signature]
07/09/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division

Ref. No: NBC/P&T/300

Date: 09.09.2022

To,
The DFO
Koraput, Odisha

Sub: Submission of site specific Wild Life Conservation Plan with respect to Pottangi Bauxite Mines, NALCO.


Ref: 1. Your letter no. 3839 dated 20.08.2022
2. Your letter no. 4229 dated 07.09.2022

Madam,

Inviting reference to the above subject and referred letter, would like to submit the Site Specific Wild Life Conservation Plan (03 sets) with respect to the Forest Diversion Proposal of Pottangi Bauxite Mines, NALCO for your kind reference and onward submission of the same to PCCF (WL), Odisha for its approval.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely


(K. K. Panda)

Encl: As above

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26/9/2022
Of the DFO, Koraput.

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