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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & ForestsParyavaran Bhavan,
C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road,
New Delhi-110 003.Dated the 22nd September, 2010

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M/s The Orissa Mining Corporation Limited
(A Government of Orissa Undertaking)
OMC House,
Bhubneswar
Orissa-751 001

Subject: Daitari Iron Ore Mining Project of M/s The Orissa Mining Corporation Limited located in Village Talapada, Tehsil Harichandanpur & Sukinda, District Keonjhar & Jajpur, Orissa - environmental clearance regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. 7829/OMC/F&E/10 dated 26.04.2010 and subsequent letters dated 10.05.2010 and 09.06.2010 on the subject mentioned above. The project was earlier prescribed Terms of Reference (TORs) by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on 12.05.2009 for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance. The proposal is for renewal of mine lease and enhancement of production of iron ore to three(3) million tonnes per annum(million TPA). No beneficiation is proposed as part of this project; however, crushing and screening is proposed. The mine is reported to be closed presently since January, 2010.

2. The total mine lease area of the project is 1812.99ha, out of which 10.687ha is an agricultural land, 1619.937ha is forestland and 182.366ha is wasteland. Area proposed for mining is 61.63ha, an area of 5.5ha is kept for dumping of sub-grade, 14ha for mineral storage, 5.5ha for infrastructure, 8.97ha for roads, 94.6ha for green belt and 1622.79ha is others(untouched area). The Daitari township and Baliparbat township are outside the mine lease at a distance of 0.5km and 4km respectively; however, these are not proposed as part of this project. The Kukurangi Nala, the Damsal Nala and the Kusai Nadi are flowing in the in the buffer zone of the mine at a distance of 2km, 2.5km and 6.5km respectively from the mine lease boundary. No modification/diversion of the existing natural drainage pattern at any stage has been envisaged.

3. No national park/wildlife sanctuary/biosphere reserve/tiger reserve/elephant reserve etc. are reported to be located in the core and buffer zone of the mine. The buffer zone of the project reported to form corridor for

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Schedule-I fauna. The Mahagiri PF and two reserve forests namely Rebna RF and Tamka RF are located in the buffer zone of the mine at a distance of 2k, 3.5km and 7km respectively from the mine lease boundary.

4. The mine working will be opencast by mechanized method involving drilling and blasting. The targetted production capacity of the mine is 3,000,000TPA(3million TPA) of iron ore and the life of mine is 23years. Approximately 10,000TPD of iron ore will be transported through 3.8km long downhill closed conveyor belt upto the stock pile at Baliparbat and the sized ore from Baliparbat will be dispatched by the rail. The topography of the area is Hilly at an elevation above mean sea level ranging from 230m-840m. The present working depth of mine is 766m AMSL and the ultimate working depth of mine will be 700m AMSL. The groundwater table is reported at 380m AMSL. The mine working will not intersect the groundwater table. The peak water requirement of the project is estimated as 1490m³ per day, out of which 1290m³ per day will be met from the ground water and the remaining 200m³ per day will be met from the recycled water. It has been stated that 175households from one village comprising a population of 910people are in the core zone. Displacement of population and R&R has not been envisaged. It has been envisaged that no solid waste will be generated. Plantation will be raised in an area of 175.73ha at the end of the mine life and there will be no water body left during the post mining stage.

5. The State Pollution Control Board, Orissa conveyed its Consent to Establish on 12.01.2009 for enhancement of production of iron ore from 3LTPA to 3million TPA with 1200 TPH crusher and screening plant over mine lease hold area of 1812.99ha. The public hearing of the project was held on 07.04.2010 separately for Keonjhar District and for Jajpur District for production of 3million TPA of iron ore over mine lease area of 1812.99ha. The Ministry of Environment and Forests had conveyed its approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 95.6ha already broken up forestland for renewal of mining lease on 27.01.2005. The Indian Bureau of Mines had approved the scheme of mining alongwith PMCP of the project on 06.10.2008 over an area of 1812.99ha. The capital cost of the project is Rs.450Crores and the capital cost for the environmental protection measures is proposed as Rs.200Lakhs. The annual recurring cost towards the environmental protection measures is proposed as Rs.60Lakhs. It has been stated that there is no court case to the project or related activity.

6. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006 and hereby accords environmental clearance under the provisions thereof to the above mentioned Daitari Iron Ore Mining Project of M/s The Orissa Mining Corporation Limited for an annual production capacity of 3,000,000tonnes(3million tonnes) of iron ore by the opencast mechanized method involving total mine lease area of 1812.99ha, subject to implementation of the following conditions and environmental safeguards.

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A. Specific Conditions

- (i) All the conditions stipulated by the State Pollution Control Board, Orissa in their Consent to Establish shall be effectively implemented.
- (ii) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board, Orissa and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
- (iii) The environmental clearance is subject to grant of approval of the State Land use Department, Government of Orissa for diversion of agricultural land for non agricultural use.
- (iv) Environmental clearance is subject to grant of forestry clearance. Necessary forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for an area of 1619.937ha forestland involved in the project shall be obtained before starting mining operation in that area. Till such time the mining operation shall be restricted to 95.6ha already broken up forestland for which forestry clearance was obtained on 27.01.2005. No mining shall be undertaken in the forest area without obtaining requisite prior forestry clearance.
- (v) Environmental clearance is subject to final order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. Union of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 460 of 2004, as may be applicable to this project.
- (vi) Environmental clearance is subject to obtaining clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 from the competent authority, as may be applicable to this project.
- (vii) The mining operations shall be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect the groundwater table. In case of working below the ground water table, prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Central Ground Water Authority shall be obtained, for which a detailed hydro-geological study shall be carried out.
- (viii) The project proponent shall ensure that no natural watercourse and/or water resources shall be obstructed due to any mining operations. Adequate measures shall be taken for conservation and protection of the first order and the second order streams, if any emanating/passing through the mine lease area during the course of mining operation.
- (ix) The top soil, if any shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation.

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- (x) There shall be no external dump(s). Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas shall continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Compliance status shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and its Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar on six monthly basis.
- (xi) Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, sub-grade and mineral dump(s) to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the agricultural fields, the Kukurangi Nala, the Damsal Nala, the Kusai Nadi and other water bodies. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after the monsoon and maintained properly.

Garland drains, settling tanks and check dams of appropriate size, gradient and length shall be constructed both around the mine pit and sub-grade and mineral dump(s) to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the Kukurangi Nala, the Damsal Nala, the Kusai Nadi and other water bodies and sump capacity should be designed keeping 50% safety margin over and above peak sudden rainfall (based on 50 years data) and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine site. Sump capacity should also provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits shall be constructed at the corners of the garland drains and desilted at regular intervals.

- (xii) Dimension of the retaining wall at the toe of the OB benches within the mine to check run-off and siltation shall be based on the rain fall data.
- (xiii) Plantation shall be raised in an area of 175.73ha including a 7.5m wide green belt in the safety zone around the mining lease by planting the native species around reclaimed area, mine benches, along the roads etc. in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department. The density of the trees should be around 2500 plants per hectare. Greenbelt shall be developed all along the mine lease area in a phased manner and shall be completed within first five years.
- (xiv) Effective safeguard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as around crushing and screening plant, loading and unloading point and transfer points. Extensive water sprinkling shall be carried out on haul roads. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
- (xv) The project authority should implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.

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- (xvi) Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells and installing new piezometers during the mining operation. The periodic monitoring [(at least four times in a year- pre-monsoon (April-May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January); once in each season)] shall be carried out in consultation with the State Ground Water Board/Central Ground Water Authority and the data thus collected may be sent regularly to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its Regional Office Bhubneswar, the Central Ground Water Authority and the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board. If at any stage, it is observed that the groundwater table is getting depleted due to the mining activity, necessary corrective measures shall be carried out.
- (xvii) Appropriate mitigative measures should be taken to prevent pollution of the Kusai Nadi in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xviii) The project proponent shall obtain necessary prior permission/NOC of the competent authorities for drawl of requisite quantity of water required for the project.
- (xix) Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis shall be planned and implemented in consultation with the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.
- (xx) Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures shall be taken for maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral. The mineral transportation shall be carried out through the covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded. No transportation of ore outside the mine lease area shall be carried out after the sunset.
- (xxi) No blasting shall be carried out after the sunset. Blasting operation shall be carried out only during the daytime. Controlled blasting shall be practiced. The mitigative measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented.
- (xxii) Drills shall either be operated with the dust extractors or equipped with water injection system.
- (xxiii) Mineral handling area shall be provided with adequate number of high efficiency dust extraction system. Loading and unloading areas including all the transfer points should also have efficient dust control arrangements. These should be properly maintained and operated.
- (xxiv) Sewage treatment plant shall be installed for the colony. ETP shall also be provided for the workshop and wastewater generated during the mining operation.

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- (xxv) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be done regularly once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and report submitted to MOEF and its Regional Office located at Lucknow.
- (xxvi) Effective safeguard measures should be taken to control fugitive emissions so as to ensure that RSPM (PM₁₀) levels are within prescribed limits.
- (xxvii) Door to door sample survey should be undertaken within the impact zone to assess the family based need of the tribals and it should be appropriately addressed in the CSR activities to be undertaken in the area. An action plan in this regard should be prepared and submitted.
- (xxviii) Pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project shall be carried out and records maintained. For the purpose, schedule of health examination of the workers should be drawn and followed accordingly.
- (xxix) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, pangolin, python, king cobra etc. in the study area fauna found in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna prepared shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. All the safeguard measures brought out in the Wildlife Conservation Plan prepared specific to this project site shall be effectively implemented. Necessary allocation of funds for implementation of the conservation plan shall be made and the funds so allocated shall be included in the project cost. A copy of action plan shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubaneswar.
- (xxx) Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- (xxxi) The critical parameters such as RSPM (Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM₁₀) and NO_x in the ambient air within the impact zone, peak particle velocity at 300m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer shall be monitored periodically. Further, quality of discharged water shall also be monitored [(TDS, DO, PH and Total Suspended Solids (TSS)]. The monitored data shall be uploaded on the website of the company as well as displayed on a display board at the project site at a suitable location near the main gate of the Company in public domain. The Circular No. J-20012/1/2006-IA.II(M) dated 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests, which is available on the website of the Ministry www.envfor.nic.in shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.

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(xxxii) A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.

B. General conditions

- (i) No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- (ii) No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral iron ore and waste should be made.
- (iii) Atleast four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for RSPM (Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM₁₀) and NO_x monitoring. Location of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) Data on ambient air quality [(RSPM(Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM₁₀) and NO_x] should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional office located at Bhubaneswar and the State Pollution Control Board / Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.
- (v) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at transfer points should be provided and properly maintained.
- (vi) Measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs / muffs.
- (vii) Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th May, 1993 and 31st December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.
- (viii) Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.

Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.

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- (ix) A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- (x) The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry and its Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar.
- (xi) The project authorities should inform to the Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (xii) The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneswar shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- (xiii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office Bhubaneswar, the respective Zonal Office of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubaneswar, the respective Zonal Officer of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xiv) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parishad/ Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xv) The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and the Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- (xvi) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of

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compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubneswar by e-mail.

(xvii) The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at web site of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in> and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneswar.

7. The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.

8. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

9. The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made thereunder and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Court of Orissa and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.

10. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Environment Appellate Authority, if preferred within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 11 of the National Environment Appellate Authority Act, 1997.


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- (i) The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (ii) The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (iii) The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

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- (iv) The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (v) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
- (vi) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (EZ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, A-3 Chandrashekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
- (vii) The Chairman, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012.
- (viii) The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
- (ix) The District Collector, District Keonjhar, Government of Orissa.
- (x) The District Collector, District Jajpur, Government of Orissa.
- (xi) EI Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, EI Division, New Delhi.
- (xii) Monitoring File.
- (xiii) Guard File.
- (xiv) Record File.

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