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To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change,
Government of Jharkhand,
Nepal House, Ranchi

Sub: Diversion of 3.931 ha (Block B1 – 0.5583 ha and Block B2 – 3.3727 ha) (revised from the proposed 14.50 ha) forest land for *Baraiburu-Tatiba Iron & Manganese Ore Mine, West Singhbhum* in favour of M/s Rameswar Jute Mills Limited under Saranda Forest Division.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. Van Bhumi-10/2019-2115/Va.Pa. dated 13.6.2019 of the State Government, Jharkhand on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee held on 17.7.2019, the Central Government, hereby, conveys "**in-principle**" approval for diversion of 3.931 ha (Block B1 – 0.5583 ha and Block B2 – 3.3727 ha revised from the proposed 14.50 ha forest land) for *Baraiburu-Tatiba Iron & Manganese Ore Mine* in favour of M/s Rameswar Jute Mills Limited under Saranda Forest Division, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. **Compensatory afforestation:**
 - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over equivalent non-forest land (Site – Sul, Thana No.113 under Garwa South Forest Division) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local native species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.
 - b) The non-forest land identified for compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for raising compensatory afforestation before issue of the Stage-II approval.
 - c) The non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section (s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal

Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land as R.F. under Section-4 or P.F. under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this Ministry for information and record.

d) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

3. **NPV:**

Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

4. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

5. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

6. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.

7. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the walkway segment and in the vicinity of Nature and Wildlife Awareness Centre covered under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.

8. The User Agency either itself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation with native species of the safety zone area (7.5 meter strip shall be kept within the mining lease or mining cluster, as applicable and such other areas as specified in the approved mining plan) at the project cost.

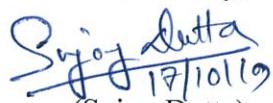
9. The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957 and Rules framed there under.

10. The mining should be done in scientific and systematic phased manner in the two Blocks namely B1 (0.5583 ha) and B2 (3.3727 ha).

11. As landscape level compensatory measures to mitigate and offset the adverse impacts of mining activities in the *Saranda forests*, the User Agency shall make financial contribution for the execution of *Integrated Plan(s) for Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation, Catchment Area treatment and Watershed Management*, in the prescribed proportion as per instruction of SFD, Jharkhand. Further, stipulations other than these, if any, mentioned in the *Management Plan for Sustainable Mining in Saranda & Chaibasa* shall be complied with by the User Agency.
12. During the mining operations and its closure, as the case may be, following restrictions / stipulations are to be followed:
 - (a) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 - (b) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
 - (c) No new activity (construction of additional or new path etc.) will be undertaken inside the forest land included in the leasehold area except in the diversion area (3.931 ha) under reference and the 23.233 ha. of forest land in respect of which approval for diversion for mining has been accorded vide letter no.10(21)2-2000-FC(pt) dated 11.12.2009.
13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
14. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
15. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.
16. The compliance report shall be uploaded on **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the compliance report regarding fulfillment of the conditions as stipulated above, from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be affected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,


(Sujoy Dutta)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to:-

1. The Deputy Secretary, RO(HQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavarhan Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhavan, Doranda, Ranchi.
3. The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Forests, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Van Bhavan, Doranda, Ranchi.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Saranda Forest Division.
5. The Sr. Vice President & Head RJM (Mines), The Rameshwara Jute Mills Ltd., Barbil, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand.
6. Guard File.

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17/10/19

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