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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division**

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Dated: 17th March, 2015

To

M/s Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd.,
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Sub.: Mahagiri Mines (Chromite) of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd. at Village Kallapani, District Jajpur, Odisha –Amendment to the Environmental clearance regarding.

This is in continuation to our environmental clearance letter of even no. dated 29.10.2012, EC amendment letter dated 02.01.2014 (by error mentioned as 02.01.2013) and reference to your letter no. nil dated 29.01.2015 requesting for amendment of EC issued.

2. The total mine lease area of the project is 73.77 ha out of which 66.38 ha is forest land and 7.397 ha is wasteland. The PP had obtained Forest Clearance for diversion of 63.91 ha of forest land and have now obtained the diversion for 2.47 ha of safety zone under the FCA, 1980 vide letter no. 8-116/2000-FC(vol.) dated 18.11.2014.

3. The request of PP for amendments to the Environmental Clearance has been examined in the Ministry in light of diversion for 2.47 ha of safety zone under the FCA, 1980 obtained vide letter no. 8-116/2000-FC(vol.) dated 18.11.2014, it has been decided to delete the specific condition (iii) on page 3 of 10 which read as follows:

In EC letter dated 29.10.2012: 'the Forest clearance for 2.47ha of safety zone has not been obtained by the proponent. This Environmental Clearance is subject to grant of forestry clearance for diversion of 2.47 ha of safety zone within one year. The PP shall deposit the NPV value for the entire mining lease area'

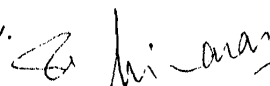
In EC amendment letter dated 02.01.2014: "The Forest clearance for 2.47ha of safety zone has not been obtained by the proponent. This Environmental Clearance is subject to grant of forestry clearance for diversion of 2.47 ha of safety zone by 31.01.2015, failing which the mining lease area will be

reduced to the non forest area plus the forest area for which the project proponent has been able to obtain the FC at the end of this time period. In the case of reduction in mine lease area, the project proponent will need to get a revised mining plan approved from the Competent Authority for reduced area and enter into a new mining lease as per reduced lease area. The EC will be construed to be available for the mining lease area as per the revised mining lease deed. The PP shall deposit the NPV value for the entire mining lease area. No mining activities are allowed in forest area for which the FC is not available."

4. It is clarified that EC is valid as per the EIA notification, 2006, which provides for validity of project life as estimated by Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee subject to a maximum of thirty years for mining projects.

5. All other terms and conditions mentioned in this Ministry's letter of even no dated 29.10.2012 shall remain the same.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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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 Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (iii) The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (iv) The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, 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 Chandrashekharapur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
- (vii) The Chairman, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012.
- (viii) The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indra Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.
- (ix) The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
- (x) The District Collector, Jajpur District, Government of Odisha.
- (xi) Guard File.

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