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Title of Project: Proposal for diversion of 7.397 Ha within the ML area of 73.777 Ha (forest area as per sabik records as on 25.10.1980) is being submitted with pursuance to the MoEF & CC circular No. F.No.8-78/1996-FC, dated 10.03.2015 in respect of Mahagiri Mines (Chromite) of M/s. Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd for mining of chromite ore.

Mahagiri Mines (Chromite), M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

Mining leases are site specific. In order to meet captive requirement for the production of ferro alloys in the own ferro alloys plants at Choudwar of Cuttack district and at Therubali of Rayagada district, Govt of Odisha has granted the Mining Lease for chromite over an area of 73.777 Ha in favour of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (erstwhile M/s ICCL, now merged with M/s IMFA). Out of 73.777 Ha ML area, 66.38 Ha was forest land and 7.397 non forest land(as per Hal settlement). 63.91 Ha and 2.47 Ha of forest land has been diverted by MoEF & CC, Govt of India vide letter nos: 8-116/2002-FC, dated: 18.05.2005 and 8-116/2000-FC (vol.), dated: 18.11.2014. Balance area of the ML, i.e. 7.397 Ha of land was non forest (as per HAL settlement), at the time of ML grant.

As per sabik settlement records, the area over 7.397 Ha was forest land. Hence, as per circular issued by MoEF & CC, Govt of India vide letter No. F.No.8-78/1996-FC, dtd:10.03.2015 said forest land as per Sabik record (as on 25.10.1980) needs to be diverted for non-forest purpose.

For Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd.


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