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FORM NO.11  
(for projects other than linear projects)  
Government of Odisha  
Office of the District Collector, Keonjhar

No. 148

dt. 27.01.2014

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC(Pt) dt.3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act), 2006 ('FRA' for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that 258.133 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of M/s Serajuddin & Co for the purpose of mining activities in Balda Block Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar District falls within jurisdiction of Balda(Ha.219.777), Badakalimati(Ha.5.908), village in Barbil Tahasil and Nayagarh (Ha.32.448) village in Jhumpura Tahasil.



It is further certified that

- (a) the complete process of identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 258.133 hectares of forest land proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District level Committee are enclosed as annexure I to annexure XX.
- (b) the proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, in vernacular/local language) have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha(s) of forest dwellers who are eligible under the FRA.
- (c) the each of concerned Gram Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities/processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and the details of proposed diversion. A copy of certificate issued by the Gram Sabhas of Balada, Badakalimati and Nayagarh villages is enclosed as annexure IX, XI and XVIII
- (d) the discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50% of the members of Gram Sabha present.
- (e) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it.
- (f) the rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3(1)(e) of the FRA.

Encl:- As above.

(Sri Bishnu Prasad Sahoo)  
Collector, Keonjhar

N.B : i) This certificate is issued as per letter No.17446/F&E/Dt.21.8.2013 of Addl. Secretary to Govt. F&E Department, Odisha and D.O.letter No.17593/CS/F&E/dt.24.10.2009 and letter No.27799/F&E/dt.30.9.2010 of the Chief Secretary, Odisha and L.No.2791 dt.9.4.2013 of the D.F.O.Keonjhar addressed to G.M.,Balada Block Iron Ore Mines of M/s Serajuddin & Co

ii) This certificate is issued subject to fulfillment of all other statutory provisions to operate the mines.

D. W. Sahoo, Keonjhar

P.A., ITDA, Keonjhar

Sub-Collector, Jhumpura

Handwritten note at the bottom: "Mining lease granted to Balda Block Iron Ore mine of M/s Serajuddin & Co. dt. 27/1-2014" (written upside down)