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From

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Sub: Diversion of 64.119 ha of Sabk Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district, Odisha- Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref:- F.No. 8-14/2016-FC dated 18.11.2016 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi have accorded "in-principle" approval vide their Letter No.F.No.8-14/2016-FC dated 18.11.2016 for diversion of 64.119 ha of Sabk Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district, Odisha subject to fulfillment of 32 conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 1 condition after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi. The point wise compliances basing on the reports of DFO, Cuttack Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows: -

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Condition No.(i):- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

Condition No.(ii):- Compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land equal in extent to the forest land being diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency within three years of Stage-II Clearance.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the non-forest land over 63.949 ha has been identified in village Rahadpur under Dharmasala Tahasil in Cuttack Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation purpose. Accordingly, Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his Memo No.23525 dt. 14.12.2016 at the wage rates of Rs.200/- per manday for an amount of Rs.2,39,79,700/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty-Nine Lakh Seventy-Nine Thousand seven hundred only). Demand had been raised in favour of the User Agency vide letter No. 12408 Dt.21.12.2016 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division to deposit the approved amount. The User Agency has deposited a sum of **Rs.4,29,15,700/-** which includes **Rs.2,39,79,700/-** towards the cost of CA through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide **UTR No.SBINR 52017022300051075** dated **23.02.2017** in ORISSA CAMPA Account No. **CAMPAORMIN119342015626**, IFSC Code No- **UBIN0534498**. The copy of approved CA scheme, Demand letter of Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and copy of deposit challan are enclosed as **Annexure – IIA, IIB, IIC.**

Subsequently, a revised financial outlay has been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Diversion & Nodal Office, FC Act) O/o the PCCF & HOFF, Odisha, vide his memo no.22609, dated 07.11.2022 in revised wage rates of Rs.333/- per manday for an amount Rs.7,84,25,600/- (Rupees Seven Crore Eighty-Four Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred) only. The User Agency has been asked to deposit differential amount of Rs.5,44,45,900/- (Rupees Five Crore Forty- Four Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred only) vide letter No.7415 Dt.10.11.2022 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division. The approved differential amount of Rs.5,44,45,900/- (Rupees Five Crore Forty-Four Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred only) has been deposited by the user agency through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) vide UTR No SBINRS2022111515088819

ORISSA CAMPA UBINO996335 on 15.11.2022. The copy of approved financial outlay, Demand letter of Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and copy of deposit challan are enclosed as **Annexure-IID, IIE**.

Condition No.(iii):- The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted the Survey of India toposheet map depicting CA land which is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Condition No.(iv):- The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the identified non-forest land of 63,949 ha at Rahadpur village under Dharmasala Tahasil of Jajpur district for raising Compensatory Afforestation has already been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department, Odisha. In this regard, the Tahasildar, Dharmasala has issued RoR vide alienation case No. 01/2017, bearing Khata No.235, Plot No.01 over an area 63.949 ha of Village Rahadpur of Tahasil Dharmasala vide letter No.3701 dated 19.08.2022 which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Condition No.(v):- The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance in this regard;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the non-forest land selected for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation has been mutated in favour of State Forest Department. The said land has been declared by the State Forest Department as "RAHADPUR PROTECTED FOREST", vide F&E Deptt. Notification No. 19893/ FE & CC dated 07.11.2022, under Section 33 of Odisha Forest Act, 1972 which is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

Condition No.(vi):- The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency had deposited an amount of Rs.2,39,79,700/- in favour of Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) through RTGS No.SBINRS2170022300051075724059 ORISSA CAMPA on 23.02.2017 along with

the Rs.1,89,36,000/- towards implementation of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan. Subsequently, as per revised CA scheme the user agency has deposited the differential amount of CA of Rs.5,44,45,900.00 (Rupees Five Crore Forty-Four Lakh Forty- Five Thousand Nine Hundred) with Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) through RTGS with UTR SBINRS2022111515088819 sent to ORRISA CAMPA UBIN0996335 on 15.11.2022 through online portal along with 20% escalation cost towards anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years which is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

Condition No.(vii):- *The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05-2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has transferred an amount of Rs.7,16,14,567/- (Seven Crore Sixteen Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven only) in the accounts of Ad-hoc CAMPA as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letters No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol.) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022.

Demand letter by DFO, Cuttack	Demand in Rs.	Mode of payment made by user agency
Letter No.4732 dated 19.05.2015	4,68,06,926	RTGS No.SBINR52015092320284420
Letter No.5770 dated 02.07.2022	2,48,07,641	UTR No.UBIN0996335 dated 18.10.2022

Besides, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit all compensatory levies through e-payment module.

Copies of the payment details and undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-VII**.

Condition No.(viii):- *At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India,.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined by the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**.

Condition No.(ix):- *The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 per cent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by DFO, Cuttack to abide by the decision to be taken by the committee, which is enclosed as **Annexure- IX, IXA.**

Condition No.(x):- *User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the the Ministry has accepted the recommendation of the committee and guideline on the same, which has been published by the MOEF & CC Vide no F. No 11-42/2017-FC dated 29th January, 2018. Further, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by DFO, Cuttack to pay penal CA as recommended by FAC. Copy of same modified Stage-I order and MoEF & CC guideline & undertaking enclosed as **Annexure-X, XA.**

Condition No.(xi):- *Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area as recommended by the state govt.] shall be done within three year at the project cost from the issue of Stage-II Clearance. Besides this afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one & a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost. The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed to the MoEF & CC with shape files and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme for fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department, has been approved for protection of Safety Zone area over 0.17 ha by the RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.14,493/- vide his memo no.404/5F.FC-I (MG)-24/2014, dated 25.01.2017. Subsequently, a revised financial outlay has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his memo no.4660 dt.04.11.2022 in revised wage rates of Rs.333/- manday for an amount of Rs,1,32,718/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen) only. A Scheme for Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one & half times the area under safety zone has been identified in Mohagiri DPF over 0.255 ha and the scheme has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.1,22,400/- vide his memo no.474/5F.FC- I (MG)-24/2014, dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, a revised financial outlay has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle at current wage rate vide his memo no.4660 dt.04.11.2022 in revised wage rates of Rs.333/man- day for an amount Rs.2,25,370/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy) only. The user agency has deposited the differential approved cost of Rs.1,02,970.00.

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Copy of approved Plan/scheme, payment details and undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-XI, XIA, XIB, XIC.**

Condition No.(xii):- *Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co- terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there- under.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XII.**

Condition No.(xiii):- *Any fund received from the user agency under the project and deposited in the State Forest Department account, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited the cost of Compensatory Afforestation into the account of CAMPA format and the payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-XIII.**

The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division enclosed as **Annexure-XIIIA.** The CAMPA format duly signed and submitted by DFO, Cuttack and signed by the Nodal Officer is also appended.

Condition No.(xiv):- *The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted the Environmental Clearance certificate for the Project which is valid up to Lease period, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIV.**

Condition No.(xv):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land which is enclosed as **Annexure-XV.**

Condition No.(xvi):- *The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the user agency shall to provide free LPG to labourers and staff working at the site which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI.**

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Condition No.(xvii):- *The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the boundary of diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone have been demarcated on ground with 4' high RCC pillars, each levelled with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates at the project cost, has been verified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVII.**

Condition No.(xviii):- *The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the reclamation of the mined-out areas shall be carried out as per the mining plan approved by IBM, Bhubaneswar, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVIII.**

Condition No.(xix):- *The layout plan of the mining plan proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the layout plan of the mining plan proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIX.**

Condition No.(xx):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed as **Annexure-XX.**

Condition No.(xxi):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXI**.

Condition No.(xxii):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXII**.

Condition No.(xxiii):- *Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIII**.

Condition No.(xxiv):- *The user agency will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State Government.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the user agency will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State Government which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIV**.

Condition No.(xxv):- *Following activities, as per approved plan/schemes, shall be undertaken by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department.*

(a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-I clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme /Plan for "Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream" has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no.474/5F.FC-I(MG) 24/2014 dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, a revised Scheme /Plan for "Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream" at current wage rate has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.4,95,000/-, vide Memo no.4660/5F.FC-85/2022 dated

04.11.2022. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost.

Copy of approved scheme, approval order and undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-XXV/A, XXV/A₁, XXV/A₂, XXV/A₃.**

(b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme /Plan for "Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds" has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no. 474/5F.FC-1(MG) 24/2014 dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, a revised Scheme Plan for "Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds" at current wage rate has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.9,03,863/-, vide Memo no.4660/5F FC-85/2022 dated 04.11.2022. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost. Copy of approval order and Undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-XXV/B, XXV/B₁.**

(c) Construction of check dams, retention hoe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme /Plan for Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme" has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no.474/5F.FC-I(MG)24/2014 dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, revised Scheme /Plan for "Construction of check dams; retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme" at current wage rate has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.16,96,126/- vide Memo no.4660/5F.FC-85/2022 dated 04.11.2022 The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost.

Copy of approval order and Undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-XXV/C, XXV/C₁.**

(d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that a Scheme /Plan for "Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in

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accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28° has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no. 474/SF.FC-I(MG) 24/2014 dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, a revised Scheme /Plan for "Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°" at current wage rate has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs.8,66,83,406/-, vide memo no.4660/5F.FC-85/2022 dated 04.11.2022. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost.

Copy of approval order and Undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure- XXV/D, XXV/D1.**

(e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme /Plan for top soil management has been approved by the RCCF. Angul Circle vide memo no.474/5F.FC-I (MG) 24/2014 dated 28.01.2017. Subsequently, a Scheme Plan for top soil management has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no.4660/5F.FC-85/2022 dated 04.11.2022. The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by DFO, Cuttack to implement the scheme at the approved cost. Copy of approved Plan/scheme and undertaking are enclosed as **Annexure-XXV/E, XXV/E1.**

Condition No.(xxvi):- *The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05 07.2013, in support thereof,*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the the Collector & District Magistrate, Jajpur has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over an area of 64.463 ha of Forest Land to be diverted. Copies of the FRA certificates along with proceedings DLC, SDLC & Gram Sabha resolution are enclosed as **Annexure-XXVI.**

Condition No.(xxvii):- *User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II Clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme for "gap planting and SMC activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests of an area of 2.28ha (having crown density less than 0.40) located within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the Mining Lease has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle, at current wage rate vide his memo no.4660/5F.FC-85/2022 dated 04.11.2022 of Rs. 20,

15,069/- (Twenty Lakh Fifteen Thousand Sixty-Nine only). The user agency has deposited the approved cost in the accounts of Ad-hoc CAMPA, Odisha, the above amount vide UTR No. SBINR52022111515041991 Dt.15.11.2022. Copy of approved Plan/scheme and payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-XXVII**.

Condition No.(xxviii):- *The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that to operate the mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXVIII**.

Condition No.(xxix):- *The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lessee boundary. This list is to duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted MOEF & CC before Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the list of existing village ponds has been prepared with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mining lease boundary and duly verified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division. After consultation with state forest department two nos of ponds present at Bamanagar & Kusumundia villages have been selected for Desilting & Ancillary Activities to mitigate the Impact of siltation. Accordingly, a scheme has been prepared at current wage rate and duly approved by RCCF, Angul vide his Memo no.4810/5F.FC-85/2022 dated 11.11.2022 for an amount of Rs.2,58,223/-. The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by DFO,Cuttack to implement the scheme at the approved cost.

The copy of the scheme and undertaking for implementation of the approved scheme are enclosed as **Annexure-XXIX**.

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Condition No.(xxx):- *The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXX**.

Condition No.(xxxi):- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, and*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXXI**.

Condition No.(xxxii):- *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Division that the user agency should comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXXII**.

States of Compliances to additional conditions Imposed by F & E Department., Govt. of Odisha Vide letter no 10F(Con) 381/2015 22041/ F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated 28-11-16

Condition No.(I):- *The user agency shall pay the approved cost of duly approved Site Specific Conservation Plan with Adhoc-CAMPA Account for execution of activities by DFO, Cuttack in project Impact area. The lessee shall also undertake that they will implement the approved components of plan within the leasehold area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, it is submitted that Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWLCP) pertaining to Kaliapani Chromite Mines of M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. has been approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha vide letter No. 8475 dt 07.11.2014 with a total financial outlay of Rs.2,54,18,000.00. The user agency has deposited Rs.1,89,36,000.00 online through RTGS mode vide UTR No.SBINR 52017022300051075 dt 23.02.2017 in ORISSA CAMPA as per the demand raised by DFO, Cuttack Division for its implementation in impact area of Cuttack Forest Division.

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The copy of the approvals, demand letters and RTGS) receipts in support of proof of the deposit by M/s) Balasore Alloys Ltd. are enclosed as **Annexure-I/A**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi and State Government is sent herewith for favour of kind information and according final approval for diversion of 64.119 ha of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district, Odisha.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

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[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. **24979**

/Dt. **08.12.2022**

Copy along with one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. F.No.8-14/2016-FC dated 18.11.2016 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. **24980**

/Dt. **08.12.2022**

Copy along with one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to with reference to Letter No. F.No.8-14/2016-FC dated 18.11.2016 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. **24981**

/Dt. **08.12.2022**

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4972 dated 24.11.2022.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

18/12/22
Memo No. 24982 /Dt. 08.12.2022

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 8055 dated 01.12.2022 and Memo No.4973 dated 24.11.2022 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

Smda 7/12/22
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 24983 Dt. 08.12.2022

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd, At-Balgopalpur, Baleswar, Odisha-756020 for information and necessary action.

Smda 7/12/22
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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