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To

**The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)**  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)  
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**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koira Tehsil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha— Stage-I compliance regarding.**

**Ref:** Letter No. 8-01/2023-FC dated 18.05.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), 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 has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 8-01/2023-FC dated 18.05.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koira Tehsil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha subject to fulfilment of 35 nos. of conditions stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Bonai Forest division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

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**Condition No.1. :Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion will not be changed, is enclosed as **Sl. No. i of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.2. :Compensatory Afforestation:**

**a. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 83.602 ha of Govt. Non-Forest land has been identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District for Compensatory Afforestation.

The financial outlay of the above Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) for ₹ 4,03,43,900/-. The User Agency has deposited the said amount of ₹ 4,03,43,900/- towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No. CNRBR52023052656293590 on 26.05.2023. The payment details in this regard is enclosed at **Annexure-2.**

**b. The land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act'1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, before the Stage-II approval;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Govt. non-forest land over 83.602 ha identified for Compensatory Afforestation in village Talabarada under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District has been transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest Department, Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha and the RoR has been issued vide Khata No.24/1 by the Additional Tehsildar, Banspal Tehsil is enclosed as **Annexure-3.**

Further, the above Non-Forest land over 83.602 ha has already been declared as "Talabarada Protected Forest" under Section-33 of the Odisha Forest Act'1972 vide Notification No.24721/FE&CC dated 28.11.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-3 A.**

**c. The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 83.602 ha. Govt. Non-Forest land has been identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District for Compensatory Afforestation and the financial outlay of the above Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) for ₹ 4,03,43,900/-. The User Agency has also deposited an amount of ₹4,03,43,900/- towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No. CNRBR52023052656293590 on 26.05.2023.

As per approved scheme, it has been proposed to take up AR Plantation @1000 seedlings / hectare over 39.0 ha and AR Plantation @1600 seedlings / hectare over 32.0 ha with Soil Moisture Conservation measures over 83.602 ha with 10 years maintenance along with provision of Angle Iron and Chain Link wire mesh fencing around the plantation area. The Scheme includes afforestation of indigenous species and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars.

The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Office, Keonjhar Forest Division.

***d. The compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 83.602 ha, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage - II approval;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 83.602 ha will be raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division as per the approved C.A. scheme within three years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval.

***e. Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervisions of the State Forest Department and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 4.00 ha of degraded forest land has been identified in Dhenkiam RF of Tamra Range under Bonai Division for 1.5 times Safety Zone Afforestation. The 1.5 times Safety Zone Afforestation Scheme has been approved for ₹13,23,900/- vide his Memo No.2703 dt.17.8.2023. The Copy of the approved Scheme along with DSS analysis report and GPS map are also furnished herewith as **Annexure-4**.

The User Agency was demanded vide letter No.7522 dt.6.10.2023 of DFO, Bonai to deposit the said amount of ₹13,23,900/- towards 1.5 times Safety Zone afforestation. Accordingly, the User Agency has deposited an amount of ₹13,23,900/- towards cost of 1.5 times Safety Zone afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No. CNRBR52023101365429803 on 13.10.2023. The payment details is enclosed as **Annexure-5 (i)**.

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f. 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 meter 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for Gap Plantation and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.40) and the scheme submitted by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for technical approval. The scheme has been approved for ₹1,68,84,200/- at the wage rate of ₹ 345/- per MD. The copy of the approved Scheme is **enclosed as Annexure-6.**

In this context, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest division to implement the above Scheme which is enclosed at **Sl. No.ii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.3: NPV**

a. *The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;*

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited a sum of ₹12,01,08,485/- towards NPV for the entire forest area, i.e, 83.602 ha @ ₹14,36,670/- per ha. (eco-class-1, density-0.5) through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No.CNRBR52023060556898538 on 05.06.2023 as per Challan dated 3.6.2023. The copy of payment details is **enclosed as Annexure-5 (ii).**

b. *At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, is enclosed at **Sl. No. iii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.4: A Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared and implemented at the project cost;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been approved by

the P.C.C.F (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha vide his Letter No.4749 dated 15.04.2023 with a financial outlay of 780.60 lakhs (₹708.60 Lakh for Bonai Division & ₹ 72.00 Lakh for Keonjhar Division) for implementation of activities in the ZoI (Buffer zone). 137

The User Agency has deposited ₹780.60 lakhs towards cost of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan through online vide UTR No.CNRBR52023053156575073 on 31.05.2023 as per Challan dated 30.05.2023. The copy of payment receipts is **enclosed as Annexure-5 (iii)**.

The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the activities in the core zone as per approved Site Specific WL Conservation Plan is enclosed at **Sl. No. iv of Annexure-1**.

***Condition No.5: An Integrated Regional Wildlife Conservation Plan specially addressing the movement of elephant in the entire Sundargarh and Keonjhar district comprising Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Bonai and Keonjhar Forest Division may be prepared by the State Govt. to mitigate adverse impact of mining on the movement of elephant and other wildlife by proportional share from the lease holders;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest division to pay the cost as per approval of Integrated Regional Wildlife Conservation Plan to be demanded by the Forest Department is enclosed at **Sl. No.v of Annexure-1**.

***Condition No.6: The State/User Agency shall raise thick plantations as a green belt, to minimize air and sound pollution, around habitations near to their mine. As far as possible the user agency should address the livelihood of the villagers by providing direct/indirect employment and should regularly check their health issues and related treatment as long as they are not properly rehabilitated;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to raise thick plantations as a green belt, to minimize air and sound pollution, around habitations near the project area and the user agency will also address the livelihood of the villagers by providing direct / indirect employment and will also regularly check their health issues and related treatment as long as they are not properly rehabilitated, is enclosed at **Sl. No.vi of Annexure-1**.

***Condition No.7: The Nalla situated in the mining lease area shall not be diverted so as to retain the natural course of flow of water. No discharge from the mining site should enter the natural river and stream. To stabilize the bank of Nalla and to avoid siltation and flood a safety zone of 50 meter on both sides of Nala shall be maintained as green belt;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the

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Nalla situated in the mining lease area shall not be diverted to retain the natural course of flow of water. No discharge from the mining site will enter the natural river and stream. To stabilize the bank of Nalla and to avoid situation and flood a safety zone of 50 meter on both sides of Nalla shall be maintained as green belt, is enclosed at **Sl. No.vii of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.8: Soil and moisture conservation measures in the rest of the catchment of this Nala and the forest lands in and around the proposed site shall be carried out to ensure recharge of water;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Scheme for Soil and Moisture Conservation measures in rest of the catchment of the Nala (Teherai Nala) and the forest lands in and around the Project site submitted by the DFO, Bonai Division has been approved by him with a financial outlay of ₹1,17,55,100/-. The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as Annexure-7.** Further, the UA has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the approved Scheme, is enclosed **Sl. No.viii of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.9: As per the mining plan no activities have been proposed in 6.120 ha. of non-forest land. Fruit bearing trees shall be raised in this 6.120 ha of land wherever possible;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to plant fruit bearing trees in the area over 6.120 ha of non-forest land wherever possible, is enclosed **Sl. No.ix of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.10: Transportation of ore should be done as per the recommendation of NEERI;***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to transport ore as per the recommendation of NEERI is enclosed at **Sl. No.x of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.11 : Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has transferred / deposited all funds in CAMPA account only through online portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). The statement of funds deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account pertaining to the above proposal duly signed by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) in prescribed format is enclosed as **Annexure-8.**

***Condition No.12 : The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval;***

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the said project proposal has not yet been listed in the e-green watch portal for which mapping has not been done. The KML files will be uploaded on the e-green watch portal when the said project is listed in the said portal.

***Condition No.13: Following activities, as per approved plan/ schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme /plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval:***

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

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams which has been approved by him for ₹4,13,37,300/- at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD. The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as (Annexure-8 A)**. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the Scheme which is enclosed at **Sl. No.xi of Annexure-1**.

***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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion which has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for ₹10,58,627/- at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD. The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as Annexure-9**. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the Scheme, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xii of Annexure-1**.

***c. Construction of check dams, retention /toe 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour which has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD with no budgetary provision as it remains included in the schemes prepared in compliance with Condition No. 13 (a) & (b) vide this office Memo No.2939 dt.8.9.2023. The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as Annexure-10**. The User Agency has

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submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement Scheme, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xiii of Annexure-1.**

**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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for Stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading / benching so as to ensure that the angle of repose at any given place is less than 28° which has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD with no budgetary provision as it remains included in the schemes prepared in compliance with Condition No. 13 (a) & (b). The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as (Annexure-11)**. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest division to implement the Scheme, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xiv of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.14 : Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:**

**a. User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its 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;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Range Officer, Koira has intimated vide his Memo No.1175 dt.16.10.2023 that the boundary of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along inner boundary of the mining lease area) has been demarcated by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates. As per the Safety Zone Scheme there is provision of Barbed wire fencing and deployment of adequate number of watchers. An undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has been furnished by the User Agency is enclosed at **Sl. No.xv of Annexure-1.** The copy of the Memo No.1175 Dt.16.10.2023 of Range Officer, Koira is enclosed as **Annexure-11A.**

**b. Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, will be properly fenced, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xvi of Annexure-1.**

- c. *Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;*

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Scheme for Fencing, Protection and Regeneration of the Safety Zone over 3.499 ha (Forest-2.529 ha + Non-forest-0.970 ha) has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for ₹1,27,85,800/-. The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-12**. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the Scheme, in phased manner at the project cost, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xvii of Annexure-1**.

- d. *The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms;*

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to maintained the safety zone as per the prescribed norms under the supervision of State Forest Department, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xviii of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.15: 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for Top Soil Management submitted by the DFO, Bonai Division has been approved by him for ₹2,90,53,247/- at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD. The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as **(Annexure-13)**. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the Scheme for top soil management as per the approved scheme, in a phased manner at the project cost, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xix of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.16 : 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 lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake de-silting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the Scheme for de-siltation of the village tank and other water bodies located

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within 5 Km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tailing water bodies which has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for ₹69,19,931/- at the wage rate of ₹345.00 per MD. The copy of approved Scheme is **enclosed as (Annexure-14)**. The UA has submitted the list of 15 nos. of pond, identified in different village with GPS coordinates and the list is enclosed in the above Annexure. The UA has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to implement the Scheme, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xx of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.17: The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the UA has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to deposit the cost of felling of trees as per the guidance of the State Forest Department, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxi of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.18: Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to fell the trees in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxii of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.19: The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxiii of Annexure-1**.

**Condition No.20: A Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan shall be prepared by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife of the area. A copy of approved Plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with the compliance of Stage-I approval. Entire cost of implementation of the provision of the Wildlife Management Plan shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA of the State.**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been approved by the P.C.C.F (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha vide Letter No.4749 dated 15.04.2023 with financial outlay of 780.60 lakhs (₹ 708.60 Lakh for Bonai Division & ₹ 72.00 Lakh for Keonjhar Division) for implementation of

activities in the ZoI (Buffer zone). The User Agency has deposited a sum of ₹780.60 lakhs towards cost of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan through online vide UTR No.CNRBR52023053156575073 on 31.5.2023 as per challan dated 30.5.2023. The copy of payment details is **enclosed as Annexure-5 (iii)**. The copy of the approval letter along with detail plan is enclosed as **Annexure-15**. 1121

***Condition No.21: State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, along with compliance of Stage-I approval, as prescribed by this Ministry's 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 has been issued by the Collector, Sundargarh over 83.602 ha of forest land vide Letter No.3796 dt.22.11.2022 which is enclosed as **Annexure-16**.

***Condition No.22: 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 concern Addl. Principle 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency will abide the condition and take due care for reclamation of the mined out area in a phased manner as per the approved mining plan. Further, the User Agency will submit an annual report on status of reclamation to the concerned Department. The UA has submitted an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxiv of Annexure-1**.

***Condition No.23: The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;***

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any

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other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxv of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.24: 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the period of diversion of forest land under this proposal will be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease as amended vide the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 and the Rules framed there under.

***Condition No.25: 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Environmental clearance has been granted by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Odisha vide SEIAA File No.403437/765-MINB1/10-2022 dated 30.05.2023. The copy is enclosed as **Annexure-17.**

***Condition No.26: No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that no labour camp will be established on the forest land and 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, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxvi of Annexure-1.**

***Condition No.27: 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 coordinates;***

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Range Officer, Koira has intimated vide his Memo No.1175 dt.16.10.2023 that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone has already been demarcated on the ground at the project cost by erecting 4 feet high RCC pillars. The boundary pillar has been inscribed with serial number, DGPS co-ordinates, and distance from pillar to pillar and the detail list is enclosed as **Annexure-18.** The letter of the Range Officer, Koira is enclosed as **Annexure-11A.**

**Condition No.28: The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxvii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.29: 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;**

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest 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, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxviii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.30 : No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;**

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area will be caused, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxix of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.31: 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 regularly;**

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the User Agency will 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 regularly, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxx of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.32: Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and**

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that any

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other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxxi of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.33:** *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project will be complied by him, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxxii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.34:** *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para-1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.*

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to ensure compliance of all Acts, Rules & Regulations as prescribed in para-1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019, is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxxiii of Annexure-1.**

**Condition No.35:** *The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>), is enclosed at **Sl. No.xxxiv of Annexure-1.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koirā Tehsil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

Yours faithfully

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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Memo No. 23392 /Dt. 30-11-2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-01/2023-FC dated 18.05.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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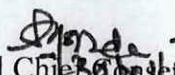
Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-01/2023-FC dated 18.05.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)


Memo No. 23394 /Dt. 30-11-2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3634 dated 05.11.2023.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

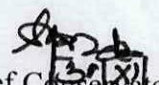
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3635 dated 05.11.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 23396 /Dt. 30-11-2023

Copy forwarded to the Director, M/s Rungta Mines Ltd., At/Po: Barbil, Dist: Keonjhar-758035, Odisha for information and necessary action.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)