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To

The Deputy 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:- Proposal for diversion of balance forest land of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar District, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 – Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref: F.No. 8-01/2019-FC dated 02.08.2019 and 02.11.2020 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide F.No. 8-01/2019-FC dated 02.08.2019 for diversion of balance forest land of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar District, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 **and modified condition dated 02.11.2020** subject to fulfillment of **23 (twenty three) nos.** of conditions. The State Government has imposed **7(seven) nos of additional conditions.** The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

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Condition (i): Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged. The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 1 of Annexure-I.**

Condition (ii): Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equal identified non-forest land (NFL) land within three years from the date of Stage-II and maintained thereafter by the Forest department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non-forest land. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the non-forest land required for Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of diversion of 80.826 ha of Forest Land under Sec 2(ii) under FC Act, 1980, will be met from the identified and allotted non-forest Govt. land over 13.798 ha in Village Kaliapani under Telkoi Tahasil of Keonjhar District and 64.260 ha in village Asanabahali under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal Division in Dhenkanal District in favour of Tiringpahar Iron and Mn Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. vide letter No. 2173/Rev dt. 26.09.2015 of Collector, Keonjhar and Letter No. 1185 dated 20.07.2016 of Deputy Collector, Revenue, Dhenkanal for raising Compensatory Afforestation. The copy of the allotment letter is enclosed as **Annexure-II Series.** Further, for the seedlings of 39373 nos. that cannot be accommodated in the allotted non-forest Govt. land for Compensatory Afforestation land, Additional Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 99.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Renda PRF under Telkoi Forest Range of Keonjhar Division at the prevailing wage rate @Rs. 326/- per MD with a maintenance period of ten years under ANR with gap model @400 seedlings/ha has been prepared. Compensatory Afforestation scheme, prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar & Dhenkanal Division in respect of the aforementioned Non-forest land is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-III series.** The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o- the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha had technically approved the following CA & ACA Schemes, the details of approved amount / payment is as follows:-

Details approved of CA/ACA Schemes

Sl. No.	Particulars	Technically approved Amount (in Rs.)	Approval letter No / Date of PCCF, Odisha
1	Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation over 64.261 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in Vill-Asanbahali under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District.	3,10,23,800.00	14673 date 26.07.2022
2	Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation over 13.798 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in Vill-Kaliapani under Telkoi Tahasil of Keonjhar District.	52,74,000.00	16518 date 24.08.2022
2	Scheme for Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 99.00 ha degraded forest land identified in Renda PRF under Telkoi Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division.	1,52,59,400.00	-do-
Grand Total		5,15,57,200.00	

Accordingly, the user agency was demanded vide this office letter No.6617 dated 01.09.2022 to deposit the approved amount of CA / ACA cost Rs.5,15,57,200/-. The user agency has deposited Rs. 5,15,57,200/- in Orissa CAMPA Account No. 150825820092941 in Union Bank of India, Bangalore, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022091304216219 dated 13.09.2022. The copy of the demand letters & payment details are enclosed as **Annexure- IV series**.

Further, the above CA Schemes were revised as per prevailing wage rate of Rs. 450/- per MD and technically approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o- the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, the details of approved amount / payment is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount due as per revised wage rate of Rs. 450/- per Manday (in Rs)	Amount already deposited by UA (in Rs)	Balance amount deposited (in Rs)
1	Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation over 64.261 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in Vill-Asanbahali under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District.	4,01,14,600.00	3,10,23,800.00	90,90,800.00
2	Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation over 13.798 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in Vill-Kaliapani under Telkoi Tahasil of Keonjhar District.	67,51,200.00	52,74,000.00	14,77,200.00
2	Scheme for Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 99.00 ha degraded	2,04,07,900.00	1,52,59,400.00	51,48,500.00

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forest land identified in Renda PRF under Telkoi Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division.			
Grand Total	6,72,73,700.00	5,15,57,200.00	1,57,16,500.00

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, accordingly, the user agency was demanded vide his office letter No.3160 dated 15.04.2024 to deposit the differential amount of CA / ACA of cost Rs.1,57,16,500/-. The user agency has deposited Rs.1,57,16,500/- in Orissa CAMPA Account No. 150825820092972 in Union Bank of India, Bangalore, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 through RTGS vide UTR No.SBINR520240 42518252142 dated 25.04.2024. The copy of the demand letters & payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-V series**.

Condition (iii): *State Government shall submit detail status of reclamation done by the user agency till date. State Government may also see if the user agency had resorted to any violation in respect of any condition stipulated in reclamation plan approved by IBM.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the above condition of Stage-I (In-Principle Approval) has been modified by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi vide their letter F.No.8-01/2019-FC dated 02.11.2020 and the modified condition imposed by MoEF & CC is quoted as hereunder;

“State Government shall see if any violation has been committed in respect of any condition stipulated in reclamation plan approved by IBM”.

The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has complied to the condition stipulated in reclamation plan approved by IBM and till date no violation has been observed as per report of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division.

Condition (iv): *State Government shall ensure that 46 ha out of the 80.826 ha un-diverted forest land having vegetation density of more than 0.4, is maintained as green cover, till a comparable area is reclaimed and vegetated.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the above condition of Stage-I has been deleted by MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi vide their letter F.No.8-01/2019-FC dated 02.11.2020 and the copy of the above letter is enclosed as **Annexure- VI**.

Condition (v): *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 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 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,72,80,500/- towards NPV over earlier diverted forest land of 52.348 ha prior to 28.03.2008, an amount of Rs.1,20,93,180/-towards NPV over 16.566 ha forest land (68.914- ha – 52.348 ha) on 01.07.2010 through SBI Demand Draft No 771230

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dated 01.07.2010 as per demand of Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division vide letter No. 5047/Mining dated 19.06.2010 and deposited an amount of Rs.4,69,09,800 towards NPV over 64.260 ha forest land (non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) through RTGS vide UTR No. SBIN516173371865 dt 21.06.2016 in accordance to the demand of Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division vide Memo No. 4543/Mining dated 17.06.2016.

The demand letters of Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division and payment details thereof towards NPV of the balance forest land are enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE-VII series.**

Condition (vi): *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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 2 of Annexure- I.**

Condition (vii): *The identified non-forest land for raising Compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the identified non-forest land for raising Compensatory afforestation has been transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and the Compensatory Afforestation land under Dhenkanal Forest Division has been notified as "**Asanbahali Protected Forest**" U/s 33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972 vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0067-2021-8043/F&E dated 22.04.2021 and the Compensatory Afforestation land under Keonjhar Forest Division has been notified as "**Kaliapani Protected Forest**" U/s 33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972 vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0067-2021-10901/F&E dated 22.06.2021 of the Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha.

The copy of the PF notification are enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE-VIII Series.**

Condition (viii): *The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has already depicted the identified CA land in Toposheet No.F45N8 of Scale 1:50,000 in respect of Asanbahali village and in Toposheet No.F45N7 and F45N11 of Scale 1:50,000 in respect of Kaliapani village are enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE-IX Series.**

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Condition (ix): *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 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has transferred the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation Schemes at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department as per approved scheme under appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years, in the account of CAMPA through online portal. The true copy of the screenshot of the online page of the PARIVESH Portal showing the status of payment is annexed herewith as **Annexure-X**.

Condition (x): *All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the funds received from the user agency has been transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>). The details of funds deposited by the user agency in the CAMPA account in the prescribed CAMPA format duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure- XI**.

Condition (xi): *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 final compliance report has been uploaded by the U.A. on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

Condition (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 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 the forest land is co-terminus with the period of mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under. After Amendment of MMDR Act, the State Government, Department of Steel & Mines, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide their letter No. III (A) SM-45/2006 3278/S&M Bhubaneswar dated 18.04.2015 extended the period of the mining lease as per provision of sec- 8(A) of MMDR Amended Act, 2015 up to 31.03.2030. Accordingly, Supplementary lease deed for the said mines was executed on dated 08.05.2015 and registered on 08.05.2015.

Condition (xiii): *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 Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India vide letter No. J-11015/87/2004-IA. II (M) on dated 17.11.2005 has accorded Environment Clearance in respect of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mine for production of Manganese Ore- 85,000 TPA/ and the copy of the Environment Clearance is enclosed as **Annexure- XII**.

Condition (xiv): *The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the District Collector, Keonjhar vide Letter No. 393/Rev./Dt. 12.02.2024 has issued a certificate of completion of the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act), 2006 in respect of the proposed area measuring 80.826 Ha of forest land to be diverted under villages Guruda, Palasa (Kha), Khandabandh and Jadibahal under Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District. The copy of the certificate is enclosed as **Annexure-XIII series**.

Condition (xv): *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 user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 3 of Annexure-I**.

Condition (xvi): *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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the mining lease pillars, boundary of diverted forest land, safety zone are maintained separately by the user agency with fixing RCC pillars as per standard specification by inscribed with its Sl. No., distance from pillar to pillar and GPS reading etc. The list of the pillar with bearings, distance from pillar to pillar along with photocopy of the boundary pillars are enclosed herewith duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division as **Annexure- XIV series**.

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Condition (xvii): *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 submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 4 of Annexure- I.**

Condition (xviii): *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 submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed at **Sl No. 5 of Annexure- I.**

Condition (xix): *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 submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar 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 Forest Department which is enclosed at **Sl No. 6 of Annexure-I.**

Condition (xx): *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 Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Review of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan was submitted to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) under Rule 17(2) of the MCR, 2016 & Rule 23 of the MCDR, 2017 and duly approved vide letter No.RMP/A/07-ORI/BHU/2020-21, Dated. 31.07.2020 for the period 2020-2025. The reclamation and rehabilitation activities as proposed in the approved Review of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan submitted by the user agency is furnished below in Table No. 01. The compliance status for 2022-23 as furnished by the User

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Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-XV**.

The DFO, Keonjhar has reported that, reclamation of quarry by back filling has been proposed to be carried out during 2023-24 by the User Agency. But the user agency is yet to submit the compliance thereon. However, rehabilitation of the dump has been carried out as per the approved Progressive Mine Closure Plan. Total 6593 nos. of saplings have been planted by the user agency during 2022-23 against the proposal of 2900 Nos.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the annual compliance report for Progressive Mine Closure Plan as per the Table No. 1 shall be submitted before 1st July every year under Rule 26(2) of the MCDR, 2017 to IBM and copy of the same shall also be marked to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. Further the user agency has intimated that, they have submitted the entire self-compliance report of 2022-23 to the Nodal Officer and Integrated Regional Office of MoEF & CC, GoI, Bhubaneswar. The annual compliance report for Progressive Mine Closure Plan copy is enclosed as **Annexure-XV**.

Condition (xxi): *Violation of any of these condition 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 submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the violation of any of these condition 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 7 of Annexure- I**.

Condition (xxii): *The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated condition to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly; and*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated condition to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 8 of Annexure- I**.

Condition (xxiii): *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of all the 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.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to comply all the provisions of all the 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 9 of Annexure-I.**

THE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY STATE GOVT.VIDE LETTER NO. 10F (Con) 140/16 16128/ F&E, BHUBANESWAR, DATED 22.08.2019

- *Forest area earmarked as safety zone around the ML area shall be demarcated by posting of pillars of appropriate length, protected, fenced, afforested at project cost. In no circumstances, the area earmarked as safety zone, shall be utilized for any other purpose.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the forest area earmarked as safety zone around the ML area has been demarcated by posting of pillars of appropriate length, protected, fenced and is being afforested by the user agency and the photo copies are enclosed as **Annexure- XIV series.** The area earmarked as safety zone, shall not be utilized for any other purpose.

- *The user agency shall undertake demarcation of the lease area on ground posting six feet high cement concrete pillars embedded two feet inside soil and 4 feet above the ground with serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar. The user agency shall also submit the map of lease area showing different kinds of forest land using DGPS survey data and latitude and longitude of each pillar to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar for his reference before commencement of work on final forest clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the mining lease pillars, boundary of diverted forest land, safety zone have been maintained separately by the user agency with fixing RCC pillars as per standard specification. The photo copy of the boundary pillars are enclosed herewith vide **Annexure- XIV series.** The pillars, maps & DGPS survey map is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XVI.**

- *If applicable, the lessee shall deposit the differential cost towards Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan at revised rate.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to deposit the differential cost towards Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan at revised rate if applicable which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 10 of Annexure-I.**

- *User Agency has to execute Phased Reclamation Plan at their cost.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to execute the Phased Reclamation Plan at its own cost which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 11 of Annexure-I.**

- *The user agency shall fell the trees in phases strictly as per requirement with prior permission of Divisional Forest Officer after forest clearance is accorded under FC Act, 1980*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, that they shall fell the trees in phases strictly as per requirement with prior permission of Divisional Forest Officer after forest clearance is accorded under FC Act, 1980 which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 12 of Annexure-I.**

- *C.B. analysis is required to be re-assessed as per GoI, MoEF & CC guidelines bearing No. 7-69/2011-FC (Pt) dt.01.08.2017.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the C.B. analysis assessed as per GoI, MoEF & CC guidelines bearing No. 7-69/2011-FC (Pt) dt.01.08.2017 submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure- XVII.** The C.B. ratio is 1:14.64 and if necessary, it may again be re-assessed by the User Agency.

- *In case land use plan proposed in the earlier/present forest diversion proposal differs from the land use plan reflected in the approved Mining Scheme, MoEF & CC, guidelines bearing Letter F.No.11-150/2017-FC dt.16.10.2017 prescribing procedure/disposing of proposals for change of land use plan within the diverted forest land of a mining lease vis-a-vis the latest land use plan approved by Indian Bureau of Mines in the Mining Plan/scheme shall be complied with by the lessee.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division in this effect which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 13 of Annexure I.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC(FC Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of balance forest land of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar District, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

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

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Memo No. 11926 /Dt. 13.06.2024

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 F. No. 8-01/2019-FC dated 02.08.2019 and 02.11.2020 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11927 /Dt. 13.06.2024

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 F. No. 8-01/2019-FC dated 02.08.2019 and 02.11.2020 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi and Memo No. 16128/F&E dated 22.08.2019 and memo No. 17495/F&E dated 06.11.2020 of the Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department.

Encl: Compliance in one set


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11928 /Dt. 13.06.2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 2103 dated 14.05.2024.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11929 /Dt. 13.06.2024

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