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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharapur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 1.990 ha forest land (0.744 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 1.246 ha in Deogarh Forest Division) for laying of underground Iron Ore slurry Pipeline for transportation of Iron Ore slurry from Barbil (Kitabeda) to Village Bhaktipal in Kaniha Tahasil, Angul District under Angul Division through Bhaluki village of Pallahada Tahasil of Angul District under Deogarh Forest Division by M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.- Submission of Stage-I compliance.

- Ref: 1. Letter No. No.5-ORB428/2020-BHU Dated 24.09.2020 of ERO, the MoEF& CC, Bhubaneswar-751023, Odisha.
2. Letter No.16280/F&E dt.20.10.2020 of the F&E Deptt, Govt. of Odisha.,

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 5-ORB428/2020-BHU Dated 24.09.2020 in respect of diversion of 1.990 ha forest land (0.744 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 1.246 ha in Deogarh Forest Division) for laying of underground Iron Ore slurry Pipeline for transportation of Iron Ore slurry from Barbil (Kitabeda) to Village Bhaktipal in Kaniha Tahasil, Angul District under Angul division through Bhaluki village of Pallahada Tahasil of Angul District under Deogarh Forest Division by M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd subject to fulfillment of 27 nos. of conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC ERO, Bhubaneswar and additional 9 nos. of conditions imposed by State Govt. vide letter No.16280/F&E dt.20.10.2000 after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle pertaining to both Keonjhar and Deogarh Forest Divisions are as follows:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No. (i):- Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as regards the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion, the User Agency has furnished the undertakings separately in respect of the forest land involved in Keonjhar & Deogarh Division duly countersigned by the respective DFOs which are enclosed as **Annexure-A (Sl. No. 01)/Keonjhar Division & Annexure-I/Deogarh Division .**

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Condition No.(ii):- *Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has provided 1.99 ha of Non-Forest Private land in Vill- Kurumula under Pallahada Tahasil of Angul District for raising of CA. The said land has been mutated and transferred in favour of the FE&CC Deptt, Govt. of Odisha and two new RoRs have been issued vide Khata No.151/157 having Plot No.169/1913/2001 & Plot No.169/1914 & Khata No.151/160 having Plot No.169/1913/2002 by the Tahasildar Pallahada. The copies of the RoR are enclosed as **Annexure-B Series)/Keonjhar Division**. Further, the DFO, Deogarh Forest Division has reported that the User Agency has already obtained all RoW usage permissions for the Non-Forest land involved in the pipeline route from Barbil to Angul from the respective road authorities (NH, R&B and RWD) to lay the Slurry pipeline along the roads within their area limits.

The User Agency has requested to hand over the forest land after the necessary approval by the MoEF & CC, GoI. The Undertaking in this regard furnished by User Agency along with copies of permissions is enclosed as **Annexure-II Series)/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(iii):- *The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by State Forest Department over 1.99 ha non-forest land identified in Plot No. 169/1913 & No. 169/1914 of Khata No. 151/151 of village Kurumula under Pallahara Tahasil of Deogarh Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As proposed by State Government additional compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Chargachia RF under Khamar Range of Deogarh Forest Division at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall take up multi species and multi canopy plantation technique consisting of indigenous species and medicinal plants found in the area to create a near natural forest by intensive planting technique.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the CA scheme over 1.99 of Non-Forest land identified in Plot No.169/1913 & No.169/1914 of Khata No.151/151 of Village Kurumula under Pallahada Tahasil of Deogarh Forest Division was initially approved by the Addl. PCCF(FD&NO, FC Act) vide his Memo No.20389 Dtd.23.11.2020 for Rs.7,62,000/- in the wage rate of Rs.330/- per man day. Further, the Additional Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 2.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Chargachia RF under Khamar Range of Deogarh Division was technically approved by the Addl. PCCF(FD&NO, FC Act) with a financial outlay of Rs.1,61,700/- in the wage rate of Rs.308/-. The Demand Notice given by DFO, Deogarh Division vide his letter No.7800 dt.16.12.2020 is enclosed as Annexure III(A) Series/ Deogarh Division.

Accordingly, as per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh, the User Agency deposited a sum of Rs.40,53,436/- vide UTR No.SBINR52021011206214845 dated 12.01.2021 (Enclosed as **Annexure-IIIA/Deogarh Division**) which inter alia included a sum of Rs.9,23,700/- towards the approved cost of the aforesaid CA & ACA schemes.

Further, due to revision of wage rate to Rs.333/- per man day, the financial outlays of the scheme for CA over 1.99 ha of Non-Forest land and the scheme for ACA over 2.00 ha of degraded forest land were revised to Rs.14,25,000.00 and Rs.2,27,300.00 respectively which is enclosed as **Annexure-III(B) Series/ Deogarh Division**. As per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh Forest Division, the User Agency deposited a sum of Rs.31,28,140/- vide UTR No.SBINR52023032238923725 dt.22.03.2023. (Enclosed as **Annexure-IIIB/Deogarh Division**) which inter alia includes the differential amount of the aforesaid two schemes amounting to Rs.7,28,600/- (Rs.6,63,000/- and Rs.65,600/-).

Subsequently, due to revision of the wage rate to Rs.452/- per MD, the financial outlays of the aforesaid two schemes were revised to Rs.16,12,308/- and Rs.2,93,628 respectively. As per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh, the User Agency has deposited a sum of Rs.2,53,633/- vide

UTR No: SBINR52025011071697626 Dtd.13.01.2025 (Enclosed as Annexure-IIIC/Deogarh Division) which includes the differential cost of the aforesaid two schemes amounting to Rs.1,87,305/- and Rs.66,328/- respectively.

The Copies of receipts of payments in this regard are enclosed as Annexure- III(A), III(B), & III(C).

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 Stage-II approval*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has provided 1.99 ha of Non-Forest Private land in Vill- Kurumula under Pallahada Tahasil of Angul District for raising of CA. The said land has been transferred and mutated in favour of State FE&CC, Deptt. and RoRs have been issued vide Khata No.151/157 having Plot No.169/1913/2001 & Plot No.169/1914 & Khata No.151/160 having Plot No.169/1913/2002 by the Tahasildar, Pallahada. The copies of the RoR are enclosed as Annexure-IV(A) & (B) (Deogarh Division).

Condition No.(v):- *The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation will be taken up shall be notified as PF/RF and shall remain under the administrative control of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported the Non-Forest Private land over 1.99 in village Kurumula under Pallahada Tahasil, Angul District identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation has already been notified as "Kurumula Protected Forest" vide Notification No. FE-DIV-FLD-0015-2020 (10F-(Cons)-127/2020)-1387/FE&CC, Bhubaneswar, dated 13th January 2025" of FE & CC Department. Copy of the Notification is enclosed as Annexure-V(Deogarh Division).

Condition No.(vi):- *The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and at the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA and shall be deposited in advance with Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. 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 CA scheme over 1.99 ha of Non-Forest land identified in Plot No.169/1913 & No.169/1914 of Khata No.151/151 of Village Kurumula under Pallahada Tahasil of Deogarh Forest Division was initially approved by the Addl. PCCF(FD&NO, FC Act) vide his Memo No.20389 Dtd.23.11.2020 for Rs.7,62,000/- in the wage rate of Rs.330/- per man day.

Further, the Additional Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 2.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Chargachia RF under Khamar Range of Deogarh Division was technically approved by the Addl. PCCF(FD&NO, FC Act) with a financial outlay of Rs.1,61,700/- in the wage rate of Rs.308/-.

Accordingly, as per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh, the User Agency had deposited a sum of Rs.40,53,436/- vide UTR No.SBINR5202/ 0112062/4845 dated 12.01.2021 which inter alia included a sum of Rs.9,23,700/- towards the approved cost of the aforesaid CA & ACA schemes.

Further, due to revision of wage rate to Rs.333/- per man day, the financial outlays of the scheme for CA over 1.99 ha of Non-Forest land and the scheme for ACA over 2.00 ha of degraded forest land were revised to Rs.14,25,000.00 and RS.2,27,300.00 respectively . As per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh, the User Agency has deposited a sum of Rs.31,28,140/- vide

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UTR No. SBINR520230 32238923725 Dtd.22.03.2023 which inter alia includes the differential amount of the aforesaid 2 schemes amounting to Rs.7,28,000/-(Rs.6,63,000/- and Rs.65,600/-).

Subsequently, due to revision of the wage rate to Rs.452/- per MD, the financial outlays of the aforesaid 2 schemes were revised to Rs.16,12,308/- and Rs.2,93,628 respectively. As per demand raised by the DFO, Deogarh, the User Agency has deposited a sum of Rs.2,53,633/- vide UTR No:SBINR52025011071697626 Dtd.13.01.2025 which includes the differential cost of the aforesaid 2 schemes amounting to Rs.1,87,305/- and Rs.66,328/- respectively.

The Copies of receipts of payments in this regard are enclosed as **Annexure-III(A), III(B), & III(C)**.

Further, it is pertinent to mention here that the cost of survey, demarcation and pillar posting etc. remains included in the approved cost norm for CA & the ACA and the User Agency has already deposited the cost of CA & the ACA as stated above. The CA & ACA schemes have provision for maintenance of the plantation for 10 years and they include the provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Condition No.(vii):- The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for 1.99Ha forest land to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in LA No.566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-1/1998-Fc (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited a sum Rs.19,98,194/- in total in Orissa CAMPA Account towards NPV over 1.99 ha of forest land involved in the project. The details of NPV demanded by the DFO, Keonjhar & Deogarh and payment made by the User Agency are furnished below:-

Name of the Division	Division wise Forest land involved (in Ha)	Demand Letter No./ Date of DFO	Demand Amount	Payment Details
Deogarh Division	1.246 ha	No.7800 dated 16.12.2020 of DFO, Deogarh	12,99,578.00	Through RTGS vide UTR No.SBINR520201120621 4845 dated 12.01.2021
Keonjhar Division	0.744 ha	No.6493/6F-Mining-65/2016 dated 02.11.2020 of DFO, Keonjhar	6,98,616.00	Through RTGS vide UTR No.SBIN120333588202 dated 20.11.2020
G. Total			19,98,194.00	

The demand letters and proof of payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-E/Keonjhar Division & Annexure-III(A)/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(viii):- The Additional amount of the NPV of the forest land to be diverted, if any, becoming due after finalisation of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from expert committee, shall be charged by the state Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished undertaking separately for the forest land involved in respect of Keonjhar and Deogarh 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-A(Sl. No.2)/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-VII/ Deogarh Division respectively.**

Condition No.(ix):- *All funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to the state CAMPA fund only through (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that all compensatory levies in respect of the project have been deposited online by the user agency in the State CAMPA fund in the web portal of <https://parivesh.nic.in/>. The details of payments made by the User Agency have been furnished in the prescribed CAMPA format duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure- L/ Keonjhar Division & Annexure-VIII/ Deogarh Division respectively.**

Condition No.(x):- *The user agency will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State Government vide letter No.10F (Cons)127/2020-12760/F&E dated 25.08.2020.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency will abide by the recommendations of the State Government issued vide letter No.10F (Cons)127/2020-12760/F&E dated 25.08.2020. The user agency has also furnished an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed at **Sl. No.3 of Annexure- A.**

Further, as reported by the DFO, Deogarh Division, the User Agency will abide by the recommendations of the State Government vide letter No.10F (Cons)127/2020-12760/F&E dated 25.08.2020, by complying with the additional conditions from (a) to (i) imposed by the State Govt. vide their letter no: 16284/F&E dated 20.10.2020 and the compliance of the same have been furnished below under **Sl. No. 'a' to 'i' under the heading compliance of the Additional Conditions imposed by FE&CC Dept. Govt. of Odisha.**

Condition No.(xi):- *The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling shall be deposited by the user agency with forest department.*

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency shall be allowed to fell the trees from the forest land being diverted which are inevitable for felling under strict supervision of the state forest department. The user agency will deposit the felling cost with the State Forest Department. The user agency has also submitted an undertaking to the effect that, they will lay the pipeline avoiding tree felling and wherever it becomes unavoidable, they will restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. The undertakings submitted by the user agency to this effect are enclosed at **Annexure-A (Sl. No.4)/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-IX/ Deogarh Division.**

Condition No. (xii):- *The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has obtained prescribed certificate under FRA, 2006 over 1.99 ha of forest land involved in Keonjhar & Angul District. Accordingly, the Collector, Angul has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over 1.450 ha of forest land vide his letter No. 850 dated 17.04.2018 (**Enclosed page-24 & 33/Keonjhar Forest Division**) which includes the forest area over 1.246 ha in respect of Deogarh Forest Division applied for diversion. The Collector, Keonjhar has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over 0.744 ha of forest land in 2 spells i.e. over 0.625 ha vide his Letter No.937 Dtd.02.04.2015 (**Page No.54/Deogarh Forest Division**) and over 0.119 ha vide his letter No.1141 Dtd.26.08.2019 (**Page No.57/ Deogarh Forest Division**) . The copies of the certificates are enclosed as **Annexure-F/Keonjhar Division** and **Annexure-X/ Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(xiii):- *The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2meter below the ground as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated that, pipeline will be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground and after laying of pipeline the ground will be leveled. The undertakings to this effect submitted by the user agency are enclosed **Annexure-A (Sl. No.5)/ Keonjhar Division** and **Annexure-XI/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(xiv):- *The State Govt. shall ensure/emphasize that the width and depth of trench of pipeline should not exceed 1.00 meter and 2.00 meter respectively in forest areas of non-RoW and RoW areas.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that this condition has been deleted by MoEF&CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar vide their Letter No -5-ORB428/2020-BHU dated 04.01.2021 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-G/ Keonjhar Division & Annexure-XII/Deogarh Division**).

Condition No.(xv):- *The user agency shall obtain Environmental clearance as per provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that this slurry pipeline project is not passing through any National Park, Sanctuary and Ecologically sensitive areas. So Environment Clearance is not required as per EIA, 2006 Notification. However, the user agency has obtained the Consent to Established from OSPCB, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. 540 dated. 07.01.2022. (**Annexure-I/Keonjhar Division Annexure-XIII/Deogarh Division**).

Condition No.(xvi):- *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking at **Sl. No.6 of Annexure-A** that, no additional or new path will be allowed to be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.

As reported by the DFO, Deogarh Division, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIII/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(xvii):- *No labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency will not be allowed to establish any labour camp in the forest area. The undertaking in this regard has been furnished by the User Agency which are enclosed as **Sl.No.7 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division** and **Annexure-XIV/Deogarh Division**.

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Condition No.(xviii):- *The user agency shall provide LPG, to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure no fuel wood use.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that limited skilled manpower will be required for the project work and they will stay in the nearby town areas. No labour camp will be set up in the forest area. However, the user agency has submitted an undertaking that, the Labourers engaged in slurry Pipeline are of skilled category and are staying in labour camps in Joda and Keonjhar Townships and for their day to day cooking, LPGs are being used. However, they will provide LPG to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure that no fuel wood is used. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency are enclosed vide **Sl. No. 8 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XV/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xix):- *The user agency while executing the works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect that, while executing the works they will not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which is enclosed at **Sl. No.9 of Annexure- A/ Keonjhar Division.**

Further, as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the user agency had laid the slurry pipeline over Non-Forest Govt. land and damaged 02 nos. of trees & 234 Nos. of poles. As such, the user agency was requested vide his office letter No.3648 dated 18.05.2022 to prepare a scheme for planting of 1180 numbers of trees for the aforesaid lapses, over non-forest land. Subsequently, the O.F.D.C Ltd. was asked to prepare a Penal Compensatory scheme for planting of 1180 nos. trees and the same has been technically approved with a total financial outlay of Rs.18,47,524/- by the GM, Bhubaneswar (C) Zone. The user agency has deposited the approved cost of Rs.18,47,524/- with the Divisional Manager, OFDC Ltd. Keonjhar (C-KL) Division on 14.09.2024 (Proof of payment receipt is enclosed as **Annexure-H/Keonjhar Division**). The plantation has been taken-up during the year 2024-25 in Avenue mode by the OFDC Ltd. over the stretch from Keonjhar Town (Naranpur) to Jamunalia (NH-215, Keonjhar by pass).

However, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking not to fell any tree or damage surrounding forest area in any manner while executing the works which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xx):- *The boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the boundary of forest land proposed for diversion has been demarcated by the User Agency with RCC Pillars as per their directions.

However, the Undertaking to this effect furnished by User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-XVII/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xxi):- *The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted undertakings to this effect which are enclosed at **Sl. No.10 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XIII/Deogarh Division.**

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Condition No.(xxii):- *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the DFO, Keonjhar and Deogarh Division have reported that, the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be allowed to be changed without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. An undertaking to this effect submitted by the user agency is enclosed at **Sl. No.11 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XIX/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xxiii):- *The user agency to take necessary measures so that there is less soil erosion due to slurry pipeline.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the schemes for intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed pipeline corridor passing through the forest areas of Keonjhar, Deogarh Divisions have been prepared separately for Keonjhar Division & Deogarh Forest Division which have been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela for Rs.66.404 lakh & 42.20 lakh respectively which are to be implemented by the user agency at the project cost.

Further, as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar & Deogarh Division, they will also take necessary measures like soil compaction over the excavated trenches, sowing of grass seeds over the backfilled trenches, etc. along both sides of proposed pipeline corridor passing through the forest area at project cost. The undertaking to this effect is enclosed at **Sl. No. 12 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XX/ Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xxiv):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Forest land will not be allowed to be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Further, undertakings to this effect submitted by the user agency are enclosed **Sl. No.13 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXI/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xxv):- *Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of the afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings to this effect which are enclosed at **Sl. No.14 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXII/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(xxvi):- *The state Govt. and the user agency shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order(s) & 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted undertakings at **Sl. No.15 of Annexure-A/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXIII/Deogarh Division** that, they shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has uploaded the Stage-I compliance in the e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>).

However, as regards the compliance in respect of Deogarh Division, it could not be uploaded due to technical problems. However, the User Agency has furnished undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIV/ Deogarh Division.**

Compliance to the Additional Conditions imposed by FE&CC Dept. Govt. of Odisha vide their letter No.16280/F&E dated 20.10.2020.

Condition No.(a):- The user agency will make good the land after use / maintenance.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that after laying of pipeline, the original land form will be restored as before and in case any maintenance is required in future, similar restoration will be carried out by the user agency to bring back the land to good condition. Further, the user agency has submitted undertakings to this effect at **Sl. No. 16 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXV/ Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(b):- Prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFOs / Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction.

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency shall obtain permission from the concerned DFOs / Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction. Further, the user agency has submitted undertakings to this effect at **Sl. No.17 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXVI/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(c):- Valid order for consent to Establish/Consent to operate shall be furnished by the user agency.

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has obtained Consent to Establish from OSPCB, Bhubaneswar vide order No: 540 dated 07.01.2022. The copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-XIII/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(d):- The user agency shall contribute towards implementation of Regional Wildlife Management plan at the revised rate for the entire area of slurry pipeline alignment.

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has contributed a sum of Rs.18,30,158/- towards the implementation of the "Regional Wildlife Management Plan" @ Rs. 82,000/- per Ha. for the project area involved in following divisions :-

Deogarh Forest Division - Rs. 7,02,002/- (8.561 ha)
Keonjhar Forest Division - Rs. 8,27,872/- (10.096 ha)
Angul Forest Division - Rs. 3,00,284/- (3.662 ha)
Total Rs.18,30,158/-

The User Agency has paid a sum of Rs.40,53,436/- in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52021011206214845 on dated 12.01.2021 which includes the aforesaid cost of RWLMP amounting

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to Rs.18,30,158/-. The demand letters and payment details are enclosed herewith **Annexure-III(A)/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No.(e):- Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for the Project Area and Project Impact Area shall be prepared by the User Agency with emphasis on safeguarding the elephant movements in the applied area of Keonjhar and Deogarh Division and in the non-forest area of Angul Division involved in the Project which passes through Kanchijena-Anantpur elephant corridor by the side of Kanheijena R.F. and it shall be implemented at the Project cost as per approval of Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha.

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan prepared in respect of the project was initially approved by the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha with a total financial outlay of Rs.996.186 lakhs (208.300 lakh for Deogarh Division + 151.284 lakh for Keonjhar Division + 636.602 lakh for Angul Division) vide his Letter No. 8555/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0013-2020 dt. 22.09.2022. Further, the above plan was revised with a total financial outlay of Rs.1006.943 lakh (208.300 lakh for Deogarh Division + 151.464 lakh for Keonjhar Division + 647.179 lakh for Angul Division) vide his letter No 3606/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0013-2020 dt. 13.03.2023 of the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha. The User Agency has paid the total approved cost of the SSWLCP, the details of demand and payments made by the User Agency in this regard are furnished as below:-

Name of the Division	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Demand Letter No./ Date of DFO	Demand Amount	Payment Details
Deogarh	Rs.2,08,30,000.00	No.5502 dated 17.10.2022 of DFO, Deogarh	2,08,30,000.00	Through RTGS vide UTR No.SBINR52022101209095494 dated 12.10.2022.
Keonjhar	Rs.1,51,28,400.00	7216 dated 22.09.2022	1,51,28,400.00	-do-
Angul	Rs.6,36,60,200.00	6884 dated 26.09.2022	6,36,60,200.00	-do-
Differential demanded amount / payment details of revision of SSWCP				
Keonjhar	Rs.18,000.00	2447 dated 15.03.2023	18,000.00	SBINR52023032238923725 dated 23.03.2023
Angul	Rs.10,57,700.0	1528 dated 14.03.2023	10,57,700.00	-do-

The copy of the approval letters of SSWCP / Demand letters / payment details are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-J series/ Keonjhar Division and Annexure-III(B)/Deogarh Division**.

Condition No. (f):- An Elephant Anti-Depredation Scheme for Barbil, Champua, BJP Range of Keonjhar Division and Pallahada, Khamar Range of Deogarh Division shall be prepared by the User Agency in consultation with DFO Keonjhar and Deogarh Division respectively and shall be implemented at the Project Cost as per approval of Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha.

Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an Elephant Anti-Depredation Scheme for Barbil, Champua, BJP Range of Keonjhar Division and Pallahada, Khamar Range of Deogarh Forest Division in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar & Deogarh has been prepared and the same has been technically approved with a total financial out lay of Rs. 4.23,46,800/- for the activities to be implemented in Deogarh Division and with a financial outlay

Rs.33,00,000/- for the activities to be implemented in Keonjhar Division by the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his letter No 8555/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0013-2020 dtd. 22.09.2022. Further the said Scheme has been revised with a total financial outlay of Rs.469.7064 lakh by the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his letter No.3607/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0013-2020 dated 13.03.2023. The user agency has deposited the, differential amount in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS. The details of demand and payments are furnished as below:-

Name of the Division	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Demand Letter No./ Date of DFO	Demand Amount	Payment Details
Deogarh	Rs.4,23,46,800.00	No.1113 dated 14.03.2023 of DFO, Deogarh	4,23,46,800.00	Through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR5202210120909 5494 dated 12.10.2022.
Deogarh	Revised approved cost Rs.4,36,70,640.00 Differential Cost (Rs.4,36,70,640/- - Rs.4,23,46,800/- = Rs.13,23,840/-)	No.1113 dated 14.03.2023 of DFO, Deogarh	13,23,840 (differential amount)	Through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR5202303223892 3725 dated 23.03.2023.
Keonjhar	Rs.33,00,000.00	7216 dated 22.09.2022	33,00,000.00	Through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR5202210120909 5494 dated 12.10.2022.

The payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-III(B) & XXVIII/ Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(g):- The User Agency shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed pipeline corridor passing through forest area at Project Cost.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the schemes for intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed pipeline corridor passing through the forest areas of Keonjhar, Deogarh Divisions have been prepared separately for Keonjhar & Deogarh Forest Division which have been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela for Rs.66.404 lakh & 42.20 lakh respectively which are to be implemented by the user agency at the project cost.

Further, as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar & Deogarh Division, they will also take necessary measures like soil compaction over the excavated trenches, sowing of grass seeds over the backfilled trenches, etc. along both sides of proposed pipeline corridor passing through the forest area at project cost. The undertaking to this effect is enclosed at **Sl. No. 18 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division and Annexure-XXI/Deogarh Division.**

Condition No.(h):- The user agency shall submit the details of tree enumeration report for non-forest land of the project coming under Keonjhar Division.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the DFO, Keonjhar Division has submitted the details of tree enumeration report in respect of the Non-Forest land over 9.352 ha of the project coming under Keonjhar Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-K/Keonjhar Division.** As per the tree enumeration list 777 nos. of trees above 30 cm girth have been enumerated over the said Non-Forest land which comprises of 301 nos. of sound and 476 nos. of Un-sound trees.

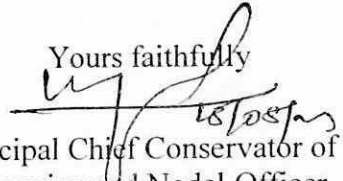
Condition No.(i):- Bare minimum number of trees to be felled for this project, if any has to be specified and felling of trees if any required unavoidable from the forest as well as non-forest portion of the alignment shall be taken up only with due permission of the Divisional Forest Officers.

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Compliance: - In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 19 of Annexure-A/Keonjhar Division & Annexure-IX/Deogarh Division to the effect that, bare minimum number of trees shall be felled for this project if any, and felling of trees if any required unavoidable from the forest as well as non-forest portion of the alignment shall be taken up only with due permission of the Divisional Forest Officer.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF& CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar and additional condition imposed by FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 1.99 ha (0.744 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 1.246 ha in Deogarh Forest Division) for laying of underground Iron Ore slurry Pipeline for transportation of Iron Ore slurry from Barbil (Kitabeda) to Village Bhaktipal in Kaniha Tahasil, Angul District under Angul division through Bhaluki village of Pallahada Tahasil of Angul District under Deogarh Forest Division by M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd in State of Odisha under Section 2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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Yours faithfully


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

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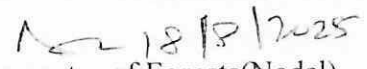
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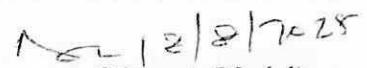
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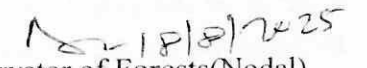
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division / Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3318 dated 26.06.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to their address.


Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

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Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)