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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, Chandrasekharpur

Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 13.077 ha of forest land for construction of approach road from Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. to existing Koira-Belkudar-Patamunda road in Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha - Stage-I Compliance regarding

Ref:- Letter No. 5-ORC627/2024-BHU dated 25.01.2024 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 5-ORC627/2024-BHU dated 25.01.2024 for diversion of 13.077 ha of forest land for construction of approach road from Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. to existing Koira-Belkudar-Patamunda road in Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha subject to fulfilment of 11 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 30 nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of DFO Bonai Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle 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): The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 13.077 ha. forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of 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. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency was demanded a sum of Rs.1,87,87,334/- towards NPV @ Rs.14,36,670/- (Eco-Value Class-I and canopy density 0.65) per ha for 13.077 ha of forest land being diverted under this

proposal vide letter No.4403 dt 4.5.2024 of DFO, Bonai Forest. The user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.3,65,08,494/- through e-portal in Odisha CAMPA in the A/c No.1508261154639990 on dt.14.5.2024 in Union bank of India vide UTR No.CNRBR520 24051480309978 which includes the payment of NPV of 13.077 ha of forest land amounting Rs.1,87,87,334/-. The same along with the letter of DFO, Bonai Division addressed to PCCF (Nodal) are enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Condition No.ii): *The identified non-forest land of 13.319 ha. 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 an area of 13.319 ha of Govt. Non-Forest land has been identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar District of Keonjhar Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation. The said Non-Forest land has already been transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha and accordingly, the RoR has been issued by the Addl. Tahasildar, Banspal.

Further, the Non-Forest land identified over 13.319 ha in Village Talabarada has been declared the above non-forest Govt. land as "Talabarada Protected Forest" under Section-33 of OFA, 1972 by Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC Department, Bhubaneswar vide Notification No.21758/FE&CC dated 11.11.2024 which is enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

Condition No.iii): *The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation 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 non-forest land over 13.319 ha. in village Talabarada under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar District of Keonjhar Forest Division identified for Compensatory Afforestation has been clearly depicted in survey of India Topo Sheet No.F45N2 (73G/2) in 1:50,000 scale, which is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

Condition No.iv): *The State Govt. shall revisit the SSWLCP prepared as per the Stage-I/In-principle approval given for diversion of 156.978 ha. of forest land pertaining to Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block including the impact area because of road as well as transmission line.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that this proposal is a linear proposal associated with Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block along with 11KV Transmission line from Jaldihi village to Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block.

Accordingly, in compliance with the above condition, a composite Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared by revisiting the area for diversion of 156.978 ha of forest land pertaining to Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block and addressing the long term mitigative strategy plan and monitoring mechanism with respect to wild animals and especially Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) in the region duly approved by the PCCF

(Wildlife) and CWLW, Odisha vide Memo No.4707 dt.25.4.2024 (**Annexure-4**) including the instant proposal over 13.077 ha of forest land proposed for construction of approach road from Jumka-Pathiriposi Pahar Iron Ore Block to existing Koira-Belkudar Patamunda Road for ore transportation and the proposal over 3.104 ha of forest land for construction of 11KV transmission line with a total financial outlay of ₹ 9,04,44,000/- for implementation of activities in the Zone of influence (ZOI) of Bonai & Keonjhar Forest Division. The SSWCP cost is deposited by the UA against the diversion of 156.978 ha forest land in Jumka-Pathiriposi Iron Mines Project of M/s Rungta Mines.

As reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, the User Agency has deposited a sum of ₹ 9,04,44,000/- towards cost of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) on 08.05.2024 as per Challan generated on 08.05.2024 vide UTR No.CNRBR52024050879953412. The copy of payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

Condition No.v): *The user agency shall pay for the Regional Wildlife Management Plan approved by the State Govt. covering the entire mining belt of Bonai and Keonjhar Forest Division as per the prescribed cost norm.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an amount of ₹13,65,560/- was demanded vide Letter No. 4403 dt.4.5.2024 of DFO, Bonai Forest Division towards the cost of Regional Wildlife Management Plan fund over 13.245 ha of entire project area @ ₹1,03,100/- per ha. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.3,65,08,494/- through e-portal in Odisha CAMPA in the A/c No.1508261154639990 on dt.14.5.2024 in Union bank of India vide UTR No.CNRBR520 24051480309978 which includes the cost of *Regional Wildlife Management Plan* amounting to Rs. 13,65,560/-. The copy of payment details are already enclosed as **Annexure-1**. Further, the cost of the Regional Wildlife Management Plan was raised from Rs.1,03,100/- per ha to Rs.1,31,800/- by the State Government w.e.f. dt.15.03.2024. Hence, the User Agency has deposited the differential amount of Rs.3,80,131/- vide UTR No.CNRBR52024100590194099 dated 05.10.2024 as per the demand of the DFO, Bonai Forest Division. The deposit slip is enclosed as **Annexure-5A**.

Condition No.vi): *The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA/ Addl. CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear project or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA/ Addl. CA areas have been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal as intimated by DFO, Bonai Forest Division.

Condition No.vii): *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 an area of 13.319 ha. of Govt. non-forest land has been identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar District of Keonjhar Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation.

The above Compensatory Afforestation Scheme over 13.319 ha has been approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹ 1,47,07,700/-. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.3,65,08,494/- through e-portal in Odisha CAMPA in the A/c No.1508261154639990 on dt.14.5.2024 in Union bank of India vide UTR No.CNRBR520 24051480309978 which includes a sum of Rs. 1,47,07,700/- towards the cost of CA. The copy of payment details are already enclosed as **Annexure-1**. The scheme has already included appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years. The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Office, Keonjhar Forest Division.

Condition No.viii): *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 all funds received from the User Agency under the project have been transferred / deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

The statement of funds deposited by the user agency towards compensatory levies duly signed by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-9**.

Condition No.ix): *The compliance report of the Stage-I approval 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 in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division which is enclosed at **Sl. No.1 of Annexure-6**.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector, Sundargarh has issued certificate under Forest Right Act,2006 over 13.077 ha of forest land vide his Letter No.1324/ITDA (FRA) dt.04.05.2023. The copy of FRA certificate has been forwarded to the DFO, Bonai Forest Division by the PA, ITDA, Sundargarh vide Letter No.1394/ITDA dt.11.05.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

Condition No.xi): *The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, 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 Range Officers, Barsuan and Koira Range have intimated to DFO, Bonai Division vide their Memo No.523 dt.20.07.2024 and 637 dtd.01.08.2024 respectively that the boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion has been demarcated on ground by erecting four feet high RCC pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates etc. The list of GPS co-ordinates with pillar number etc. along with the letter of the concerned Range Officer are enclosed as **Annexure-10 Series**.

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

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 the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed at **Sl. No.2 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.ii): Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 13.319 ha. of non-forest identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar District of Keonjhar Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an area of 13.319 ha of Govt. non-forest land has been identified in village Talabarada under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar District of Keonjhar Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation.

The above Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹1,47,07,700/-. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.3,65,08,494/- through e-portal in Odisha CAMPA in the A/c No.1508261154639990 on dt.14.5.2024 in Union bank of India vide UTR No.CNRBR520 24051480309978 which includes a sum of Rs. 1,47,07,700/- towards the cost of CA. The copy of payment details are already enclosed as **Annexure-1**. The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Office, Keonjhar Forest Division.

Condition No.iii): Additional Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 4.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Dhenkiam RF of Bonai Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an area of 4.00 ha of degraded forest land has been identified in Dhenkiam RF under Tamra Range of Bonai Forest Division for Additional Compensatory Afforestation.

The above Addl. Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹16,47,900/-. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.3,65,08,494/- through e-portal in Odisha CAMPA in the A/c

No.1508261154639990 on dt.14.5.2024 in Union Bank of India vide UTR No.CNRBR520 24051480309978 which includes a sum of Rs. 16,47,900/- towards the cost of Addl. Compensatory Afforestation. The copy of payment details are already enclosed as **Annexure-1**. The above scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Office, Bonai Forest Division.

Condition No.iv): *The species to be planted in the CA / Additional CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the species to be planted in the CA / Addl. CA Scheme will be of native species of the area. In the said schemes, there is provision of planting of 18 months old seedlings. Intensive monitoring of the plantation will be done and documented by the DFO, Bonai & Keonjhar Division using Geo tagging so as to evaluate the survival and growth of plantation at regular intervals.

Condition No.v): *At the time of payment of 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 furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai 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.3 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.vi): *The State Govt. shall explore possibility for transportation of Iron Ore through alternative other than road as per the recommendation in the CSIR-NEERI report.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated in his compliance that Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block is located in an isolated place which is difficult to access. The public Railway sidings are located at far distances in various directions with very high ground level difference. For laying conveyor belts in different directions to connect various railway sidings for effective dispatch of mineral, acquisition of required private ST land is not allowed in Odisha under LARR Act, 2013 for a mine or its ancillary activities. Further, obtaining NOC from other lessees through whose lease areas the conveyor belt will pass, presence of hilly terrain and a lot of other issues are to be resolved which are not possible. Thus, considering the bottlenecks in multi-directional laying of conveyor belts and for a smooth and uninterrupted transport of iron ore from the mines to different Railway sidings/destinations, the user agency has applied the instant Forest diversion proposal over an area of 13.077 ha. (virgin forest land) outside the mining lease for construction of dedicated approach road to connect the Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block to the nearest existing Koira-Belkudar-Patmunda road which is connected to NH-520 (4 lane road).

The User Agency has also submitted the justification for transportation of Iron Ore through dedicated approach road from Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block and also enclosed the detail topography map and the google earth map showing the ground profile, which are enclosed as **Annexure-8**.

Condition No.vii): *Soil and moisture conservation measures shall be undertaken on both sides of the proposed forest land vulnerable to soil erosion at the projec cost.*

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 soil and moisture conservation measures shall be undertaken on both sides of the proposed forest land vulnerable to soil erosion at the project cost which is enclosed at **Sl. No.4 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.viii): *The user agency shall take up Avenue Plantation on either side of the alignment of the road at the project cost in consultation with the DFO. In this regard State Govt. shall adhere to the Ministry's Letter No.7-12/2022-ROHQ dated 01.09.2022.*

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 they shall take up Avenue Plantation on either side of the alignment of the road at the project cost in consultation with the DFO. In this regard State Govt. shall adhere to the Ministry's Letter No.7-12/2022-ROHQ dated 01.09.2022 which is enclosed at **Sl. No.5 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.ix): *The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation 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 that they shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No.6 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.x): *The user agency shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No.S.O.254 (E) dated 25.01.2016.*

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 they shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No.S.O.254 (E) dated 25.01.2016 which is enclosed at **Sl. No.7 of Annexure-6**.

Condition No.xi): The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that it is not applicable, as it is a linear project.

Condition No.xii): Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designed dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.

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 overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designed dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes which is enclosed at **Sl. No.8 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xiii): The user agency will provide retaining wall, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.

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 they will provide retaining wall, breast wall and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable, which is enclosed at **Sl. No.9 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xiv): Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.

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 wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost which is enclosed at **Sl. No.10 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xv): The user agency shall submit an undertaking to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil Dug from the side of the roads.

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 they shall submit an undertaking to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil Dug from the side of the roads which is enclosed at **Sl. No.11 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xvi): The designing of new culverts / bridges and redesigning the existing ones over the natural streams / rivers / canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes and amphibians migration.

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 designing of new culverts / bridges and redesigning the existing ones over the natural streams / rivers / canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes and amphibians migration which is enclosed at **Sl. No.12 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xvii): Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the protected areas / 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 speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the protected areas / Forest areas which is enclosed at **Sl. No.13 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xviii): The user agency shall obtained Environment Clearance as per the provision of the Environmental (Protection) Act,1986, if applicable.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated in his compliance that as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006, Environmental Clearance is not required for linear project.

Condition No.xix): 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 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.14 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xx): 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 furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which is enclosed at **Sl. No.15 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxi) The user agency while executing 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 furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which is enclosed at **Sl. No.16 of Annexure-6.**

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 User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed at **Sl. No.17 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxiii): 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 forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed at **Sl. No.18 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxiv): The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user 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 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 user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed at **Sl. No.19 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxv): 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 shall be caused which is enclosed at **Sl. No.20 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxvi): The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, this condition will be adhered to by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division.

Condition No.xxvii): The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.

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 they shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated

conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year which is enclosed at **Sl. No.21 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxviii): Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of 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 furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency which is enclosed at **Sl. No.22 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxix): The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the 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 furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that the State Govt. and user agency 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 which is enclosed at **Sl. No.23 of Annexure-6.**

Condition No.xxx): Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 and (Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules,2023 vide Ministry's Letter dated 29.12.2023.

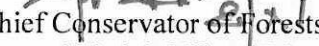
Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 and (Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules,2023 vide Ministry's Letter dated 29.12.2023 which is enclosed at **Sl. No.24 of Annexure-6.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 13.077 ha of forest land for construction of approach road from

Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. to existing Koira-Belkudar-Patamunda road in Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

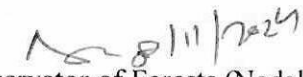
Yours faithfully


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

Memo No. 22665 /Dt. 12-11-2024

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to letter No. 5-ORC627/2024-BHU dated 25.01.2024 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

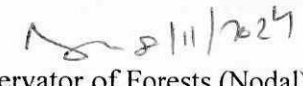
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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22667 /Dt. 12-11-2024

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22668 /Dt. 12-11-2024

Copy forwarded to M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. At/Po-Barbil, Dist-Keonjhar, Pin-758035 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4683 dated 19.09.2024 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)