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From

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To

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

Sub-: Proposal for re-diversion of 0.181 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Division and 0.068 ha in Bonai Division) of Forest land for laying of 132 KV underground power cable over a distance of 6.751 Km along the RoW of NH-520 and the approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant for change in land use by M/s Rungta Mines Limited. (Proposal No.FP/OR/TRANS/124910/2021, State Sl. No. OR-021/2021 dated 15.03.2021)

Ref:- GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar Letter No.5-ORB501/2022-BHU Dated 22.04.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/in-principle approval vide their Letter 5-ORB501/2022-BHU Dated 22.04.2022 for re-diversion of 0.181 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Division and 0.068 ha in Bonai Division) of Forest land for laying of 132 KV underground power cable over a distance of 6.751 Km along the RoW of NH-520 and along the approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant for change in land use by M/s Rungta Mines Limited subject to fulfilment of 04 nos of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 19 nos of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department was stipulated therein. The point wise compliance, basing on the reports of the DFO, Bonai Division, DFO Keonjhar 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 0.171 ha forest land being re-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, 19.01.2022 & 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the said forest area pertaining to Bonai Forest Division falls under Eco Value Class-I and the canopy density is 0.6. Basing on the same, the user agency has deposited Rs 2,09,537/- which includes ₹83,327/- towards NPV for the forest area i.e., 0.058 ha @ ₹14,36,670/- per hectare in respect of Bonai Division in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.1508264124910654 in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi vide **UTR No. CNRBR52022043081680915 dated 30.04.2022** as per the demand letter issued by DFO, Bonai Division vide his Letter No.3884 dated 29.04.2022. The copy of the payment receipt and the demand letter are enclosed as **Annexure I & IA**.

Further, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the forest area pertaining to Keonjhar Forest Division falls under Eco Value Class-I and the canopy density is 0.3. Basing on the same, the user agency has deposited Rs.2,09,537/- which includes ₹1,26,210/- towards NPV for the forest area i.e., 0.113 ha @ ₹11,16,900/- per hectare in respect of Keonjhar Division in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.1508264124910654 in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi vide **UTR No. CNRBR52022043081680915 dated 30.04.2022** as per the demand letter issued by DFO, Keonjhar Division vide his Letter No. 3119 dated 29.04.2022. The copy of the payment receipt and the demand letter are enclosed as **Annexure-IA & IB**.

Condition No.(ii):- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (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 details of the funds deposited by the user agency in State Specific CAMPA in prescribed format duly signed by DFO, Keonjhar, DFO, Bonai Division and countersigned by PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) are enclosed as **Annexure-II & IIA**.

Condition No.(iii):- 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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Division that the compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). The undertakings are enclosed as **Annexure-III & IIIA**.

Condition No.(iv):- 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 Officer, Koira under Bonai Division has intimated that the boundary of the forest land to be diverted has been demarcated on the ground by erecting 4 feet high RCC pillar, each pillar has been inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. The list is furnished herewith duly signed by Range Officer, Koira is enclosed at **Annexure-IV A**.

Similarly, the DFO, Keonjhar Division has also reported that the boundary of the forest land, proposed for diversion has been demarcated on ground by erecting 4 feet high RCC pillars, each pillar has been inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. The list is furnished duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed at **Annexure-IV**.

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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which are enclosed as **Annexure-B I & B I A** respectively.

Condition No.(ii):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are enclosed as **Annexure-B II & B II A** respectively.

Condition No.(iii):- *The user agency shall comply with the conditions stipulated in the final forest clearance granted to M/s NHAI for four/six laning, widening and strengthening of existing two lane of NH-215 (Rimuli-Rajamunda Section) in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District of Odisha vide Ministry's letter No.5-ORA 198/2014-BHU dated 16.04.2019.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the NHAI vide their letter No.3400 dated 27.05.2019 has submitted the compliance of condition imposed vide Stage-II approval to the DFO, Bonai Division of Sundargarh District which is enclosed as **Annexure-B III A**. The NHAI vide their letter No.7262 dated 17.11.2022 has submitted the compliance of condition imposed vide Stage-II approval to the DFO, Keonjhar Division (District Keonjhar portion) which is enclosed as **Annexure-B III**.

Condition No.(iv):- *The user agency shall also comply with the conditions stipulated in the final forest clearance granted vide Ministry's letter No.5-ORB389/2019-BHU dated 23.03.2020 for construction of approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the compliance to the conditions stipulated in final forest clearance granted vide Ministry's letter No.5-ORB389/2019-BHU dated 23.03.2020 for construction of approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd vide their Letter No.RML/KSP- 554 /27/22-23 dated 26.04.2022 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B IV**.

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Condition No.(v):- *As proposed by the State Govt. the underground cable will be laid 1.5 meter beneath the ground surface, having a strip of 1.0 meter width and after lying down of the cable the ground will be levelled.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that the underground cable will be laid 1.5 meter beneath the ground surface, having a strip of 1.0 meter width and after lying down of the cable the ground will be levelled, which are enclosed as **Annexure-B V & B V A.**

Condition No.(vi):- *Laying of power cable line should be done simultaneously with digging of trench.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that power cable line should be done simultaneously with digging of trench which are enclosed as **Annexure-B VI & B VI A** respectively.

Condition No.(vii):- *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as per EIA Notification dated 14.9.2006, Environmental Clearance is not required for this Project.

Condition No.(viii):- *The user agency shall take adequate safety measures for accidental leakage of power cable line.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that adequate safety measures for accidental leakage of power cable line shall be taken, which are enclosed as **Annexure-B VII & B VII A.**

Condition No.(ix):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-B VIII & B VIII A.**

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

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work, which are enclosed as **Annexure-B IX & B IX A**.

Condition No.(xi):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that the user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which are enclosed as **Annexure-B X & B X A**.

Condition No.(xii):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-B XI & B XI A**.

Condition No.(xiii):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal, which are enclosed as **Annexure-B XII & B XII A**.

Condition No.(xiv):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-B XIII & B XIII A**.

Condition No.(xv):- *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 undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division

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that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which are enclosed as **Annexure-B XIV & B XIV A.**

Condition No.(xvi):- *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 the said condition will be adhered to by the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division. They will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.

Condition No.(xvii):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-B XV & B XV A.**

Condition No.(xviii):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-B XVI & B XVI A.**

Condition No.(xix):- *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 submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar & Bonai Division that 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, which are enclosed as **Annexure-B XVII & B XVII A.**

3. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.2 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 has reported that the DFO, Keonjhar Division has mentioned that no violation of the FC Act, 1980 has been committed by the Project Proponent in respect of the forest land proposed for diversion for underground laying of 132 KV Power Cable.

Further, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the DFO, Bonai Division has mentioned during submission of the diversion proposal, that there is no violation under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for re-diversion of 0.181 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Division and 0.068 ha in Bonai Division) of Forest land for laying of 132 KV underground power cable over a distance of 6.751 Km along the RoW of NH-520 and along the approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant for change in land use by M/s Rungta Mines Limited under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


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


Memo No. 16855

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21.08.2023

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Department Letter No. 10F(Cons) 14/2022/7964/FE&CC dated 29.04.2022.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

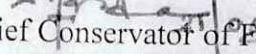

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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 16856

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21.08.2023

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.2604 dated 10.08.2023.

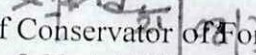

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Memo No. 16857

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21.08.2023

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 2605 dated 10.08.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

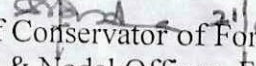

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Memo No. 16858

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21.08.2023

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2605 dated 10.08.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.


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