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To,

The Collector

Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra

Subject: Present status of Iron Ore Mining Lease area of 153.09 ha granted in favour of M/S Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd. at Surjagarh Wooria Hills in Etapalli Taluka of Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra state

Respected Sir,

This is with regards to the meeting to expedite the pending Mining lease cases saved under section 10A 2 (c) held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (C&I) Government of Maharashtra in presence of Director (Ministry of Mines) New Delhi on 24/08/2016 at Mumbai.

In this context, we M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Private Limited (GIPL) would like to place before you the case status of GIPL Mining Lease for kind consideration.

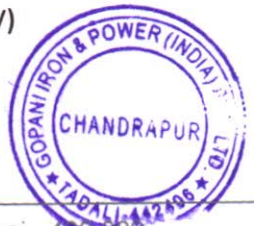
M/s. Gopani Iron & Power (India) Ltd has 1.2 Lakh tonnes per year of sponge Iron Plant at MIDC Tadali in the Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State. Presently, the raw material requirement of the plant is met from the Market.

For its Captive Utilization GIPL has applied for the Mining Lease with Department of Geology and Mining Govt. of Maharashtra (GoM). GoM vide their letter No:MMN-1004/C.R.737/IND-9 dated 28th June 2006 has conveyed the central government approval under section 5(1) of MMRDA, 1957 to grant the Mining Lease (ML) for the area bearing 153.09 Ha in Surjagarh Wooria Hills in Etapalli Taluka of Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra state in favour of M/s. Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Enclosed as Annexure-I)

Further, Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) Nagpur, vide its letter no: GAD/FE/MPLAN/-943/NGP dated 15th December 2006 has approved the Mining Plan of M/s. GIPL. (Enclosed as Annexure-II)

Subsequently, Ministry of Environment and Forest has granted Environmental Clearance to the project vide Letter No: J/11015/478/2006-IA, II (M) dated 9th June 2009 for Iron ore of 0.40MTPA in 153.09 ha area. (Enclosed as Annexure-III) & Maharashtra state Pollution Control Board granted Consent to Established vide dated BO/RO (P & P)/EIC-NG-1501-08/CC-410 dated 13/10/2008. (Enclosed as Annexure-IV)

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Since the area is located in Reserved Forest of South Etapalli Range of Bhamragad Forest Division it comes under the preview of forest conservation Act 1980 and application dated 23/04/2007 submitted for diversion of forest land under section 2 of FCA, 1980.

The flora & Fauna survey & Wildlife Management Plan was prepared in accordance with the special condition stipulated by ministry of Environment & Forest and submitted on 29/05/2014 & Revised wildlife conservation Plan incorporating the queries raised by APCCF (Wildlife) Nagpur and submitted to CCF Gadchiroli on 11/09/2014. Further PCCF (Wildlife) with due recommendation forwarded the proposal to Nodal officer Nagpur for diversion of forest land.

GIPL also made presentation before PCCF & Nodal office, Nagpur with regards to "Proposed Reclamation & Rehabilitation measures adopted by GIPL for entire life of mine.

The Nodal officer vide letter dated 18/02/2015, 24/03/2015, 24/06/2015 & 10/06/2016 raised his concerns about the project relating to environment protection including tree cutting, production scheduling, transportation, compensatory A forestation land, cost benefit ratio & Compliance under FRA2006. All the above concerns were addressed by M/s GIPL suitably to the fulfillment of the requirement of Forest Clearance.

As requested by Nodal office Nagpur GIPL also registered for Forest Clearance Proposal Online with the Registration Number FP/MH/MIN/19549/2007 and uploaded all the relevant documents of the same.

Subsequently, vide letter dated 11/08/2016, APCCF & Nodal officer Nagpur has raised concerns that the Resolution passed by Pursalgondi Gram panchayat under FRA2006 for grant of NOC is for prospecting operation and not for mining.

The Government of Maharashtra had granted the lease area for Mining activities and not for prospecting. Collectorate certificate dated 03/05/2010 clearly mentioned Mining Activities (Copy Enclosed). Additionally letter from Grampanchayat Pursalgondi (Copy Enclosed) mentioned permission for Mining Activities, but while in resolution copy it was mentioned prospecting activities instead of mining activities. This typographical error has not been observed earlier and the same has been identified by Nodal office and has requested us to rectify this anomaly.

Thus our proposal is pending for compliance on Gram sabha resolution on NOC for Mining activities. However we are constrained for time due to the Mines & Mineral Development & Regulation Amendment Act 2015.

According to section 10A(2)(C) of the Mines & Mineral Development & Regulation Amendment Act, 2015 the proposal which has already granted approval with conditions to comply for Mining Lease are saved under the said provision with limitation of 2 years to comply the conditions from the date of commencement of the said Act i.e. 12.01.2015 failing which it will be ineligible.

In view of the amendment in the Mines & Mineral Development & Regulation Act, due to limitation of the time as prescribed under the amended provision which will going to be end on 11/01/ 2017, GIPL has submitted its case before the Hon'ble Principal secretary, Mumbai to help M/S GIPL in the process for clearance of its proposal



for forest clearance at the earliest. (which is pending only for the compliance of letter dated 11th August 2016 issued by the APCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur for corrected resolution of the Gram panchayat Pursalgondi) failing which GIPL Mining lease application will become ineligible and all the efforts put by the company in all the years for getting all the statutory clearances such as Approved Mining Plan by IBM, Environmental Clearance from MOEF, Consent To Establish From MSPCB till date will stand null and void.


Currently in order to comply with directions of Nodal office we have approached R.D.C Collectorate office Gadchiroli and submitted the application for amended resolution for mining activities from Pursalgondi Grampanchayat on 26th August 2016. Presently awaiting order in this regard from his office.

GIPL Plant was set up in the backward region to generate employment and income for the youth of Vidarbha region. We take this opportunity to assure you that we are seriously interested to develop the Steel industries in Gadchiroli & Chandrapur districts. We have already invested more than 100 crore in Expansion for the plant in Chandrapur District with the sole assumption that main raw material for the plant will be available from the mining leasehold area. And this industry currently is among the top industrial units in Chandrapur District in terms of Employment & Revenue generation to the state.

This being the present day status of our Mining lease, We Humbly requests you to look into the matter and kindly help us to expedite the forest clearance process.

Thanking You,

For **GOPANI IRON & POWER (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED.**


Amol Udhoji
(Sr. Vice President)



Encl:

1. Department of Geology and Mining Maharashtra, Government of Maharashtra vide their letter No:MMN-1004/C.R.737/IND-9 dated 28th June 2006(**Annexure-I**)
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5. Collector Certificate dated 03/05/2010.
6. Resolution copy of the Gram Panchayat Pursalgondi.