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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Change of Compensatory Afforestation site in respect of the proposal for diversion of 465.62 ha forest land for Bolani Iron Mines of M/s SAIL -** Diversion of 465.62 ha of forest land (160.73 ha already broken up area+ 37.25 ha area to be worked during present renewal period + balance 267.64 ha to be maintained as forest) in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) for first renewal of their Bolani Ores Mines, Keonjhar District, Odisha - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 13309/9F (MG)-78/2001 dated 05.07.2024 on above mentioned subject submitting a proposal for change in Compensatory Afforestation site in respect of the diversion of 465.62 ha forest land for Bolani Iron Mines of M/s SAIL and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After going through the facts of the proposal and keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the approval for change in the areas proposed for Compensatory Afforestation as proposed by the State in respect of the diversion of 465.62 ha forest land for Bolani Iron Mines of M/s SAIL is hereby accorded subject to the following conditions:

- i. Compensatory Afforestation is crucial for maintaining ecological stability. Therefore, the balance CA must be carried out within stipulated time frame positively. This is required for maintaining a green and healthy environment.
  - ii. No further change in the CA areas shall be allowed.
2. In view of above, the State Government is requested to comply with the

conditions as indicated above. Further, the State Government shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in final approval dated 26.05.2023.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
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5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.