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Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To,
The Dy. Director General (Central)
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 306.047 ha of forest land in village Kaliapani, Gurujanpal, Sukurangi, Saruabil and Forest Block No. 27 of South-kaliapani Chromite Mines in favour of OMC.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Govt. of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 66/2020/6251/F&E dated 18.08.2020 in connection with the validity of the forest clearance for the total forest land over 425.39 ha within South Kaliapani ML upto 21.01.2030 i.e. co-terminus with the lease period as the forest clearance.

2. Before taking any further action on the request of State Govt. for extending the validity of the forest clearance for the total forest land over 425.39 ha within South Kaliapani ML upto 21.01.2030 i.e. co-terminus with the lease period, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is requested to kindly provide the information and recommendation on the following based on existing information/monitoring reports, decision support system, inputs from the States Government, etc. and necessary field visit/ s:

- (i) Status of the conditions stipulated in Stage-II Forest Clearance for diversion of 146.047 ha had been granted vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 08.06.2001 and Stage-II Forest Clearance letter of even no. dated 25.02.2016 for diversion of 279.351 hectares of forest land within total Mining Lease area of 552.457 hectares for Chromite Ore mining in Jajpur district by M/s. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.
- (ii) Additional mitigation measures that have become necessary in view of new facts on the ground and considering the proposed extension of approval and
- (iii) Comprehensive status of reclamation of mined-over/ abandoned portions of the forest area as per approved mining plan.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. PCCF(HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

3. Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF(HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.