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

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**Dated:As per e-Sign**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for diversion of 194.683 ha forest land involved in the mining lease area over 358.258 ha (As per DGPS) / (365.026 ha as per RoR) of Guali Iron Ore mines under Keonjhar Forest Division and District Keonjhar Odisha - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. 19632/9F (MG)-65/2021 dated 27.09.2024 on the above subject forwarding a report of compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2023 and to inform that after examination of the compliance report the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. The status of the payment of ₹25,38,57,750/- is not showing paid on the PARIVESH portal. The State Government has informed that the user agency has deposited ₹47,71,18,107/- in CAMPA Account towards NPV over 332.100 ha forest land involved in the mining lease through PARIVESH portal. The details of the amount deposited towards NPV of ₹47,71,18,107/- shall be provided for confirmation of the funds from National Authority (CAMPA). The state shall ensure that the total NPV due is deposited as per the applicable Eco Class and density.
- ii. As per condition no 5 of the Stage-1 approval a holistic transportation plan is required to be prepared by the State Government aiming to have minimum impact in the landscape. The said plan has not been submitted. Further, the State shall also ensure that the said plan and the transportation of ore shall be as per the recommendation in the report submitted by CSIR-NEERI; Transportation of ore should be as far as possible through common conveyor belt, slurry pipeline, railways, etc. Transportation of ore through road should be minimized in a time bound manner.
- iii. With regard to conditions no. 7 of Stage-I approval the Integrated Regional Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared for 10 years covering the forest Division of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda and Keonjhar Districts at the cost of UA. The works shall be executed as per APO and the regional plan shall have site

/ species-specific wildlife sub plans/prescriptions. However, the State has neither submitted the copy of the plan, nor it has been clarified whether the site / species-specific wildlife sub plans/prescriptions have been included in the plan or not. The state shall do the needful and submit the plan accordingly along with the detail of funds deposited.

- iv. With regard to conditions no. 8 of Stage-I approval, State Government has not submitted the copy of approved Bio-diversity Conservation Plan for the entire landscape. The same needs to be submitted along with the detail of funds deposited.
- v. A legible copy of the certificate issued by the collector under FRA,2006 shall be submitted.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**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 (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.