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

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Dated: 16th December, 2021

To,

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

Sub: Transfer of approval received under Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land in respect of Kalmang West (Northern Part) Iron ore Block (ML Area-92.875 ha) in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District, Odisha from M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited to M/s Tata Steel Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. FE-DIV-FLD-0154-2021-12911/FE&CC dated 21.07.2022, requesting this Ministry to transfer approval granted under section 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land in respect of Kalmang West (Northern Part) Iron ore Block (ML Area-92.875 ha) in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District, Odisha from M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited to M/s Tata Steel Limited.

In this connection, I am directed to say that after careful examination of the proposal for transfer of forest clearance and approval of the same by the competent authority of the Ministry, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for transfer of Stage-I approval granted under section 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land in respect of Kalmang West (Northern Part) Iron ore Block (ML Area-92.875 ha) in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District, Odisha from erstwhile user agency i.e. M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited to M/s Tata Steel Limited, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Lease transfer charges @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000/- (1 Lakh), whichever is less, will be realized from the new user agency and will be deposited in the account of CAMPA before execution of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- ii. The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act, if not paid earlier. The new user agency shall also pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- iii. The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- iv. The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry, with prior approval of competent authority, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

(Preet Pal Singh)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
 - i. M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited
 - ii. M/s Tata Steel Limited
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File