

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

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**Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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

**Sub: Proposal for change in the name of the User Agency from M/s Essar Steel India Ltd to M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited in respect of non-forestry use of 120.838 ha of forest land granted under Section 2 (ii) and 126.401 ha of forest land granted under Section 2 (iii) of the FC Act, 1980 for iron ore mining in Ghoraburhani-Sagasahi Iron Ore Block located in villages Sagasahi, Kalmang, Ghoraburhani and Mendhamaruni PRF-I in Koira Tehsil and Koira Range under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District (Odisha) – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. FE/DIV-FLD-0034-2020-20360/F&E dated 15.12.2020 and 3860/9F(MG)-1/2018 dated 18.02.2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government on the above mentioned subject proposal. Said Proposal was granted Stage-II approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 120.838 ha of forest land for iron ore mining under Section 2 (ii) and under Section 2 (iii) for entire forest land of 126.401 ha including safety zone area of 5.563 ha in favour of M/s Essar Steel India Ltd vide this Ministry's letter dated 15.12.2020 read with 31.12.2020.

In this connection, I am further directed to inform that approval of the Central Government for change of name of the user agency from M/s Essar Steel India Ltd to M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited is hereby conveyed **subject to following:**

- i. No further change of ownership would be allowed without prior approval of the Ministry.
- ii. The State Government will ensure compliance of all other conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval letter dated 15.12.2020 read with 31.12.2020.

Yours faithfully,

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**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency

5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.
6. Guard file.

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