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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road New Delhi-110003

Dated: 8th June, 2022

To

The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 194.683 ha of forest land in favour of M/s OMC Ltd. involved in total mining lease area of 358.258 ha of Guali Opencast Iron Ore Mines in District Keonjhar (Odisha) - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0034-2022- 8065//FE&CC dated 30.04.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Integrated Regional Office, in accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, to inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and a report on the same to be submitted to the Ministry. IRO is also requested to submit a report monitoring of compliance of conditions stipulated in the approvals granted in the past and nature and extent of violation of any committed by the erstwhile user agency

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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Copy to:

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