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From

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

**The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)**  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road  
New Delhi-110003

**Sub:** Proposal for according permission for use of 5.597 ha. of forest land within total mining lease area of 78.711 ha. in Roida-78 Manganese mining lease located entirely inside Sidhamath RF of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District of for undertaking exploratory drilling of 80 nos. of boreholes of 4" dia (80 boreholes @0.02 ha each totalling 1.60 ha and 3.997 ha for construction of road) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of minerals – Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref: F.No.8-42/2018-FC (Pt) dated 07.08.2018 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide their F.No.8-42/2018-FC (Pt) dated 07.08.2018 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for according permission for use of 5.597 ha. of forest land within total mining lease area of 78.711 ha. in Roida-78 Manganese mining lease located entirely inside Sidhamath RF of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District for undertaking exploratory drilling of 80 nos. of boreholes of 4" dia (80 bore holes @0.02 ha each totalling 1.60 ha and 3.997 ha for construction of road) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of minerals subject to fulfilment of 29 nos. of conditions stipulated therein as well as 2 nos of additional conditions imposed by the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:

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**Condition No.(i):-** *The user agency shall complete the exploration work within 2 years.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to complete the exploration work within 2 years which is enclosed at **Sl. No.1 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(ii):-***State Government shall calculate compensatory levies and NPV for the prospecting proposal as per MoEF & CC guidelines no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 09/05/2018. The amount shall be deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA account prior to Stage- II approval.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as per the recommendation of Central Empowered Committee whereas the DFO, Keonjhar Division is vested with authority by the Apex Court to issue demand by 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2010 at the appropriate rate depending on the Eco-Value Class and canopy density of the forest area in question. Hence, the DFO, Keonjhar Division has raised demand vide O.O. No.263 dated 22.06.2010 (**Copy enclosed**) to OMC Ltd. for payment of Rs.5,74,59,030/- towards NPV and the UA has deposited a sum of Rs.5,74,59,030/- towards NPV over total forest area of 78.711 ha involved in the mining lease area in shape of a DD bearing No.650878 dt 23.07.2010 drawn in favour of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Orissa. Since the NPV over total forest area has already been paid, calculation of NPV as per the guidelines dt 09.05.2018 may not be required. The proof of the deposit by the user agency in shape of Demand Draft is enclosed as **Annexure-II series.**

**Condition No.(iii):-***Permission granted for prospecting under the provisions of FCA 1980, shall not confer any right of user agency to get permission for extraction of mineral and diversion of Forest land under section 2(ii) of FCA 1980.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to this effect at **Sl No.2 of Annexure-I** that they will not claim to get permission for extraction of mineral and diversion of Forest land under section 2 (ii) of FCA 1980 (**Copy enclosed**).

**Condition No.(iv):-***FAC observed that the OMC has submitted many proposals for exploration of minerals in different forest areas. It is prudent to have a holistic review of permissible production capacity and actual production for future permissions. User agency shall submit following information in respect of all mining leases held by them at present:*

Sl. No	Name of Mining lease	Area of the lease	Lease period	Status of FC	Status of EC	Production capacity for which EC has been granted	Current Actual production
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**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the information regarding all such proposals as per the above format given which is enclosed as **Annexure-III.**



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**Condition No.(v):-***Existing path and roads only will be used by the user agency for the purpose of prospecting activities. In addition to existing paths and forest road, user agency is allowed to use 3.997 ha. of forest land for construction of temporary path. The temporary path construction shall not involve any tree cutting and same shall be restored to original land use after the work of exploration is accomplished.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to use the existing path and roads along with construction of temporary path over 3.997 ha of forest land for the purpose of prospecting activities without felling of any tree and to restore the same to original land use after the work of exploration is accomplished which is enclosed at **Sl. No.3 of Annexure-I**.

**Condition No.(vi):-***User agency shall provide 3.997 ha of Non-Forest land for CA. The same shall be mutated and transferred in favour of forest department prior to Stage II approval. State Forest Department shall certify that the land is suitable for plantation and free from encroachment. CA scheme shall be prepared and submitted accordingly along with the shape files.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that 3.997 ha of Non-Forest land in village Khamarpadar under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi district was jointly verified and found free from encroachment and suitable for plantation. Accordingly, Collector, Kalahandi District allotted the aforesaid 3.997 ha of non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation. A site specific scheme for plantation has been technically approved and the shape file given in a CD is enclosed herewith. The land has been mutated and transferred in favour of the State Forest Department as per the RoR issued by the Tahasildar, Thuamul Rampur. Moreover, the CA land mutated has been notified as **"Khamarpadar Protected Forest"** under Section-33 of the Orissa Forest Act, 1972 vide letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0047-2023-{10F-(Cons.)-280/16}-10490/FE&CC dt 22.05.2023. The copy of the RoR, PF Notification and approved CA scheme are enclosed as **Annexure-IV Series**.

**Condition No.(vii):-***The amount of CA scheme shall be deposited online in the Adhoc CAMPA account.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the non-forest Govt. land over 3.997 ha has been identified in village Khamarpadar under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi District for Compensatory Afforestation purpose on ANR mode for planting 200 seedlings per ha. Accordingly, the financial outlay of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, FD & NO FC Act on one time cost norm basis for Rs.25,74,150/- with 10 years maintenance (**Copy enclosed**). Further, Addl. CA land over 3.20 ha of Degraded Forest land has been identified in Chamakpur PRF under Keonjhar Division on AR mode 1000 seedlings per ha to accommodate the balance seedlings of 3200 nos. The Addl. CA Scheme has been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of



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Forests, FD & NO FC Act on one time cost norm basis for Rs.17,98,600/- with 10 years maintenance (**Copy enclosed**). The user agency has transferred a sum of Rs.43,72,800/- (Rs.25,74,150/- + Rs.17,98,600/-) online through RTGS vide UTR No. UBINK 23118039900 dt 28.04.2023 in the ORISSA CAMPA Account ID. 150827360000289, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 as per the demand raised by DFO, Keonjhar. The copy of the RTGS receipt in support of the proof of the deposit by OMC is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

The statement of funds deposited by the user agency in prescribed CAMPA Format duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-VA**.

**Condition No.(viii):-***User agency shall seek permission of DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division before entering into the forest area.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to seek his permission before entering into the forest area which is enclosed at **Sl.No.4 of Annexure-I**.

**Condition No.(ix):-***No work shall be allowed after sun-set.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that no work shall be continued after sun-set which is enclosed at **Sl.No.5 of Annexure-I**.

**Condition No.(x):-***Mining/Prospecting activities within the ML area shall be subject to having valid lease and other statutory clearances.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the State Government vide their letter No.1262/SM dt 08.02.2023 has been pleased to allow further one year time w.e.f. 04.02.2023 for execution of supplementary lease deed in respect of mining lease for manganese ore over an area of 78.711 ha. The copy of the aforesaid letter of the State Government is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

**Condition No.(xi):-***User agency shall not sub-lease the exploration work.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division not to sub-lease the exploration work which is enclosed at **Sl.No.6 of Annexure-I**.

**Condition No.(xii):-***Each borehole shall be dug with prior permission of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to seek prior permission from him while digging the bore-holes which is enclosed at **Sl.No.7 of Annexure-I**.



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**Condition No.(xiii):-Drilling of boreholes will be limited to 80 no. with diameter of 4" within forest land.**

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to carry out 80 bore holes of 4" diameter each within forest land which is enclosed at **Sl.No.8 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xiv):-Proper plugging of boreholes shall be made after exploration activities are complete.**

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to plug the bore holes properly after exploration activities are complete which is enclosed at **Sl.No.9 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xv):-User agency shall report the progress of drilling work to the DFO, Keonjhar and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.**

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to report the progress of drilling work to him and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project which is enclosed at **Sl.No.10 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xvi):-No tree felling shall be undertaken for exploration activities. Project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches, if any for the purpose of site preparation.**

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that the project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches if any for the purpose of site preparation and no tree felling undertaken for exploration activities which is enclosed at **Sl.No.11 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xvii):-No labour camp shall be established and no other construction activities (temporary or permanent) shall be done by the user agency on forest land.**

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that no labour camp shall be established and no other construction activities (temporary or permanent) shall be done by them on forest land which is enclosed at **Sl.No.12 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xviii):-Adequate measures shall be taken by the user agency to ensure that prospecting activities do not harm the wildlife in the area. Any damage done in this context shall be compensated by the user agency as per assessment by the DFO, Keonjhar.**



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**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that adequate measures shall be taken by them to ensure that prospecting activities do not harm the wildlife in the area and any damage done in this context shall be compensated as per assessment which is enclosed at **Sl.No.13 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xix):-***The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the user agency from the project cost as per assessment of the DFO, Keonjhar.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that no damage shall be caused to the flora and fauna in the surrounding failing which the compensation assessed by him against the damage shall be paid by the user agency which is enclosed at **Sl.No.14 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xx):-***DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division may impose any other condition for protection and conservation of the flora and fauna in the forest area.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to abide by any other condition to be imposed by him for protection and conservation of the flora and fauna in the forest area which is enclosed at **Sl.No.15 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxi):-***In case, rights over forest land proposed to be used for prospecting purpose, has already been settled in favour of eligible claimants as per provisions of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, the claimants shall either be compensated appropriately or location of boreholes be suitably re-located.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to compensate the claim by eligible claimants under FRA 2006 or relocate the bore holes to be used for prospecting purpose which is enclosed at **Sl.No.16 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxii):-***No fire will be kindled inside and in the vicinity of the forest area.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that not to kindle fire in the vicinity of the forest area which is enclosed at **Sl.No.17 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxiii):-***User Agency shall provide a list of authorized officials/workers engaged in exploration to the forest department before commencing the work and also provide the Identity Cards/Documents to each such official/worker, to be produced when demanded by the forest department.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to



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provide a list of authorized officials/workers engaged in exploration to the forest department before commencing the work and also provide the Identity Cards/Documents to each such official/worker, to be produced when demanded by the forest department which is enclosed at **Sl.No.18 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxiv):-***In case of violations of conditions by the user agency, the permission for prospecting of minerals shall be suspended by the DFO and enquired by the Nodal officer (FCA) of the State Government and report submitted to the Regional office for appropriate action.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to abide by the decision taken by him in case of reported violation and co-operate the Nodal Officer (FCA) during enquiry if required which is enclosed at **Sl.No.19 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxv):-***The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has transferred a sum of Rs.43,72,800/- online through RTGS vide UTR No. UBINK 23118039900 dt 28.04.2023 in the ORISSA CAMPA Account ID. 150827360000289, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 as per the demand raised by DFO, Keonjhar towards technically approved amount of compensatory afforestation scheme. This includes the approved cost of Rs 25, 74,200/- @ 200 plants per ha over 3.997 ha of Non-Forest land in village Khamarpadar under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi district and the cost of additional compensatory afforestation scheme over 3.20 ha of degraded forest land identified in Chamakpur PRF under Champua Range of Keonjhar division has been provided so as to accommodate the shortfall of 3200 seedlings amounting to Rs.17,98,600/-. The copy of the RTGS receipt in support of the proof of the deposit by OMC is enclosed as **Annexure-VII series.**

**Condition No.(xxvi):-***The samples collected during the prospecting shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that the samples collected during the prospecting shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose which is enclosed at **Sl.No.20 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxvii):-***To minimize disturbance to the wildlife, user agency shall take all possible measures to minimize noise during prospecting operations and halt the prospecting activities during night and during such periods in the day as may be advised by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden, concern State Forest Department;*



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**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to take all possible measures to minimize noise during prospecting operations and halt the prospecting activities during night and during such periods in the day as may be advised by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden, concern State Forest Department which is enclosed at **Sl.No.21 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxviii):-***The State Government and the user agency shall comply with any other condition that the concern Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to comply with any other condition that the concern Regional Office of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed at **Sl.No.22 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(xxix):-***The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which is enclosed at **Sl.No.23 of Annexure-I.**

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT VIDE  
LETTER NO.10F (Cons) 280/2016-18249/F&E DATED 21.08.2018**

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**Condition No.(i):-***User agency shall report the progress of drilling work to the DFO, Keonjhar and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division to report the progress of drilling work to him and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project which is enclosed at **Sl.No.10 of Annexure-I.**

**Condition No.(ii):-***Prospecting activities within the Area shall subject to having valid lease under MMDR (Amendment Act, 2015).*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the State Government vide their letter No.1262/SM dt 08.02.2023 has been pleased to allow further one year time w.e.f. 04.02.2023 for execution of supplementary lease deed in respect of mining lease for manganese ore over an area of 78.711 ha under **MMDR (Amendment Act, 2015)**. The copy of the aforesaid letter of the State Government is enclosed as **Annexure-VI.**



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In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval for according permission for use of 5.597 ha. of forest land within total mining lease area of 78.711 ha in Roida-78 Manganese mining lease located entirely inside Sidhamath RF of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District of for undertaking exploratory drilling of 80 nos. of boreholes of 4" dia (80 boreholes @0.02 ha each totalling 1.60 ha and 3.997 ha for construction of road ) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of minerals

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

Yours faithfully

Sd/- 14/06  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 12539 /Dt. 21-06-2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F.No.8-42/2018-FC (Pt) dated 07.08.2018 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

Sd/-  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 12540 /Dt. 21-06-2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F.No.8-42/2018-FC (Pt) dated 07.08.2018 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi and No. 18249/F&E dated 21.08.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

Sd/- 14/06  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 12541 /Dt. 21-06-2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1821 dated 07.06.2023.

Sd/- 14/06  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 12542 /Dt. 21-06-2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1822 dated 07.06.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

Sd/- 14/06  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 12543 /Dt. 21-06-2023

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, OMC Ltd, OMC House, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

Sd/- 14/06  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)



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