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Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for non-forestry use 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 – Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref: F.No. 8-96/1996-FC (PT) dated 21.12.2023 of the Scientist "D", Gol, MoEF & CC (FC Division), 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 have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 8-96/1996-FC (PT) dated 21.12.2023 of the Scientist "D", GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for non-forestry use 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 subject to fulfilment of 42 nos. of conditions stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

General Conditions

1. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

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 Forest Division that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion will remain unchanged which is enclosed at Sl.No.1 of Annexure-I.

2. Compensatory Afforestation:

a. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. has transferred a sum of Rs.17,36,56,900/- through online portal as per the challan generated from PARIVESH portal through RTGS mode vide UTR No. UBINJ24178083392 dt 26.06.2024 in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.: 1508258140713785, IFSC Code: UBIN 0996335 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027 which includes Rs.12,83,61,200/- towards the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over 194.683 ha of non-forest Govt. land in Village- Peturu under Patangi Tahasil of Koraput District as per the scheme technically approved by PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) in one time cost norm basis. The copy of the technically approved financial outlay, demand letter No. 4696/6F-Mining-02/2024 dt 13.06.2024 by DFO, Keonjhar and RTGS receipt in support of proof of deposit by M/s OMC Ltd. are enclosed as Annexure-II Series for reference.

b. The land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act. 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, before the Stage-II approval;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the non-forest Govt. land identified in village Peturu over 194.683 ha has been mutated in favour of the State Forest Department. The total area covered in three patches (Patch-I: 125.3515 ha, Patch-II: 30.2098 ha and Patch-III: 39.1210 ha) towards CA have been notified by the State Govt. vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0034-2022-[10F-(Cons)-18/2022]-12919/FE&CC dt 19.07.2024 as "Peturu Protected Forests" under Section-33 of Odisha Forest Act, 1972 (Odisha Act-14 of 1972). The copy of the PF Notification and RoR are enclosed as **Annexure-III series**.

c. The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with 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 M/s OMC Ltd. has already fixed permanent RCC pillars of 4' height at each corner point of the CA land boundary spread over 194.683 ha, surveyed by DGPS and vetted by ORSAC. The copy of the photographs of pillars posted are enclosed as Annexure-IV. The CA scheme has been technically approved with a maintenance period of 10 years and it includes afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years by utilizing the funds deposited by M/s OMC Ltd. The copy of the approved CA scheme is enclosed herewith as Annexure-V.

d. The compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 192.683 ha, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage - II approval. Moreover, details of the CA land (NFL) will be submitted along with the KML at the time of the submission of the Stage-I.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. shall render necessary assistance so that the compensatory afforestation over 194.683 ha shall be carried out by the State Forest Department within a period of three years from the date of grant of stage-II forest clearance by utilizing Rs.12,83,61,200/- deposited by M/s OMC Ltd. The allotment order of CA land and suitability certificate are enclosed as Annexure-VI series. The kml file of the CA land transferred to a CD is enclosed with compliance report.

e. Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervisions of the State Forest Department and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for plantation over 32.069 ha degraded forest land identified in Barabank RF under Ghatgaon Range of Keonjhar Forest Division has been prepared towards 1.5 times the safety zone area of 21.379 ha involved in the current proposal. The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela vide his letter No.1822/3F-810/2024 dtd. 30.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.1,43,04,500/-. The DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division will execute the afforestation work within three years from the date of stage-II FC. As per demand letter of DFO, Keonjhar vide letter No. 3601/6F-Mining-19/2024 dt 03.05.2024, M/s OMC Ltd. has transferred Rs.17,36,56,900/- through online portal as per the challan generated from PARIVESH portal through RTGS mode vide UTR No. UBINJ 24178083392 dt 26.06.2024 in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.: 1508258140713785, IFSC Code: UBIN 0996335 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027 which includes Rs.1,43,04,500/- towards the approved cost of the scheme for afforestation over 1.5 times safety zone. The copy of the approved scheme, demand letter and RTGS receipt in support of proof of the deposit by M/s OMC Ltd. are enclosed as Annexure-VII series.

f. User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II Clearance;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that around 28.244 ha of degraded forest land has been identified within 100 mtr outer perimeter of Northern boundary of Guali Iron Ore Mine. As per DSS analysis report and field verification, out of 28.244 ha, 14.1515 ha is found to be Non-Forest and open forest type which is suitable for plantation. The balance 14.0925 ha is found to be VDF & MDF category. Hence, plantation has been proposed over 14.1515 ha of degraded forest land and SMC activities has been proposed over 14.0925 ha of Dense

Forest land. Accordingly, a scheme for Gap Plantation and Soil & Moisture Conservation activities has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide letter No.1587/ 3F-810/2024 dtd. 16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.36,39,300/-. The Forest Department will execute the work on receipt of funds from CAMPA. As per demand letter issued vide letter No.3322/6F-Mining-19/ 2024 dtd 23.04.2024 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division, M/s OMC Ltd. has transferred Rs. 17,36,56,900/- through online portal as per the challan generated from PARIVESH portal through RTGS mode vide UTR No. UBINJ 24178083392 dt 26.06.2024 in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.: 1508258140713785, IFSC Code: UBIN 0996335 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027, which includes Rs.36,39,300/- towards the approved cost of gap planting and SMC within 100 mtr from outer perimeter of ML. The copy of the approval letter of the RCCF, Rourkela and approved scheme, map showing location and SMC measures, demand letter and RTGS receipt in support of proof of the deposit by M/s OMC Ltd. is enclosed as Annexure-VIII series.

g.25% of the CA cost additionally will be spent towards soil and moisture conservation activities in the proposed CA urea as per site requirement and deposited in CAF;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an amount of Rs.12,83,61,200/- has been deposited by M/s OMC Ltd. towards the approved cost of CA over 194.683 ha of Non-Forest Govt. land identified in Village- Peturu under Patangi Tahasil of Koraput District. The approved cost of CA scheme includes 25% of plantation cost towards soil and moisture conservation activities as per site requirement and approved by PCCF (FD & NO FC Act).

3.NPV

a. The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. has transferred Rs.47,71,18,107/- in Orissa CAMPA Account towards NPV over 332.100 ha forest land involved in the mining lease through PARIVESH portal. The details of payment of NPV is furnished as below:-

SI	Description of NPV Demand	Payments details.
No.		
lio	As per the Para-C of the guideline issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI vide F. No.11-97/2018-FC dated 31.03.2020 & F.No.11-	M/s OMC Ltd. has deposited the demanded amoun
	97/2018-FC Part(I) dated 05.05.2020 and notification No.299/SM dated 11.01.2021 of O.S.D-cum-Addl. Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha., M/s OMC Ltd. (i.e. new Jessee) was requested vide this office	Rs.25,38,57,750/- in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No SBIN521012176323 dates
	letter No. 327 dated 11.01.2021 to deposit the amount of Rs.25,38,57,750/- (Rupees twenty five crore thirty eight lakh fifty seven thousand seven hundred fifty) only @ Rs.7.50 lakhs per ha towards Net Present Value (NPV) over 338.477 ha of total forest land involved within the Guali Iron Ore Block of R.P. Sao (i.e. previous lessee). This amount shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA, which will be adjusted	
	against actual compensatory levies payable on the forest land at the time of approval under FC Act, 1980.	
	Further, as per land schedule provided by the Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha vide his letter No. 283 /SM dated 21.01.2021, DGPS Survey of Forest land of Mining Lease & Lease Deed made with the Collector, Keonjhar dated the total forest land involved in Guali iron Ore Mines is 332.100 ha. Accordingly in complying to this condition M/s OMC Ltd was requested vide this office letter No.661 dated 23.01.2024 to deposit Rs.22,32,60,357.00 {Rs. 47,71,18,107.00 (332.100 ha x Rs. 14,36,670.00) - Rs.25,38,57,750.00 (lump sum amount @ 7.50 lakhs in total Rs.25,38,57,750/- over 338.477 ha forest land involved in Guali Iron Ore Mines deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA on dated 12.01.2021)}	M/s OMC Ltd. has deposited the demanded amount Rs.22,32,60,357/- in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No.UBINJ 24031709514 Dt. 02.02.2024.

The copy of the demand letters and RTGS receipts in support of proof of the deposits made by OMC is enclosed herewith as Annexure-IX for reference.

b. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

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 Forest Division that at the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is ecolosed at Sl.No.2 of Annexure-I.

4. Transportation of ore shall be as per the recommendation in the report submitted by CSIR-NEERI;

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 Forest Division to

adhere to the recommendation in the report submitted by CSIR-NEERI which enclosed at Sl.No.3 of (Annexure-I.

5. A holistic transportation plan shall be prepared by the State Govt. aiming to have minimum impact in the landscape. The same shall be implemented. 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;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. shall render possible support to the State Government for preparation of a holistic transportation plan with a view to gradually reduce the transportation load on road. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to minimize the transportation of ore through road in a time bound manner soon after the infrastructure like common conveyor belt, slurry pipeline, railways, etc. are in place which is enclosed at Sl.No.4 of Annexure-I.

- 6. An Oversight Committee shall be constituted under the Chairmanship of the DDGF (Central) RO Bhubaneswar for 10 years who will monitor and review the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval for these five mines [namely- 1. NetrabandhaPahar iron Ore Block (area 112.621 ha, 2. NetrabandhaPahar (West) area 66.242 ha), 3. Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Ore Block (area 94.351 ha), 4. Kalmang West (Northern Part) Block for Iron Ore Mines Iron Ore Block (Area 42.608 ha) and 5. Guali Opencast Iron Ore Mines (area 194.683 ha)] twice a year and submit their yearly report to this Ministry in the month of December. This Oversight Committee shall consist following members and logistics of this Committee shall be borne by State Government at the cost of UAs:
- a. DDGF (Central) Regional Office Bhubaneswar- Chairman.
- b. One Representative from IIFM Bhopal.
- c. One Representative from WII Dehradun.
- d. One Representative from ICFRE. 8-96/1996-FC(PT.-I) I/60522/2023
- e. One Representative from NEERI.
- f. One expert in Geology.

 g. Two other experts nominated by MoEF & CC. The recommendation made by the said committee shall be considered by the Ministry and if agreed the same shall be binding on the UAs; Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. shall provide all possible logistic supports to the Hon'ble Oversight Committee Members during inspection to monitor and review the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval for this mine. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to this effect which is enclosed at Sl.No.5 of Annexure-I.
 - 7. 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;

 Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. shall contribute funds proportionately on receiving the demand raised by the State Forest Department for preparation of Integrated Regional Wildlife Conservation Plan for 10 years covering the forest Division of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda and Keonjhar Districts. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to deposit the

funds for preparation and execution of the plan on receiving the demand which is enclosed at Sl.No.5A of Annexure-I

8. A Bio-diversity Conservation Flan for this entire landscape shall also be prepared by the State Govt. at the cost of UA;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that IIFM, Bhopal has been entrusted with the work of preparation of a Biodiversity Conservation Plan for the entire landscape of Netrabandha Pahar pertaining to 5 No. of mines including Guali Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. The total consultancy fee for preparation of the said plan is Rs.57,18,924 as per scheme for the same submitted by the IIFM, Bhopal which has been approved by the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha. Accordingly, as per demand raised by the DFO, Keonjhar vide his Memo No.3792 Dtd.08.05.2024,M/S OMC Ltd. has deposited Rs.10,90,517/- in shape of demand draft towards 50% of the proportionate cost of the consultancy fee in respect of Guali Iron Ore mines. The copies of the said letter of the DFO, Keonjhar and letter No.8857 Dtd.31.05.2024 of M/s OMC Ltd are enclosed as Annexure-XXVII. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to provide proportionate funds on demand towards preparation of Bio-diversity Conservation Plan for the entire landscape which is enclosed at Sl.No.6 of Annexure-I.

9. Soil and moisture conservation measures shall be undertaken in and around 10 KM radius of the mining lease areas at project cost;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for soil and moisture conservation activities to be undertaken in and around 10 km radius of the ML areas has been prepared and technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela vide his Memo No.1939/3F-810/2024 dtd.06.05.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.2,73,51,900. As per demand raised by the DFO, Keonjhar vide his Memo No.3935/6F-Mining-19/2024 dtd 13.05.2024, OMC has transferred Rs 17,36,56,900/- through online portal as per the challan generated from PARIVESH portal through RTGS mode vide UTR No. UBINJ 24178083392 dtd.26.06.2024 in ORRISA CAMPA Account No.: 1508258140713785, IFSC Code: UBIN 0996335 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027 which includes Rs 2,73,51,900/- towards the approved cost of the said scheme. The copy of the demand letter and RTGS receipt in support of proof of the deposit by OMC is enclosed as Annexure-X.

10. The conditions stipulated in EC should be strictly implemented and monitored;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has intimated that, all the conditions stipulated in the grant order of EC have been implemented and six monthly self-compliance report is regularly submitted to MoEF & CC. The last six monthly self-compliance report submitted by OMC to MoEF & CC vide Letter No.1227/OMC/GUALI/2024 dt 30.05.2024 is enclosed at Annexure-XI. Further the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to this effect which is enclosed at SI No.7 of Annexure-I.

11. Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that all the compensatory levies have been transferred through online PARIVESH portal by M/s OMC. The statement of funds deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account pertaining to the above proposal duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as Annexure-XII. (12 point CAMPA format)

12. The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area have been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details. The KML files of the said areas are enclosed in a CD format as Annexure-XIII.

- 13. Following activities, as per approved plan/schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval:
- a. Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;

 Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle with a total financial outlay of Rs 55,80,800/- vide his memo No. 1587/3F-810/2024 dt 16.04.2024. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the mitigative measures as per the approved plan in consultation with the State Forest Deptt. which is enclosed at Sl.No.8 of Annexure-I The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as Annexure-XIV.
- b. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme; Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide his Memo No. 1587/3F -810/2024 dtd 16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.57,78,700/-. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at Sl.No.9 of Annexure-I. The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as Annexure-XV.
- c. Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme; Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela vide his memo No. 1587/3F-810/2024 dtd.16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs 2,77,99,900/-. The User Agency has furnished an

undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme by OMC within the ML area at the approved financial outlay under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.10 of Annexure-I. The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as Annexure-XVI.

d. Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and. Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme to Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28° has been approved by RCCF, Rourkela vide Memo No.1587/3F-810/2024 dtd. 16.04.2024 with a total financial culiary of Rs.3,49,75,400/-. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme within ML area in accordance with the approved scheme which is enclosed at Sl.No.10A of Annexure-I. The copy of the approved scheme and the letter of approval are enclosed as Annexure-XVII.

14. Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:

a. User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for demarcation of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area) over 1.444 ha and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars written with DGPS co-ordinates and bounded by chain link wire mesh fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide his Memo No. 1587/3F-810/2024 dt 16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.39,67,300/-. Earlier, out of the total Safety Zone area of 5.080 ha along 7.5 mtr strip, plantation has already been undertaken over 3.636 ha and in the current scheme. The remaining 1.444 ha (5.080 ha-3.636 ha) has been considered. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at Sl.No.11 of Annexure-I. The photographs of the already implemented safety zone plantation are enclosed as Annexure-XVIII A.

b. Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease adjacent to the habitation/road shall be fenced by M/s OMC Ltd. as per the cost structure included in the approved scheme. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the boundary of the

safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency which is enclosed at Sl.No.12 of Annexure-I.

c. Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for maintenance of the safety zone as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela as mentioned against condition No.14 (a). Adequate steps shall be taken to regenerate the vegetation under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.13 of Annexure-I.

d. The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms;

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 Forest Division to ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms which is enclosed at Sl.No.14 of

15. No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for Top Soil management with special emphasis that no damage shall be caused to the top soil has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle vide his memo No. 1587/3F-810/2024 dt 16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.2,92,52,900/-. The user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme within ML area at the approved financial outlay under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.15 of Annexure-I. The copy of the approved scheme and approval letter is enclosed as Annexure-XIX.

16. The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. has prepared a list of village tanks and other water bodies located within 5km from the ML boundary with GPS co-ordinates and distance between corner points duly authenticated by DFO, Keonjhar. Accordingly, the scheme for desiltation of the village tanks and other water bodies has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide his Memo No. 1587/3F-810/2024 dt

16.04.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.66,60,200/-. The user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme at the approved financial outlay under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.16 of Annexure-I. The copy of the list of the water tanks/other water bodies duly authenticated and approved scheme and approval letter for desilting is enclosed as Annexure-XX.

17. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State 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 Forest Division to deposit the cost towards tree felling with the State Forest Department on receiving the demand and tree shall be felled in a phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of DFO, Keonjhar which is enclosed at Sl.No.17 of Annexure-I.

18. Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;

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 Forest Division to carry out tree felling in a phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan and with prior permission of DFO, Keonjhar at Sl.No.18 of Annexure-I.

19. The User Agency shall undertake that afforestation of the non-mineralized virgin forest land within the mining area shall be taken up at project cost;

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 Forest Division to carryout afforestation of the non-mineralized virgin forest land within the mining lease area which is enclosed at Sl.No.19 of Annexure-I.

20. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State 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 Forest Division that the user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.20 of Annexure-I.

21.A site-specific Wildlife Management Plan shall be prepared by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife of the area. A copy of approved Plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with the compliance of Stage-I approval. Entire cost of implementation of the provisions of the Wildlife Management Plan shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA of the State;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has transferred a sum of Rs.3,81,89,400.00through online vide UTR No. UBINJ24008536147 dt 08.01.2024 in ORRISA CAMPA Account No. 1508258140713297, IFSC Code: UBIN0996335 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre,21/1,III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission

Road, Bengaluru-560027 as per the challan generated by PARIVESH portal based on the demand raised by DFO, Keonjhar vide Memo No.9741/6F-Mining-16/2021 dt 31.08.2023 towards the cost of implementation of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation plan approved by PCCF (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden vide his Memo No.8781/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0134-2021 dt 10.08.2023. The copies of the said Memo, approved SSWLCP, demand letter issued by DFO, Keonjhar and RTGS receipt in support of proof of payment made by OMC are enclosed as **Annexure-XXI**.

22. State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, along with compliance of Stage-I approval, as prescribed by this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector, Keonjhar has issued a certificate in Form-II vide letter No.3981 dt 21.10.2022 under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 over the total forest land of 332.10 ha included within the mining lease area. The copy of the certificate issued by the Collector, proceedings of SDLC, DLC meeting and Gram Sabha resolutions are enclosed as Annexure-XXII series.

23. The User Agency shall undertake that user agency and the State Forest Department shall create and maintain from funds to be provided by the user agency alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project as per the plan duly approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and the Chief Wildlife Warden Odisha. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme to create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project by artificially made nests using eco-friendly materials in place of the nests likely to be disturbed has been technically approved by PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha vide his letter No.2841/CWLW-FDWC-FD-134-2021 dt 01.03.2024. M/s OMC Ltd. shall implement the scheme by spending the approved amount of Rs 17, 93,655.00 as per the approved scheme of avifauna spread over a period of 10 years. Further, the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the scheme by utilizing the approved fund at the project cost under supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at Sl.No.21 of Annexure-I. The copies of the letter of approval and approved scheme are enclosed as Annexure-XXIII.

24. The User Agency shall undertake that the project authority needs to take up works for construction and cleaning of garland drains, stabilizing retaining walls, proper terracing of OB dumps and checking gully formation resulting in soil erosion;

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 Forest Division to continue the work of construction and cleaning of garland drains, stabilizing retaining walls, proper terracing of OB dumps and checking gully formation resulting in soil erosion as being done regularly

which is enclosed at Sl.No.21A of Annexure-I. The photograph in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-XXIV.

25. The User Agency shall undertake that plants which are having lowest translocation factor can be preferred under afforestation on the OB dumps and fruit trees to be avoided in planting during biological stabilization of OB dumps;

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 Forest Division to make attempts for afforestation of trees having lowest translocation factor on OB dumps and to avoid planting of fruit trees for biological stabilization of OB dumps which is enclosed at Sl. No. 22 of Annexure-I.

26. The User Agency shall undertake that prevention of fall of wild animals into mining pit by fencing the open pit 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 Forest Division to fence the open pit area to prevent fall of wild animals in to the pit which is enclosed at Sl.No.23 of Annexure-I.

27. The User Agency shall undertake that the angle of repose in OB dumps to be maintained to ensure stability and safety;

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 Forest Division to maintain the angle of repose in OB dumps to ensure stability and safety as per the mining plan approved by IBM which is enclosed at Sl.No.24 of Annexure-I.

28. The User Agency shall undertake that vetiver grass can be planted at the lower reaches of the dump to bind the soil and prevent soil erosion giving better stability to the dump;

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 Forest Division to plant vertiver grass at the lower reaches of the dump to bind the soil and prevent soil erosion giving better stability to the dump which is enclosed at Sl.No.25 of Annexure-I.

29. The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, in order to achieve the production target of 12.0 million tons of iron ore, operation within the ML area has been approved by IBM in the mining plan vide letter No. MP/A/38-ORI/BHU/2020-21.2917 dt 19.03.2021. Considering the nature of the ore occurrences, concurrent reclamation is not possible from the first year of operation. During conceptual period a total 9.5 million cubic meter of overburden has been estimated to be generated of which 6.29 million cubic meter of waste shall be

accommodated in Dump-A over 20.18 ha during 3rd, 4th and 5th year of current five year (2020-21 to 2024-25) plan period of the Mining Plan. Subsequently, during 2nd plan period (2025-26 till the end of the lease period), Dump-A shall be afforested with proper garland drain and retaining wall and settling pits. The balance waste of 3.21 million cubic meters to be generated from the mine shall be utilized for backfilling in the de-mineralized portion of the pit.

The reclamation plan shall be strictly followed as per the mining plan approved by IBM. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to undertake mining in phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of mined out area as per the mining plan approved by IBM and to submit the annual report to Nodal Officer, State Govt. and IRO, Bhubaneswar which is enclosed at Sl.No.26 of Annexure-I.

- 30. The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing, and regrass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner; 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 Forest Division to comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner which is enclosed at Sl.No.27 of Annexure-I.
- 31. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under; 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 Forest Division to abide by the provision that the period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed thereunder which is enclosed at Sl.No.28 of Annexure-I.
- 32. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
 Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC ltd. has obtained Environment Clearance for production of 30.0 million tons of iron ore vide letter No.J-11015/1155/2007-IA.II (M) dtd. 17.07.2023. The copy of the grant order of EC is enclosed as Annexure-XXV.
- 33. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;

 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 Forest Division to provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to

avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas and that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land which is enclosed at Sl.No.29 of Annexure-I.

34. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates; 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 Forest Division to demarcate and maintain the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone on ground by erecting four feet high RCC pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates which is enclosed at Sl.No.30 of Annexure-I. Photographs in this regard are enclosed as Annexure-XXVI.

35. The layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;

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 Forest Division that the layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed at Sl.No.31 of Annexure-I.

36. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government; 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 Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government which is enclosed

37. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;

at Sl.No.32 of Annexure-I.

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 Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed at Sl.No.33 of Annexure-I.

38. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

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 Forest Division to abide by any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed at Sl.No.34 of Annexure-I.

39. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT 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 Forest Division to comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT 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.35 of Annexure-I.

40. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter

No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

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 Forest Division that they shall not violate any of the conditions stipulated falling which they shall abide by the action that would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 which is enclosed at Sl.No.36 of Annexure-I.

41. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of

March every year regularly;

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 Forest Division to submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed at Sl.No.37 of Annexure-I.

42. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s OMC Ltd. has given an undertaking at Sl.No.38 of Annexure-I to upload the compliance report on eportal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for non-forestry use 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.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservatorof (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

/ Dt. Memo No.

Copy forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F. No. 8-96/1996-FC (PT) dated 21.12.2023 of the Scientist "D", Gol, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

27.09.2024 /Dt. Memo No.

Copy along with 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. 8-96/1996-FC (PT) dated 21.12.2023 of the Scientist "D", Gol, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set

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/Dt. Memo No.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3527 dated 06.08.2024.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. /Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3528 dated 06.08.2024 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Copy forwarded to the Director, General Manager (Geo), OMC Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to F.No. 8-96/1996-FC (PT) dated 21.12.2023 of the Scientist "D", Gol, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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