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From

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and 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, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi-110003

Sub:- Diversion of 168.948 ha of forest land adjacent to South Kaliapani Mines of OMC for dumping of overburden of South Kaliapani and Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd under Cuttack Forest Division - Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding

Ref: F.No.8-19/2019-FC dated 15.10.2019 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 F.No.8-19/2019-FC dated 15.10.2019 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for diversion of 168.948 ha of forest land adjacent to South Kaliapani Mines of OMC for dumping of overburden of South Kaliapani and Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd under Cuttack Forest Division subject to fulfilment of 26 nos. of conditions. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi as well as 8 nos. of additional conditions imposed by the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Cuttack Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows:

Condition No. (i):- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the user agency has submitted an undertaking which is enclosed at Sl No.1 of **Annexure-I.**

Condition No. (ii):- Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equal identified non-forest land (NFL) within three years from the date of issue of Stage-II Clearance and maintained there after by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non-forest land. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the nonforest Govt. land over 168.948 ha has been identified and selected in villages Tarapadar (164.073 ha) and Bhataguda (4.875 ha) under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi (S) Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation purpose. Accordingly, Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his Memo No.2295/9F(MG)-374/2018 Dt.07.02.2022 with a total financial outlay of Rs.10,20,77,000/-(Rupees Ten Crore Twenty lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand only). Demand has been raised in favour of the User Agency vide letter No. 953 Dt. 09.02.2022 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division to deposit the said approved amount. The approved amount of Rs.10, 20, 77,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand only) has been deposited by the user agency vide UTR No.UBINJ22045029458 dt. 14.02.2022 in Union Bank of India, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

Subsequently, a revised financial outlay has been approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, vide his Memo No.17131 dated 03.09.2022 in revised wage rates of Rs.326/- per man-day for an amount Rs.11,43,65,300/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Forty-Three Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred) only. The User Agency has been asked to deposit the differential cost of CA, vide letter No.5947 Dt.08.09.2022 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division. The differential amount of Rs.1,22,88,300/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Two Lakh Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred only) (Rs.11,43,65,300/- - Rs.10,20,77,000/-) has been deposited by the user agency vide UTR No. UBINK22258016654 Dt.15.09.2022 in Union Bank of India, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

The copy of approved CA scheme with 1600 plants per ha, demand letter and copy of deposit challan are enclosed as **Annexure –II Series**.

Condition No. (iii):- It is seen that 11.242 ha of forest area is proposed for construction of Haul road. State Government may explore the possibility of construction of conveyer belt. This possibility may be explored prior to stage-II approval

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted observations regarding possibility of construction of conveyer belt as mentioned below.

No space is available within South-Kaliapani ML area for construction of a loading platform for overburden. Also, the topography (225 mRL to 335 mRL) does not permit to align the conveyor belt on a slope of >420 up to the maximum elevation. Due to the load of OB, it is not possible to transport OB vide conveyor belt. The load of Over Burden is difficult for conveying against gravity. The average elevation of road beyond ML area starts from 225mRL and goes up to 335mRL and then falls to 131mRL. Because of undulated terrain, the conveyor system has to accommodate both uphill and downhill conveying, which is not a feasible proposition in the instant case. Furthermore, Uniform size overburden is not generated from the opencast mining because of involvement of blasting operation. Conveyor systems are generally designed for a specified sized material. In order to convert the overburden to a uniform size material, crushing plant would be required for which there is practically no space available inside the ML area. Removal of 93.725 million cubic meter of overburden and transportation through conveyor belt is not feasible to continue mining operation. Also, sticky limonite will hinder the flow of the material in belt conveyor. Haulage through road would be a viable option in the instant case because of flexibility involved in road transportation. Environmental protective measures like water sprinkling, guard wall, drain and avenue plantation would be taken to mitigate impacts due to road transport. The proposed road will cover 11.242 ha to ease the movement of heavy earth moving machineries.

Condition No. (iv):- It is reported that the mining plans for both the mines i.e. South-Kaliapani ML (552.457 ha) and Sukrangi ML (382.704 ha) has been revised. The approved mining plans shall be submitted.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted copies of mining plan duly approved by IBM for South-Kaliapani (552.457 ha) and Sukurangi ML (382.704 ha). The copies of above Mining Plan are submitted herewith as Annexure-III A & III B respectively.

Condition No. (v):- It is reported the area is required for 17 years. State Government may prepare and submit a plan for stabilization and reclamation of OB Dump area.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, a Scheme for stabilization and reclamation of OB dump area by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to endure that angle of repose at any given place is less than 28° has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs. 86, 01, 10,500.00(Rupees Eighty-Six Crore One Lakh Ten Thousand Five Hundred) only, vide memo no.1237, dated 23.03.2022.

The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost.

Copy of approval order and Undertaking are enclosed as Annexure-IV Series.

Condition No. (vi):- The User Agency shall transfer Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.20228 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter no.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division has raised demand of Rs.12,33,32,040/- towards NPV over 168.948 ha forest land proposed for diversion in this project vide letter No.69 dated 02.01.2020 as per details given below.

Forest Area	Eco-value class	Density	Rate of NPV	Amount of NPV
168.948 ha	I	Less than 0.4	Rs.7,30,000/- per	Rs.12,33,32,040/-
			ha	

The user agency has transferred an amount of Rs.13,71,85,776/- in the State specific CAMPA vide UTR No. UBINJ22001493362 dt.01.01.2022 in Union Bank of India, CGO Complex, New Delhi, which includes Rs.12,33,32,040/-towards NPV.

Copies of the demand letter and payment details are enclosed as Annexure-V.

<u>Condition No. (vii):-</u> At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing 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 this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined in future and the same is enclosed as Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No. (viii):-</u> The identified non-forest land for raising compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to State-II approval.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the non-forest Govt. lands selected for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation in two patches Bhataguda (4.875 ha) and Tarapadar (164.073 ha) have been mutated in favour of State Forest Department. The said non-forest CA lands have been declared as "Bhataguda-A Protected Forest" and "Tarapadar Protected Forest" under Section 33 of Odisha Forest Act, 1972. The copies of the above PF notifications are enclosed as Annexure-VII Series.

<u>Condition No. (ix):-</u> The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted the Survey of India Topo Sheet No.E44 F2 on appropriate scale land identified in village Tarapadar over 164.ha and in village Bhataguda over 4.875 ha has been shown on the and the same are enclosed as Annexure-VIII.

Condition No. (x):- 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 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, it is to inform that the user agency has deposited the cost of Compensatory Afforestation into the account of CAMPA as furnished below and the payment details are enclosed as Annexure-IX series.

Payment towards compensatory Afforestation scheme				
Demand Raised by DFO, Cuttack	Demand/ Payment (in Rs)	Mode of Payment by user agency		
Letter No. 953 Dt 09.02.2022	10,20,77,000.00	Online through Parivesh portal vide UTR No.UBINJ22045029458		
		dt. 14.02.2022		
Letter No.5947 Dt.08.09.2022	1,22,88,300	UTR No. UBINK22258016654 Dt.15.09.2022		

<u>Condition No. (xi):-</u> The User Agency shall stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading / benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that an angle of repose at any given place is less than 28°.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, a Scheme for stabilization and reclamation of OB dump area by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to endure that angle of repose at any given place is less than 28° has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with a financial outlay of Rs.86,01,10,500/- (Rupees Eighty-Six Crore One Lakh Ten Thousand Five Hundred) only. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost. Copy of the approved scheme and undertaking are enclosed as Annexure-X.

<u>Condition No. (xii):-</u> The user agency shall carry out muck/silt disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, a Scheme to carry out muck/silt disposal at predesignated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs. 2,35,57,300./- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty-Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred) only. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost. Copy of the approved scheme and undertaking are enclosed as Annexure-XI.

Condition No.(xiii):- The dumping area for muck/silt disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the User Agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold the dumping material in place. Stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sites shall be completed before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per Plan.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, a Scheme for muck/silt disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the User Agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold the dumping material in place. Stabilization and reclamation has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with an financial outlay of Rs. 2,35,57,300/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty-Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred) only. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme at the approved cost. Copy of the approved scheme and undertaking are enclosed as Annexure-XI.

<u>Condition No.(xiv):-</u> All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has deposited all Compensatory levies into the account of CAMPA as furnished below

SI No.	Type of Deposit {NPV/CA /IWMP/O thers (specify)	Whether by RTGS/DD/NEF T(Specify)	UTR/DD No.	Amount deposited (in Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of the Bank from which amount transferred to account of CAF	Bank account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited
i)	NPV	RTGS	UBINJ 22001493 362	12,33,32,040/- (An amount of Rs.13,71,85,776/- transferred which includes Rs.12,33,32,040/-)	01.01.2022	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.150825832908254, Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003

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ii)	Compensa tory afforestati on	RTGS	UBINJ220 04502945 8	10,20,77,000/-	14.02.2022	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.150825832908013, Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003
		RTGS	UBINK22 25801665 4	1,22,88,300/-	15.09.2022	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.150825832908378, Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003
iii)	SSWLCP	RTGS	ANDBH1 40222323 98	1,91,14,080/-	22.01.2014	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.344902010105428, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi
		RTGS	ANDBR5 20160525 00239450	5,42,500/-	25.05.2016	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	Saving A/c No.SB01025222, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
		DD	495809 to 495818 (10 Nos)	98,00,000/-	All dated 01.06.2010	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	CAF, Orissa, A/c No.CA 1585 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
		RTGS	ANDBH 17313741 863	1,45,42,942	10.11.2017	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	Saving A/c No.1508210984712014 367, FCS Bangalore
		RTGS	UBINJ213 58136793	3,33,09,938/-	24.12.2021	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.150825884710701, Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003
viii)	RWLMP	RTGS	UBINJ220 01493362	1,38,53,736/- (An amount of Rs.13,71,85,776/ transferred which includes 1,38,53,736/-)	01.01.2022	A/c No.10591101100000 1 of Andhra Bank, OMC Campus Branch, Bhubaneswar	A/c No.150825832908254, Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003

CAMPA format indicating deposit of compensatory levies duly signed by DFO, Cuttack Forest Division and countersigned by PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-XII**.

<u>Condition No.(xv):-</u> The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<u>http://parivesh.nic.in/</u>).

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to upload the Stage-I FC compliance on e-portal and the same is enclosed as Annexure-XIII.

<u>Condition No.(xvi):-</u> 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 granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act,1957 as amended and the Rules framed there-under,

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the mining lease period for South-Kaliapani is valid till dt 21.01.2030 and that of Sukurangi is valid till dt 19.09.2030. Hence the validity of the instant forest clearance shall be maintained up to dt 21.01.2030. The user agency has submitted an undertaking for the purpose which is enclosed at Sl No.2 of Annexure-I.

Condition No.(xvii):- The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions, of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to obtain the Environment Clearance which is enclosed at Sl No.3 of **Annexure-I.**

<u>Condition No.(xviii):-</u> The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall been ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the Collector & District Magistrate, Jajpur has issued the Certificate under FRA, 2006 over an area of 168.948 ha of Forest Land to be diverted.

Copy of the FRA certificate along with proceeding DLC, SDLC & Gram Sabha resolution are enclosed as Annexure -XIV.

Condition No.(xix):- 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 this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff which is enclosed at Sl No.4 of Annexure-I.

Condition No.(xx):- 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 co-ordinates.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted the photographs showing the Forest land, Mining Lease and Safety Zone, demarcated by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates.

The photographs in this regard and the DGPS map of ML area duly signed by User Agency and DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as Annexure-XV.

<u>Condition No.(xxi):-</u> The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department of person without prior approval of the Central Government.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency which is enclosed at Sl No.5 of Annexure-I.

Condition No.(xxii):- No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division not to damage any flora and fauna of the adjoining area which is enclosed at Sl No.6 of Annexure-I.

<u>Condition No.(xxiii):-</u> 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 this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled which is enclosed at Sl No.7 of **Annexure-I.**

<u>Condition No.(xxiv):-</u> 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 dt.28.03.2019.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division for the purpose, which is enclosed at Sl No.8 of Annexure-I.

<u>Condition No.(xxv):-</u> 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; and

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to submit the annual self-compliance report, which is enclosed at Sl No.9 of **Annexure-I.**

<u>Condition No.(xxvi):-</u> The user agency shall comply 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 this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack division to comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order (s) which is enclosed at SI No.10 of Annexure-I.

Compliance to the additional conditions imposed by Govt. of Odisha F&E Department vide letter No.10F (Cons)89/16-19650/F&E dated 19.10.2019

Condition No.(a):- The user agency shall pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work and tree felling should be taken up in phased manner strictly as per requirement under the supervision of the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work which is enclosed at Sl No.11 of Annexure-I.

<u>Condition No.(b):-</u> Evaluated royalty of trees enumerated and required to be felled for the project, shall be deposited by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has stated that the evaluated royalty of trees enumerated is not required to be deposited by UA as per the guideline No 5-1/2007-FC dt 11.12.2008 by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India. The copy of the guideline is enclosed as Annexure-XVI.

<u>Condition No.(c):-</u> The user agency shall pay the cost for implementation of Regional Wildlife Management Plan as per revised cost norm.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has deposited Rs.13,71,85,776/-which includes Rs.1,38,53,736.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six) only towards RWLMP through RTGS mode vide UTR No. UBINJ 22001493362 dt.01.01.2022. The copy of deposit slip is enclosed as Annexure -XVII.

<u>Condition No.(d):-</u> An area of 4.875 ha of forest land is to be maintained as safety zone and in no condition, it shall be used for dumping of overburden.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to maintain an area over 4.875 ha of forest land as safety zone, which is enclosed at Sl No.12 of Annexure-I.

Condition No.(e):- The User Agency shall pay towards site specific conservation plan approved by the CWLW, Odisha for its implementation in lease hold as well as surrounding area.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWLCP) pertaining to South-Kaliapani mining lease has been approved by the PCCF WL & CWLW, Odisha vide letter No.5911 dated 26.07.2013 with a total financial outlay of Rs 2,01,14,080/- which includes Rs. 1,91,14,080/ for the activities to be

implemented in project impact area in Cuttack division, and the user agency has deposited Rs 1,91,14,080/ through RTGS mode vide UTR No.ANDBH14022232398 dt 22.01.2014 in ORISSA CAMPA account No. 344902010105428 in Union Bank of India Sundar Nagar, New Delhi as per the demand raised by DFO, Cuttack division vide memo No 10573 dated 31.12.2013. Owing to revision of wage rate, the DFO, Cuttack division raised demand for deposition of Rs 5,42,500/- vide letter No.4716 dt 13.05.2016 and the user agency has again deposited Rs.5,42,500/- trough RTGS vide UTR No ANDBR52016052500239450 on dt 25.05.2016 in CAMPA account No. SB01025222, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. In case Sukrangi mining lease, initially the SSWLCP has been approved by the PCCF WL & CWLW, Odisha vide Memo No 4415 dated 21.07.2009 for Rs, 154.00 lakh which includes Rs. 98,00,000/ for the activities to be implemented in project impact area in Cuttack division. Accordingly, the DFO Cuttack division raised demand for deposition of Rs 98,00,000/- vide letter No.3355 dt 24.07.2009 and the user agency has deposited the amount vide DD No.495809 to 495818 (10 Nos) all dated 01.06.2010 in Adhoc CAMPA account No 1585 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Further, the revised SSWLCP for Sukrangi mining lease has been approved by the PCCF WL & CWLW, Odisha for Rs. 576.5288 lakh vide letter Non 8426 dated 16.10.2020. The user agency has deposited the differential amount of Rs.4,78,52,880/- in two phases. Rs.1,45,42,942/- has been deposited by the user agency on 10.11.2017 online through RTGS mode vide UTR No. ANDBH17313741863 in ORRISA CAMPA account No. 1508210984712014367 in Corporation Bank FCS Bangalore as per the demand raised by the DFO, Cuttack division. The DFO Cuttack division has raised demand for differential cost of Rs 3,33,09,938/- vide letter No.8172 dt 25.11.2021 and the user agency has deposited the amount online through RTGS mode vide UTR No.UBINJ21358136793 dt 24.12.2021 in ORISSA CAMPA account No.150825884710701 in Union Bank of India, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

The copy of the approvals, demand letters and RTGS receipts in support of proof of the deposit by M/s OMC Ltd. is enclosed as **Annexure-XVIII**.

<u>Condition No.(f):-</u> The User Agency shall undertake demarcation of the proposal OB dump area on the ground posting four feet high cement concrete pillars embedded two feet inside the soil with serial number forward and backward bearings and distance from Pillar to Pillar.

Compliance: In compliance, it is submitted that the entire area of 163.948 ha has been demarcated by posting RCC boundary pillars of specific size, approved by IBM. embedded two feet inside the soil. The photographs of some of the ML boundary pillars dully signed by UA and DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed at Annexure-XIX.

Condition No.(g):- In case separate EC/CTE/CTO are required, the same shall be obtained by the User Agency.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to obtain EC/CTE/CTO which is enclosed at Sl No.13 of **Annexure-I.**

Condition No.(h):- In case the project impact area of the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan, approval for South-Kaliapani Chromite Mines and Sukurangi Chromite Mines does not include the OB dump area of 168.948 ha, the PCCF (WL) & CWLW. Odisha would revisit the said plans and revise the plans accordingly for including the entire OB dump area of 168.948 ha and additional cost thereof be deposited by the User Agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle reported that the project impact area (10km radius) of the approved SSWLCP pertaining to South-Kaliapani and Sukurangi Chromite Mines include the OB dump area of 168.948 ha. Hence, revision of the SSWLCP is not required and additional cost is not be levied. The impact area of South-Kaliapani and Sukurangi Chromite mining lease on survey of India Topo Sheet Nos.F45N12, F45N15, F45T9 and F4ST13 shows that the OB Dump area over 168,948 ha is included within it. The copy of the Topo map is enclosed as Annexure-XX.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi as well as the additional conditions imposed by the State Government are sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 168.948 ha of forest land adjacent to South Kaliapani Mines of OMC for dumping of overburden of South Kaliapani and Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s OMC Ltd under Cuttack Forest Division.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. 22809

/Dt. 10.11.2022

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.8-19/2019-FC dated 15.10.2019 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act) Memo No. / Dt.

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.8-19/2019-FC dated 15.10.2019 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi and No.10F (Cons)89/16-19650/F&E dated 19.10.2019 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department.

Encl: Compliance in one set

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

Memo No. 22810 /Dt. 10:11:2022

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4176 dated 12.10.2022.

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

Memo No. 22811 /Dt. 10.11.2022

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.4177 dated 12.10.2022 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

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

Memo No. 22812 /Dt. 10.11.2022

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

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

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