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To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests
Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road
Aliganj, New Delhi-110003

Sub: Diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha forest land in safety zone area for Chromite ore mining of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under jurisdiction of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha. - Submission of Stage-I compliance report.

Ref:- Letter 21.03.2025 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi have accorded 'Stage-I/in-principle' approval vide Letter dated 21.03.2025 for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(1) (ii) of Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd for diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha forest land in safety zone area for Chromite ore mining of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under the jurisdiction of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha subject to fulfillment of 34 nos. of conditions imposed therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows:-

Condition No.1:- The legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged, which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Condition No.2. Compensatory Afforestation:

Condition No.2(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, Angul Circle has reported that non-forest Govt. land has been identified in village Kerajodi under Kankadahada Tahasil of Dhenkanal District for raising compensatory afforestation over 24 ha. for raising ANR plantation @200 seedling per ha. The said CA scheme has been approved by Addl. PCCF (FD& NO) FC Act, for Rs.50,67,000.00 with 10 years maintenance. The user agency has deposited the approved amount vide UTR No.ICICR42025051300556304 dated 13.05.2025. The approved copy of CA scheme, the demand letter of DFO, Cuttack Forest Division and the deposit of slip are enclosed as **Annexure-2 Series.**

Condition No.2(b):- The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the final approval;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the non-forest Govt. land identified in Plot No.315 & 318, Khata No.155 of Village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District for raising compensatory afforestation has already been transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest Department. The copy of RoR of the land is enclosed as **Annexure-3.**

Condition No.2(c):- The identified non-forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as 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 handing over the forest land to the user agency;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has intimated that the collector and District Magistrate, Dhenkanal has alienated the Govt. non-forest land identified for CA vide his letter No.II-90/2025-10389/Rev dated 10.07.2025. The non-forest Govt. land has already been transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest Department. The PF notification shall be submitted before issue of reasoned order. In this context, the UA has furnished an undertaking to this effect. The undertaking and Collector's letter are enclosed as **Annexure-4.**

Condition No.2(d):- The matter regarding imposition of penal CA is under consideration for the formulation of a uniform policy guideline in the matter. Keeping this in view, the imposition of penal CA (if any) shall be as per the said guideline, if issued;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will abide by the decision of the competent authority regarding imposition of Penal CA, which is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

Condition No.2(e):- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited the approved amount of Rs.50,67,000.00 (Part deposit of Rs.64,55,04,030/-) vide UTR No-ICICR42025051300556304 dated 13.05.2025 towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation to be raised over 24 ha as per one time approved cost norm identified in village Kerajodi under Kankadahada Tahasil of Dhenkanal District under Dhenkanal Forest Division and maintained thereafter as per approved plan/scheme for 10 years. The scheme includes plantation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years. The latitude & longitude and pillar to pillar distance with forward and backward bearing of the CA land is enclosed as **Annexure- 5(A)**.

Condition No.2(f):- *The compensatory Afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted as identified in Plot No.315, & 318, Khata No.155 of Village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District, and additional CA over an area of 24 ha of degraded forest land identified in Dolia RF of Mahabirod Range of Dhenkanal Forest Division shall be raised at the project cost and Afforestation works shall start within two years from the date of final approval and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved CA scheme.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme for both Compensatory Afforestation & Addl. Compensatory Afforestation have been approved for Rs.50,67,000/- & Rs.1,96,93,300/- respectively by the Addl. PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) with 10 years maintenance. The user agency has deposited the amount of Rs.2,47,60,300.00 (Part deposit of Rs.64,55,04,030/-) (Rs.50,67,000/- + Rs.1,96,93,300/-) vide UTR No.ICICR42025051300556304 dt.13.05.2025 for raising of both CA & Addl. CA. The copy of approved CA and ACA scheme and the copy of payment receipt are enclosed as **Annexure-6**.

Condition No.2(g):- *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 RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished the Survey of India Topo sheet No. F45N12 on 1:50000 Scale showing the Land identified for the purpose of CA, which is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

Condition No.3:- NPV

Condition No.3(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 (Pt.) dated 29.12.2023 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited the Net Present Value (NPV) amounting of Rs.1,73,74,000 @Rs.7,30,000/- per ha (Eco-value class-I and Density below 0.4) vide UTR No SBIN52015062516780059 dated 25.06.2015. Further, as per Notification dated 06.01.2022 of GoI, MoEF & CC, the user agency has also deposited the differential Net Present Value (NPV) amounting of Rs.92,08,220/- (Part deposit of Rs.64,55,04,030/-) @Rs.11,16,900/- per ha vide UTR No.ICICR42025051300556304 dated 13.05.2025. The copy of the documents in support of proof of the above payments of NPV is enclosed as **Annexure-8**.

Condition No.3(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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed as **Annexure-9**.

Condition No.3(c):- *The penalty for violation shall be equal to NPV of forest land per hectare for each year of violation w.e.f. 31.12.2016 with maximum up to five (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest from the date of raising of such demand till the deposit is made.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited the penal NPV amounting to Rs.1,55,33,510/- (Part deposit of Rs.64,55,04,030/-) vide UTR No.ICICR42025051300556304 dt.13.05.2025. The copy of the demand letter, payment slips in support of proof of the above payments of Penal NPV are enclosed as **Annexure-10**.

Condition No.4:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that all funds received from the User Agency under the project have been transferred / deposited in CAMPA

account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). The CAMPA format showing the deposit of all compensatory levies duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division and countersigned by the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-11**.

Condition No.5:- *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 grant of final approval;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme for gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests of an area of 2.098 ha (having crown density less than 0.40) located within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the Mining Lease has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle, vide Memo No. 2251 dated 16.05.2025 for Rs. 16,02,039/- The user agency has deposited the above amount vide UTR No. ICICN42025062857260859 Dt.28.06.2025. Copy of approved Plan/scheme and payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-12 Series**.

Condition No.6:- *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 along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details prior to Stage-II approval:*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that as reported by the DFO, Cuttack Division, the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details have been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal. In this connection, the screen shot of the uploaded KML file could not be provided by the UA due to maintenance of e-green watch portal of MoEF & CC. The UA has undertaken that they will ensure submission of screen shot of uploaded KML File of diverted area, CA area and WLMP area which is enclosed as **Annexure- 12(A)**.

Condition No.7:- *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:*

Condition No.7(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, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme /Plan for Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with a financial outlay of Rs.5,60,400/- vide Memo No.2251 dt.16.05.2025. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme

pertaining to the above condition at the approved cost. The copy of approval order and undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-13 Series**.

Condition No.7(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, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme / Plan for Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with financial outlay of Rs.36,04,720/- vide memo no. 2251.dt.16.05.2025. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme pertaining to the above condition at the approved cost. The copy of approval order and undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-14 Series**.

Condition No.7(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, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme / Plan for Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with financial outlay of Rs.19,80,000/- vide Memo No. 2251 dt.16.05.2025. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme in respect of the above condition at the approved cost. The copy of approval order and undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-15 Series**.

Condition No.7(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°.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme / Plan to 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° has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle with financial outlay of Rs.51,74,545/- vide Memo No. 2251 dt.16.05.2025. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to implement the scheme in respect of the above condition at the approved cost. The copy of approval order and undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-16 Series**.

Condition No.8:- *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:*

Condition No.8(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, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has undertaken that the safety zone (7.5meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area) , and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate no. of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS co-ordinates with barbed wire fencing is being maintained and sufficient no. of watchers will be deployed for its protection and maintenance. The undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division is enclosed as **Annexure-17**. However, the boundary description indicating the latitude, longitude, forward and backward bearing and pillar to pillar distance along with the photographs of the pillars of Safety zone area is enclosed as **Annexure-17(A)**.

Condition No.8(b):- *Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent habitation / roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency:*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent habitation / roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-18**.

Condition No.8(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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that 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 as **Annexure-19**.

Condition No.8(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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms which is enclosed as **Annexure-20**.

Condition No.9:- *The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall undertake 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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they shall 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-21**.

Condition No.10:- The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall maintain 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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they shall maintain and plant species which are having lowest translocation factor for Afforestation on the OB dumps and fruit trees to be avoided in planting during biological stabilization of OB dumps which is enclosed as **Annexure-22**.

Condition No.11:- Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities which is enclosed as **Annexure-23**.

Condition No.12:- The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall made all possible efforts to prevention of fall of wild animals into mining pit by fencing the open pit area;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they shall make all possible efforts for prevention of fall of wild animals into mining pit by fencing the open pit area which is enclosed as **Annexure-24**.

Condition No.13:- 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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that no damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan which is enclosed as **Annexure-25**.

Condition No.14:- *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 final approval;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme for desilting of village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no. 2251 dt.16.05.2025 for an amount of Rs. 77,43,085/-. The user agency has identified 6 nos. of ponds in village Ostia, Kalarangiata, Kakudia and Kusumdiha for desilting. The user agency has submitted an undertaking for implementation of the scheme as per approved cost. The copy of approved Plan/scheme and undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-26 Series**.

Condition No.15:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department which is enclosed as **Annexure-27**.

Condition No.16:- *Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission to concerned DFO.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that trees shall be felled in a phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO which is enclosed as **Annexure-28**.

Condition No.17:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they 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 as **Annexure-29**.

Condition No.18:- *User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting tress are to be cleared in this project. 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, Angul Circle has reported that a Scheme for creation and maintenance of alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting tress are to be cleared in this project, has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide memo no. 2251 dt.16.05.2025 for an amount of Rs.19,83,300/- . The user agency has submitted an undertaking for implementation of the scheme as per approved cost. The copy of approved Plan/scheme and undertaking duly signed by DFO, Cuttack Division are enclosed as **Annexure-30**.

Condition No.19:- *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 the conditions on in principle 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, Angul Circle has reported that the Site Specific wildlife Conservation Plan has been approved by the PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha vide his Letter No.10180/CWLW-FD-0032-2022 dated 11.11.2022 for Rs.1,50,52,000/- (Cuttack Forest Division- Rs.105.922 lakhs + Dhenkanal Forest Division- Rs.35.118 Lakhs + Keonjhar Forest Division- Rs.9.480 Lakhs) . The user agency has deposited Rs.1,50,52,000 /- (Part deposit of Rs.64,55,04,030/-) vide UTR No.ICICR42025051300556304 dated 13.05.2025. The copy of SSWLCP and payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-31 Series**.

Condition No.20:- *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 proposed to be diverted as per the provisions of the Rule 11 (7) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the FRA Certificate has been issued (In Form-II) by the Collector, Jajpur District vide No.1533 dated 28.07.2016. The FRA Certificate alongwith the proceedings of Gramsabha and resolution of SDLC & DLC are enclosed as **Annexure-32 Series**.

Condition No.21:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed as **Annexure-33**.

Condition No.22:- *The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, 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;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed as **Annexure-34**.

Condition No.23:- *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 time to time and the Rules framed there-under;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed as **Annexure-35**.

Condition No.24:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted the EC issued by Govt. of India, MoEF vide No.J-11015/183/2007-IA.II (N) dated 13.05.2009 which is enclosed as **Annexure-36**.

Condition No.25:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-37**.

Condition No.26:- *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, Angul Circle has reported the photographs of pillars of mining lease and safety zone 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 are enclosed as **Annexure-38**.

Condition No.27:- *The layout plan of the 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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that the layout plan of the 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 as **Annexure-39**.

Condition No.28:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack 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 as **Annexure-40**.

Condition No.29:- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed as **Annexure-41**.

Condition No.30:- *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, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed as **Annexure-42**.

Condition No.31: 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;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division to abide by any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, which is enclosed as **Annexure-43**.

Condition No.32: 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 the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that they will 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-44**.

Condition No.33: Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by the Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-45**.

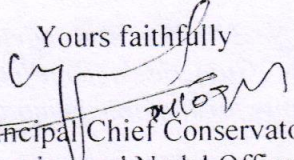
Condition No.34: The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division that the compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) which is enclosed as **Annexure-46**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd of diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha forest land in safety zone area for Chromite ore mining of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under jurisdiction of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha.

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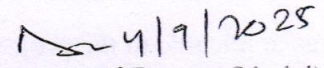
Yours faithfully


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

Memo No.

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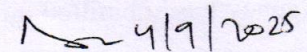
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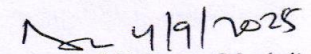
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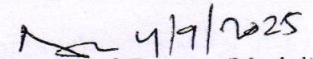
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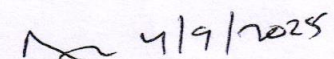
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