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From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

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

Sub:- **Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division – Stage-I compliance regarding**

Ref:- Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 20.10.2021 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, 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 has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 20.10.2021 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division subject to fulfilment of 10 (ten) nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 19 (nineteen) nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the forest department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

USE Nil
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Compliance to the Conditions Stipulated in Stage-I (in Principle) Approval by the MOEF&CC, GoI, is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

PART -A -STIPULATIONS:

1) Compensatory Afforestation (CA):-

- i) *The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the 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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that demand notice of Rs 70,93,700/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Ninety-three Thousand Seven Hundred only) was raised on the User Agency vide letter dt. 29.03.2022 of DFO, Sundargarh Forest division towards total cost of the Compensatory Afforestation over 15.702 ha with 10 year maintenance which included the Cost of Survey, demarcation and erection of pillars on the periphery of Compensatory Afforestation land in the scheme. Accordingly, the same has been deposited by the user Agency in State CAMPA fund through e-parivesh portal. The UTR No. of payment made through e-parivesh portal is SBINR52022042079187190. The copy of payment particulars and receipt are enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

The scheme has been prepared by the DFO, Sundargarh Division which has been approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle at the time of submitting the proposal. In the scheme, indigenous species such Asan (*Terminalia tomentosa*), Karanj (*Pongamia pinnata*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Bija (*Pterocarpus marsupium*), Gambhar (*Gmelina arborea*) etc. have already been included for taking up of the plantation including maintenance.

- ii) *The non-forest land identified for CA shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and subsequently 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 before Stage-II approval. A copy of the final Notification shall be submitted along with the compliance of Stage-I approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Non-Forest land over 15.7018 ha identified for Compensatory Afforestation by Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL) in village Ankalbira under Hemgir Tahasil in the District Sundargarh of State Odisha has been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department (State Forest Dept.). Copy of **RoR** in this regard is attached as **Annexure-B**. Further, the identified Compensatory Afforestation land has been notified as Ankalbira PF by State Forest Dept. The copy of **PF notification** issued by Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department vide letter dt. 25.09.2023 is attached as **Annexure- C**.

- iii) *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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that KML file showing the diverted area (i.e. 15.701 ha), Compensatory Afforestation area (15.7018 ha) is attached herewith in from of CD. However, as reported by him the KML file showing the proposed SMC treatment area and WLMP area will be prepared and uploaded by him on e-green watch portal. The KML file of diverted area, Compensatory Afforestation area has been uploaded on the e-green watch portal. Copies of the screen shots are attached as **Annexure-C (A) & (B).**

2. *State Government shall ensure that the CA area earmarked against earlier diversions of forest land under the provisions of FCA 1980 is mutated and notified as RF/PF as per the provisions of law. The compliance shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that earlier Stage II approval for the diversion of 276.655 ha of forest land has been obtained from the MoEF &CC vide letter dated 20.08.2014 and subsequently transferred to OCPL vide letter dt. 30.11.2015, in lieu of which the Non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation has already been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation and has been declared as “**Sukhabandha A**” Protected Forest and “**Durubaga**” Protected Forest vide notification no. 10F (Con)-55/ 2014/ 4216/F&E, dated 12/03/2015 and notification no. 10F (Con)-55/ 2014/ 4222/F&E, dated 12/03/2015 respectively U/S-33 of the Orissa Forest Act, 1972. The copy of RoR and PF notification are attached as **Annexure -D.**

3. *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 05.02.2009 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the demand notice amounting to Rs.1,26,07,903/- (Rupees One Core Twenty-six Lakh Seven Thousand Nine Hundred three only) towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal for the payment was raised by him on the User Agency vide his letter dt. 24.11.2021. Accordingly, the same has been deposited by the user Agency in state specific CAMPA fund through e-parivesh portal. The UTR No. of payment made through e-parivesh portal is SBINR52022031772999840. The copy of payment particulars and receipts are enclosed as **Annexure-E.**

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

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated that, all the compensatory levies have been deposited in CAMPA account through e-challan generated from Parivesh Portal.

The statement of funds deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account pertaining to the above proposal duly signed by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-E (A)**.

5. *In consultation with the State Forest Department, following schemes/plans shall be prepared and implemented by the user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department and copies of the same will be submitted to the Ministry along with Stage-I compliance.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the present proposal i.e. left out patches of 15.701 ha is a part of Manoharpur Coal Mine project and the schemes which were technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela for 276.655 ha diversion proposal of Manoharpur coal mine project would be followed for implementation at site. The schemes / plans were prepared in compliance with the condition stipulated in Stage II approval of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project accorded vide letter no 20.08.2014 by GoI for diversion 276.655 ha. Hence, the same scheme/plans will be followed for implementation at the site.

- (i) *Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream, to be implemented within a period of three year of issue of Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has stated that a technically approved scheme of Rs. 24,39,800/- (Rupees Twenty-four Lakh Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred only) towards the mitigative measure which are being implemented by adopting appropriate measures such as grass carpeting on OB dump slope, top soil dump, channelization of runoff through garland drains to settling cum recharge ponds, periodically de-silting of drains etc. The copy of approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-E (B1)**. Further, the user agency has submitted the photograph showing the compliance of the measures adopted at site which is enclosed as **Annexure E (B2)**.

- (ii) *For planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has stated that a technically approved scheme of plantation of Rs. 24,83,111/- which is being implemented at site during the monsoon season of every year. During the FY 2022-23, about 15077 nos. of saplings have been planted in safety zone and open space available within the project area. Till date, 42,411 nos. of saplings have been planted inside the project

area and colony area. The copy of approved scheme for plantation is attached as **Annexure E (C1)**. Further, the user agency has submitted the photograph showing the plantation of saplings which is enclosed as **Annexure E (C2)**.

- (iii) *For construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has stated that a technically approved scheme of Rs. 4, 85,500/- towards the construction of toe wall around the OB dump has been complied at site to arrest the sliding down of the excavated material. The copy of approved scheme for construction of toe wall is enclosed as **Annexure E (D1)**. Further, the user agency has submitted the photograph showing the toe wall constructed around the dump is enclosed as **Annexure E (D2)**.

- (iv) *To stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching, which should also ensure angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has stated that a technically approved scheme of Rs. 03,44,46,349/- towards the stabilization of the over burden dumps are being followed through proper grading and the angle of repose is 26° which is less than 28°. The appropriate grading/ benching of OB dump is being carried out as per approved Mining Plan. The copy of technically approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure E (E1)**. Further, the user agency has submitted the photograph showing the stabilization of OB dump carried out through proper grading/benching which is enclosed as **Annexure-E (E2)**.

- (v) *Top soil management plan.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has stated that a technically approved scheme of Rs. 18,61,706/- towards the top soil management has been implemented at site. During the initial year of mining, the excavated top soil was stored at the top soil dump followed the by grass carpeting / seedling over the dump as per the location earmarked in approved Mining Plan. However later on, 3rd year onwards (i.e. 2020-21), partial portion of excavated top soil is being spread over the slope of OB dump to stabilize the dump benches and developing the green area in project premises. The copy of technically approved scheme for top soil management is enclosed as **Annexure E(E3)**. Further, the user agency has submitted the photograph showing the top soil management along with an undertaking in this regard which are enclosed as **Annexure-E(E4) and Annexure-F**.

6. *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.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the present proposal i.e. left out patches over 15.701 ha is a part of Manoharpur Coal Mine project and the schemes approved for 276.655 ha diversion proposal of Manoharpur coal mine will be followed for implementation at site. The schemes/ plans were prepared in compliance with the condition stipulated in Stage II approval of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project accorded vide letter no 20.08.2014 by GoI for diversion 276.655 ha and hence the same are being/ will be implemented. Further, desilting of the village tanks & other water bodies is being carried out every year in consultation with the Block Development Officer & him. The copy of relevant document showing the same is enclosed as **Annexure-G**. Further, an undertaking in this regard furnished by the User Agency is also enclosed as **Annexure-H**.

7. *The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has agreed to deposit the cost of felling of trees and submitted the necessary undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Division in this regard which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

8. *State government shall submit a certificate that no plantation activities has been taken by the Forest department under any scheme/plan/programme in the land proposed for CA in last 10 years.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, no plantation activities has been taken by the Forest Department under any scheme/plan/programme in the land proposed for CA in last 10 years.

9. *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, 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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the FRA certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 has been obtained from the office of District Collector, Sundargarh vide letter 12.09.2023. The copy of same in this regard is enclosed as **Annexure-J**.

Further, an undertaking regarding the settlement of all claims & rights and provision of ST&OTFD (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division is enclosed as **Annexure-K**.

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

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the compliance report will be uploaded on e-portal (i.e. [https:// parivesh.nic.in/](https://parivesh.nic.in/)) by the User Agency, after necessary verification of Stage-I compliance report by RCCF, Rourkela. The necessary undertaking in this regard furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-L**.

PART B - STIPULATIONS.

1) *Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division to the effect that legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure-M**.

2) *The compensatory afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost. The State Government shall ensure that compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land equal in extent to the forest land being diverted shall be raised within three years from the date of issue of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter as per approved plan by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency i.e. OCPL has deposited the CA cost amounting to Rs.70,93,700/- in state CAMPA fund through e-parivesh portal as mentioned above in Point no.1.

Further, as reported by him the plantation activities will be take up once Stage-II approval is accorded.

3) *At the time of payment of the 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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that 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 has already been submitted by OCPL during the Stage I approval which has been granted by MoEF &CC vide letter dt. 20.10.2021.

However, the User Agency has further submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division in this regard which is enclosed as **Annexure-N**.

4) *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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has agreed the necessary undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division in this regard furnished by the CA to abide by this condition which is enclosed as **Annexure-O**.

- 5) *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 the supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has agreed and intimated that, possibility of translocation of the trees is being explored and after finalization of the same the same, will be submitted. Further, the User Agency has also submitted necessary undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division for the same which is enclosed as **Annexure-P**.

- 6) *The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation 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 to 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 Regional Officer of MoEF & CC may direct for suspension of mining activities till such time such reclamation is satisfactorily executed.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has agreed and submitted the necessary undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-Q**.

- 7) *The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms. The following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has ensured that safety zone will be maintained as per the prescribed norms in consultation with him. The following activities shall be undertaken by the OCPL for the management of safety zone.

- (i) *User agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its protection 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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated that safety zone of 7.5m strip all along the mine lease boundary has already been demarcated and adequate numbers of RCC pillars have also been erected at site. Barbed wire fencing has also been provided by the user agency along the mine lease boundary for protection of safety zone area. The plan showing the safety zone area **along with approved scheme for safety zone area** around the mine lease is attached as **Annexure-R**. Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-R(A)**.

- (ii) *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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted that boundary of safety zone of the mining lease has already been fenced and the photograph in this regard which is enclosed as **Annexure-R(B)**.

- (iii) 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; and***

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted that safety zone area is being maintained as green belt around the mine lease and further plantation is also being carried out in barren spaces of safety zone. The photograph showing the plantation of saplings in safety zone area is enclosed as **Annexure-R(C)**.

- (iv) The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.***

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has submitted the necessary undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-R(A)**.

- (v) The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no mining shall be carried out in the land required to be maintained as safety zone all around the mining area.***

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has agreed and submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division is enclosed as **Annexure-S**.

- (vi) 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. 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 this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated that afforestation on one and half times of safety zone area (i.e. approx. 8.0 ha) has already been done inside the Garjanpahad Reserved Forest under the supervision of State Forest Department. Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking & a plan showing the afforested area **along with approved scheme for one & half time SZ**, which are enclosed as **Annexure-T & T(A)**.

- 8) 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 this condition, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-U**.

- 9) *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 this condition, the User Agency has intimated that, the mining lease has been granted for 30 years, the copy of lease deed with an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure -V.**

- 10) *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 RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, has already been granted by MoEF & CC vide letter dtd. 30.12.2015. Further, The User Agency has submitted the copy of Environment Clearance along with an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division in this regard which is attached as **Annexure- W.**

- 11) *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 agreed to abide by the above condition and furnished an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-X.**

- 12) *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 DGPS coordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted that boundary of diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone has already been demarcated on ground by erecting the reinforced cement concrete pillars. Further, a plan showing the DGPS coordinates of pillars and distance from pillar to pillar an under taking in this regard are enclosed as **Annexure-Y, Y (A) & Y (B).**

- 13) *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 this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-Z.**

- 14) *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 this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as **Annexure-A1.**

15) *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 in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as Annexure-A2.

16) *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.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as Annexure-A3.

17) *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 this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as Annexure- A4.

18) *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 in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as Annexure-A5.

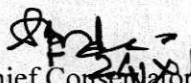
19) *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest division which is enclosed as Annexure-A6.

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 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division.

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Yours faithfully

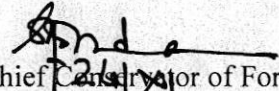

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 20.10.2021 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

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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 Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 20.10.2021 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi and Memo No. 19983/FE&CC dated 16.11.2021 of the Director Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Government.


Encl: Compliance in one set


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