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To, The Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
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Sub:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 79.367 ha of forest land in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keonjhar, Odisha- Stage-I compliance report regarding.

Ref: Letter F.No. 8-31/2015-FC(E-91138) dt.13.02.2026 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC Division), Govt. of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, I wish to inform your good office that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter F.No.8-31/2015-FC(E-91138) dt.13.02.2026 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi under Section 2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 79.367 ha of forest land in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF, District Keonjhar, Odisha subject to fulfilment of 46 nos. conditions stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged, which is enclosed at SI No.1 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (ii): -The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for raising of Compensatory Afforestation, Non-Forest Government land over 81.545 ha in total has been

identified and allotted by the Collector, Keonjhar in three (03) patches, i.e., 9.800 ha in Village Champajhar and 66.745 ha in Village Gundula under Banspal Tahasil, and 5.00 ha in the Villages Binida & Dengana under Ghatagaon Tahasil of Keonjhar Forest Division.

The schemes for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 9.800 ha, 66.745 ha, and 5.00 ha have been prepared as per one time cost norm based on the matrix 2025-26 and technically approved by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar with a financial outlay of Rs.66,14,200/-, Rs.4,81,46,300/- and Rs.83,16,500/- respectively.

Accordingly, the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division has raised the demand vide Letter No. 2299/6F-Mining-145/2023 dated 21.02.2026 for Rs.9,98,98,600/-, including Rs.6,00,73,300/- towards cost of the aforesaid Compensatory Afforestation schemes over 81.545 ha in total. In pursuance of the same, the user agency has deposited Rs.9,98,98,600/- to the Odisha CAMPA Account through RTGS in PARIVESH portal vide UTR No. ICICR42026031800501321 dated 18.03.2026, which includes a sum of Rs.6,00,73,300/- towards the cost of the aforesaid Compensatory Afforestation schemes.

Subsequently, consequent upon revision of the financial outlays of the aforesaid Compensatory Afforestation Schemes based on the matrix 2026-27 of one-time cost norms by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, a demand of Rs.1,51,78,800/- was raised vide Letter No.4968 dated 21.04.2026 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division, which included the differential cost of the aforesaid CA schemes and the cost of the ACA Scheme over 16.00 ha identified in Baunsuli RF under Patna Range of Keonjhar Division and the differential cost of ACA scheme over 67.49 ha identified in Jyotipur RF under Champua Range Keonjhar Division.

Accordingly, the user agency, has further deposited Rs.1,51,78,800/- to the Odisha CAMPA Account through RTGS in PARIVESH portal vide UTR No. ICICR42026042400534838 dated 24.04.2026, which includes a sum of Rs.30,03,700/- towards the differential Compensatory Afforestation cost and differential cost of ACA over 67.49 ha identified in Jyotipur RF of Rs.19,91,200/- and ACA cost over 16.00 ha identified at Baunsuli RF of Rs.1,01,83,900/-.

Thus, the cost of the CA schemes amounting to Rs.6,30,77,000/- at the current wage rate has been deposited by the user agency.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Cost of the scheme as per the current wage rate (in Rs.)	Amount paid in 1 st phase (in Rs.)	Amount paid in 2 nd phase (in Rs.)	Total amount paid (in Rs.)
1	Compensatory Afforestation over 9.800 ha at Champajhar	66,14,200.00	62,99,200.00	3,15,000.00	66,14,200.00
2	Compensatory Afforestation over 66.745 ha at Gundula	4,81,46,300.00	4,58,53,600.00	22,92,700.00	4,81,46,300.00

3	Compensatory Afforestation over 5.00 ha at Binida and Dengana	83,16,500.00	79,20,500.00	3,96,000.00	83,16,500.00
	Total	6,30,77,000.00	6,00,73,300.00	30,03,700.00	6,30,77,000.00

The detailed statement of payments of compensatory levies deposited by the UA, demand letter of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division along with deposit slips are enclosed as **Annexure-2A**.

Condition No. (iii): - Compensatory Afforestation over 81.545 Ha of non-forest land in village Gundula (66.745 Ha), Champajhar (9.80 Ha) under Banspal Tahasil and in village Binida & Dengana (5.00 Ha) under Ghatgaon Tahasil of Keonjhar District shall be raised at the project cost and afforestation work shall start within two years from the date of final approval and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved CA scheme by the State Forest Department;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the CA over 81.545 Ha of non-forest land identified in village Gundula (66.745 Ha), Champajhar (9.80 Ha) under Banspal Tahasil and in village Binida & Dengana (5.00 Ha) under Ghatgaon Tahasil of Keonjhar District shall be raised at the project cost of Rs.6,30,77,000/- already deposited by the User Agency in the CAMPA Account. The afforestation work shall be taken up by the State Forest Department in accordance with the approved Compensatory Afforestation Scheme at the project cost, preferably within two years from the date of grant of final approval and on receipt of funds from CAMPA, and shall be maintained thereafter as per the approved CA Scheme.

Condition No. (iv): - The non-forest land shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department, OR shall be notified by the State Government as Protected Forest under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act, before handling over the forest land to the user agency;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the total non-forest Government land measuring 81.545 hectares, identified and allotted for raising Compensatory Afforestation in three patches, has already been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department.

Out of the aforesaid land, an extent of 66.745 hectares located in Village Gundula under Banspal Tahasil has been duly transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department vide Alienation Case No. 09/2026. The Tahasildar, Banspal has intimated the same to the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide Letter No. 1000/Rev dated 15.04.2026. The copies of the said intimation letter, approved alienation order and Record of Rights (RoR) are enclosed as **Annexure-3A**.

Further, non-forest land measuring 9.800 hectares identified in Village Champajhar under Banspal Tahasil has also been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department vide Alienation Case No. 08/2026. The Tahasildar, Banspal has intimated the same to the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide Letter No. 1000/Rev dated 15.04.2026. The copies of the said intimation letter, approved alienation order and Record of Rights (RoR) are enclosed as **Annexure-3B**.

Furthermore, non-forest land measuring 5.00 hectares in 2 patches identified in the Village Binida (2.920 ha) and Village Dengana (2.080 ha) under Ghatgaon Tahasil has also been duly transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department vide Alienation Case No. 07/2026 and Alienation Case No. 08/2026 respectively. The Tahasildar, Ghatgaon has intimated the same to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division vide his letter No. 1368/Rev dated 04.05.2026. Copies of the said intimation letters, approved alienation orders and Records of Rights (RoR) pertaining to 2.920 ha of Non-Forest land in Village Binida are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-3C** and that of 2.080 ha of Non-Forest land in Village Dengana are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-3D**.

Further, the draft for PF notification proposals under Section 33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972 in respect of the aforesaid non-forest lands over 81.545 ha. in total have been sent to the Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC Department vide this office Letter No.10048, 10056, 10060 & 10052 dated 20.05.2026 respectively. The copy of the draft proposal are enclosed as **Annexure-3E**.

Condition No. (v): -The additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 83.49 ha of degraded forest land and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and the work of compensatory afforestation shall start within two years of issue of order of diversion of the corresponding forest land.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for raising Additional Compensatory Afforestation (ACA), degraded forest land over 83.49 ha has been identified in two patches, namely 67.49 ha in Jyotipur Reserved Forest under Champua Range and 16.00 ha in Baunsuli Reserved Forest under Patna Range of Keonjhar Forest Division.

The scheme for Additional Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) over 67.49 ha in Jyotipur Reserved Forest under Champua Range had been technically approved by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar with a financial outlay of Rs.3,98,25,300/- based on the matrix 2025-26 of the approved one-time cost norm.

Accordingly, the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division had raised the demand on the User Agency vide his Letter No. 2299/6F-Mining-145/2023 dated 21.02.2026 for Rs.9,98,98,600/-, which included inter alia a sum of Rs.3,98,25,300/- towards cost of raising and maintenance of the aforesaid Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 67.49 ha.

In compliance with the above demand letter, the user agency had transferred a sum of Rs.9,98,98,600/- to the Odisha CAMPA Account through RTGS via the online PARIVESH portal vide UTR No. ICICR42026031800501321 dated 18.03.2026, which included Rs.3,98,25,300/- towards cost of the Additional Compensatory Afforestation.

Further, the scheme for Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 16.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Bausuli Reserved Forest under Patna Range of Keonjhar Forest Division was prepared and submitted to the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for technical approval. Subsequently, the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) accorded technical approval to the aforesaid ACA Scheme over 16.00 ha with a financial outlay of

Rs. 1,01,83,900/- based on the matrix 2026-27 of the approved one-time cost norm vide his Memo No.7956 Dtd.18.04.2026.

Subsequently, the financial outlay of the scheme for ACA over 67.49 ha was revised inter alia as per matrix 2026-27 of approved one-time cost norm to Rs.4,18,16,500/-. Accordingly, the DFO, Keonjhar Division raised a demand of Rs.1,51,78,800/- which included the aforesaid cost of Rs.1,01,83,900/- of ACA of 16.0 ha identified at Baunsuli RF and the differential cost of Rs.19,91,200/- towards the ACA scheme over 67.49 ha.

Hence, the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs.1,51,78,800/- to the Odisha CAMPA Account through RTGS in PARIVESH portal vide UTR No. ICICR42026042400534838 dated 24.04.2026, which includes a sum of Rs.1,01,83,900/- towards the cost of ACA Scheme over 16.00 ha and a sum, of Rs.19,91,200/- towards differential cost of Additional Compensatory Afforestation scheme and the differential cost of CA of Rs.30,03,700.00 over 81.545 ha.

Thus, the User Agency has deposited the cost Additional Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 83.49 ha in total amounting to Rs.5,20,00,400/- as per the current wage rate (based on the matrix 2026-27 of approved one-time cost norm) as per the details furnished below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Cost of the scheme as per matrix 2026-27 of approved one-time cost norm	Amount paid in 1 st phase (in Rs.)	Amount paid in 2 nd phase (in Rs.)	Total amount paid (in Rs.)
1	Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 16.00 ha at Baunsuli RF	1,01,83,900.00	0.00	1,01,83,900	1,01,83,900.00
2	Additional Compensatory Afforestation over 67.49 ha at Jyotipur RF	4,18,16,500.00	3,98,25,300.00	19,91,200.00	4,18,16,500.00
	Total	5,20,00,400.00	3,98,25,300.00	1,21,75,100.00	5,20,00,400.00

The copies of the demand letter and payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the afforestation work shall be taken up by the State Forest Department in accordance with the approved Additional Compensatory Afforestation Scheme at the project cost, within two years from the date of grant of final approval and on receipt of funds from CAMPA.

Condition No. (vi): - The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) on Non-Forest land over 81.545 hectares, comprising of 66.745 hectares in Village Gundula, 9.800 hectares in Village Champajhar under Banspal Tahasil, and 5.000 hectares in Villages Binida & Dengana under Ghatgaon Tahasil of Keonjhar District, have been identified and duly surveyed and demarcated on the ground by erection of permanent RCC boundary pillars based on DGPS survey.

Further, for proper demarcation and protection of the aforesaid CA land, the cost towards survey, demarcation, erection of permanent pillars, and provision of angle iron posts with chain-link wire mesh fencing along the boundary, including maintenance for a period of 10 years, has been incorporated in the approved CA schemes.

Accordingly, the total approved amount of Rs.6,30,77,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand) only for raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation over the aforesaid 81.545 hectares in total has already been deposited into the Odisha CAMPA Account by the User Agency.

The approved CA Schemes include the provision for plantation of indigenous species, anticipated escalation of costs for subsequent years, and maintenance of the plantations for a period of 10 years.

Condition No. (vii): - The State Government shall charge the 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 in this regard;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an amount of Rs.9,49,99,569/- (Rupees Nine Crore Forty-Nine Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine) only [i.e. Rs.95,49,120/- + Rs.6,18,36,110/- + Rs.2,36,14,339/-] had been deposited phase wise by the User Agency towards the Net Present Value (NPV) of five lease Blocks, namely Block-A (89.961 ha), Block-B1 (0.607 ha), Block-B2 (7.689 ha), Block-B3 (1.012 ha) and Block-C (1.902 ha), covering a total forest area of 101.171 hectares, calculated at the applicable rate of Rs.9,39,000/- per hectare.

Out of the total forest area of 101.171 hectares within the aforesaid five lease Blocks, 16.464 hectares had already been diverted earlier, while the remaining 84.707 ha constituted un-diverted forest land, initially proposed for diversion.

Subsequently, the leases of Blocks B1, B2, B3 and C were declared lapsed by the Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha. Consequently, an extent of 5.340 hectares of un-diverted forest land falling within the said lapsed blocks was excluded from the proposal over 84.707 initially proposed for diversion.

Hence, the net forest area considered for diversion has been revised to 79.367 hectares, and accordingly, the Stage-I approval has been accorded over 79.367 ha by the MoEF & CC Govt. of

India, New Delhi vide their letter dated 13.02.2026. So, it could be concluded that, the NPV of 79.367 ha of forest land had already been deposited by UA earlier as per the previous rate of the NPV@Rs.9,39,000/- per ha.

Further, out of the revised 79.367 ha of un-diverted forest land , a differential NPV amount of Rs.31,85,088/- (calculated at the present rate of Rs.14,36,670/- per hectare applicable for Eco Value Class-I, Density 0.4 to 0.7) has been deposited for an extent of 6.40 ha. pertaining to Prospecting Proposal No. FP/OR/SRY/436505/2023.

Thus, a total NPV amount of Rs.8,27,24,961/- (Rupees Eight Crore Twenty-Seven Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand Nine hundred sixty-one) only [i.e. Rs.7,95,39,873/- (earlier deposited) + Rs.31,85,088/- (earlier deposited towards prospecting purpose)] has been deposited for the revised forest area of 79.367 hectares. In addition, the balance differential NPV amount of Rs.3,12,99,227/- (Rupees Three Crore Twelve Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven) only has also been deposited into the Odisha CAMPA Account as per the demand raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar vide his Letter No. 3368/6F-Mining dated 12.03.2026.

Therefore, in total Rs.12,94,83,884.00 (Rs.95,49,120/- + Rs.6,18,36,110/-+ Rs.2,36,14,339/- +Rs.31,85,088/-+ Rs.3,12,99,227/-) has been deposited by the user agency towards NPV as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The copies of the demand letter and payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

Condition No. (viii): - 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 the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which is enclosed as **Sl. No. 2 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (ix): -The State Forest Department shall prepare and implement a comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan in consultation with Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to mitigate the adverse impacts of mining on the forest and its flora and fauna in the surrounding area, at the cost of the User Agency

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWLCP) has been prepared for the Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Mines and its zone of influence to mitigate the adverse impacts of mining on the surrounding forest ecosystem, including flora and fauna. The plan has been formulated in accordance with the Wildlife Mitigation Planning framework developed by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the latest guidelines issued by the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), Odisha.

The said plan has been duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha vide Letter No. 13358/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0144-2021 dated 14.12.2023 for a total financial outlay of Rs.491.46 lakh towards mitigation measures for mining impacts. The approved amount includes Rs.286.26 lakh

for the project impact area under Keonjhar Forest Division and Rs.205.20 lakh for the project impact area under Bonai Forest Division. A copy of the approved plan is enclosed as **Annexure-6 Series**.

Further, as per the demand raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division vide Letter No. 14034/6F-Mining-145/2023 dated 16.12.2023, the approved amount of Rs.491.46 lakh has been deposited into the Odisha CAMPA Fund by the User Agency through RTGS mode vide UTR No. KKBKR52024011500724506 dated 15.01.2024 in PARIVESH portal.

Further, in compliance with the direction of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division vide Letter No. 4703/6F-Mining-05/2022 dated 13.04.2024 has requested the Director, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, for preparation of a comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for mitigating the adverse impacts of mining on the forest and its flora and fauna in the surrounding landscape.

The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to bear the additional cost towards preparation and implementation of the Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan by the State Forest Department in consultation with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII). The said undertaking is enclosed at **Sl. No. 3 of Annexure-1**.

The User Agency has also deposited a proportionate amount of Rs.76,01,002/- (Rupees Seventy-Six Lakh One Thousand Two Only) towards implementation of the Regional Wildlife Management Plan for the Mining Lease area over 89.961 hectares in the Odisha CAMPA Fund on 23.09.2011 and 29.08.2023, as per the demand raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division vide Letter No. 6632/Mining dated 06.08.2011 and Letter No. 8993/6F-Mining-57/2020 dated 03.08.2023. The demand letter and the copies of the remittance receipts are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-6 Series**.

Condition No. (x): - The User Agency shall submit a time-bound plan for reclamation of the mined-out area and surrender of the land to the State Government, and shall strictly adhere to the approved timeline. The same shall be submitted along with compliance of Stage-I approval.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a time-bound plan for reclamation of the mined-out area and subsequent surrender of the land to the State Government in respect of the Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Mines over an extent of 89.961 hectares has been prepared in compliance with the applicable statutory provisions and guidelines.

The reclamation plan envisages systematic restoration of the land affected by mining activities through appropriate engineering stabilization measures, soil and moisture conservation works, afforestation and vegetation development, backfilling of mined-out areas wherever feasible, and hydrological restoration measures. The plan also provides a phased implementation schedule for progressive mine closure and ecological restoration of the area.

A financial provision of Rs.82.44 crore has been earmarked for implementation of the aforesaid reclamation and restoration measures. The copy of the detailed time-bound reclamation plan is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

Further, the User Agency has also submitted an undertaking for implementation of the said time-bound reclamation plan, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 4 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xi): A comprehensive Catchment Area Treatment Plan shall be prepared and implemented by the User Agency through the State Forest Department to minimize the adverse impact of the mining project on the surface hydrology of the area.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a comprehensive Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan prepared and submitted by the UA in consultation with Forest Department to minimize the adverse impact of the mining project on the surface hydrology of the area with a financial outlay of Rs.85,94,000/- (Rupees eighty five lakhs ninety four thousand) for the core zone area and Rs.1,40,08,900/- (Rupees one crore forty lakhs eight thousand and nine hundred) for the buffer zone area have been approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act). In order to accommodate likely escalation in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period, an escalation provision of 20% has also been incorporated into the total estimated cost of the CAT Plan. The copy of the said Catchment Area Treatment Plan and approved financial outlay are enclosed as **Annexure-8 Series**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking for implementation of the approved comprehensive Catchment Area Treatment Plan through the State Forest Department at the project cost in a phased manner. The undertaking submitted in this regard is enclosed at **Sl. No. 5 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xii): - The User Agency, in consultation with the State Government, shall explore the feasibility of translocation of affected trees wherever possible, subject to species suitability and other relevant considerations.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall explore the feasibility of translocation of affected trees wherever possible, subject to species suitability and other relevant considerations, which is enclosed as **Sl. No. 6 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xiii): - The User Agency shall maintain a contiguous safety zone along the entire project boundary.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a contiguous 7.5 metre wide safety zone along the entire inner boundary of the mining lease area of the Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Mines, covering an extent of 3.138 hectares, shall be maintained as a green belt with adequate protection measures by the User Agency.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall maintain the said contiguous boundary of the mining lease area which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 7 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xiv): - The State Government shall implement Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) measures in accordance with the applicable rules & Guidelines.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the entire Mining Lease area measuring 89.961 hectares of the Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Mines falls within

the Baitarani Reserved Forest area and no habitation or household exists within the lease area. Therefore, no displacement of persons is involved in the project and implementation of Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) measures is not required in the present case.

Condition No. (xv): - The Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that all the compensatory levies have been realized from the User Agency and deposited through RTGS in the account of Orissa CAMPA through e-portal.

The detailed statement of payments of compensatory levies deposited by the UA have been shown in prescribed 12 point CAMPA Format duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and signed by the Addl.PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) which is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that user agency has uploaded the compliance report of the Stage-I approval on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Condition No. (xvii): - 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, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 DDGF (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall undertake mining in phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area, which is enclosed at **Sl. No.8 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xviii): - The user agency shall prepare a schedule for surrender of the mined out and reclaimed forest land in accordance with existing mining plan and submit the same along with an undertaking to surrender the mined out and reclaimed forest land as per such schedule to the MoEF&CC before grant of 'Final' approval under the Adhinyam for diversion of the said forest land;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the time-bound plan for reclamation of the mined-out area and subsequent surrender of the land to the State Government for the Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Mines lease area covering an extent of 89.961 ha has been prepared in accordance with the approved Mining Plan. The reclamation plan envisages systematic restoration of the mined-out area through engineering stabilization measures, soil and moisture conservation works, plantation and vegetation development, backfilling/re-contouring of excavated areas, and restoration of drainage and hydrological features in a phased manner. A detailed reclamation and surrender schedule has already been enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

Further, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved time-bound reclamation plan and to surrender the mined-out and reclaimed forest land to the State Government as per the approved schedule which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 9 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xix): - The rehabilitated forest area after closure of mining operations shall be handed over to the State Forest Department for sustainable forest management in the future;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the rehabilitated forest area after closure of mining operations shall be handed over to the State Forest Department for sustainable forest management in the future, which is enclosed at **Sl No.9 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xx): - Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a detailed scheme has been prepared for demarcation of the safety zone over 3.318 ha (7.5-meter-wide strip along all along the entire inner boundary of the mining lease area) and its fencing, protection, and ecological regeneration. The scheme provides for erection of adequate numbers of 6-foot-high RCC boundary pillars duly inscribed with DGPS coordinates, installation of barbed wire fencing, and deployment of watchers for protection of the safety zone under the supervision of the State Forest Department.

The total estimated cost for implementation of the scheme is Rs.1,68,04,500/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Eight Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-9.**

A list showing the GPS coordinates of the Safety Zone pillars, distance between pillar and pillar and photographs of the SZ pillars are enclosed as **Annexure-9A.**

Further, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No.10 of Annexure-1.**

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the safety zone along the boundary of the Mining Lease area has been duly demarcated by erecting of RCC boundary pillars. The fencing of the safety zone forms an integral part of the approved scheme prepared for demarcation, protection, and regeneration of the 7.5-meter-wide strip along the inner boundary of the Mining Lease area.

Further, the road adjoining the mining lease area shall be properly fenced by the User Agency at its own cost to ensure protection and prevent unauthorized entry.

The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to ensure proper fencing of the safety zone, particularly the areas adjacent to the road which is enclosed at **Sl. No.11 of Annexure-1**.

(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; and.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for development and maintenance of the safety zone as a green belt around the Mining Lease area, plantation and regeneration activities shall be undertaken within the safety zone to ensure establishment of dense canopy cover and ecological restoration of the area. In this regard, a comprehensive scheme has been prepared. The total estimated cost for implementation of the scheme is Rs. 1,68,04,500/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Eight Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is already enclosed as **Annexure-9**.

Further, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The undertaking in this regard is enclosed at **Sl. No. 12 of Annexure-1**.

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they will ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms, which is enclosed at **Sl No.13 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxi): - *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:*

(a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of 'Final' approval in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme in consultation with the State Forest Department;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a comprehensive scheme containing appropriate mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and prevent choking of streams has been prepared in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The scheme includes suitable soil and moisture conservation measures, drainage management interventions, slope stabilization works, and maintenance provisions for a period of ten years. The total financial outlay for implementation of the scheme is Rs.3,72,19,064/-(Rupees Three Crore Seventy-Two Lakh Nineteen Thousand Sixty-Four only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-10A**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme at its own cost within a period of three years from the date of issue of the 'Final' approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 14 of Annexure-1**.

(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 Plan/scheme; in consultation with the State Forest Department;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a comprehensive scheme for planting adequate drought-hardy plant species and sowing of suitable seeds in appropriate areas within the Mining Lease has been prepared in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The total financial outlay for implementation of the scheme is Rs. 3,64,252/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-10B**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme in a phased manner at its own cost in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 15 of Annexure-1**.

(c) *Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for construction of check dams and retention/toe walls along the contours to arrest sliding of excavated materials has been prepared in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The proposed measures are intended to stabilize vulnerable slopes, control surface runoff, and prevent siltation and degradation of adjoining areas.

No separate budgetary provision has been made for this component, as the expenditure towards construction of check dams and retention/toe walls has already been incorporated in the budgetary provisions of the comprehensive scheme prepared for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams under compliance of Condition No. xxi(a).

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-10C**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme in a phased manner at its own cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. The undertaking in this regard is enclosed at **Sl. No. 16 of Annexure-1**.

(d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for stabilization of overburden dumps through appropriate grading and benching has been prepared so as to ensure that the angle of repose at any given place remains less than 28°.

No separate budgetary provision has been made for this component, as the expenditure towards stabilization of overburden dumps has already been incorporated in the budgetary provisions of the comprehensive scheme prepared for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams prepared in compliance of Condition No. xxi(a).

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-10D**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme in a phased manner at its own cost in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 17 of Annexure-1**.

(e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for proper collection, protection, preservation, and utilization of top soil, a comprehensive Top Soil Management Plan has been prepared. The scheme includes measures for scientific stripping, storage, conservation, stabilization, and subsequent utilization of top soil for reclamation and plantation activities.

The total financial outlay for implementation of the scheme is Rs. 1,18,00,700/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Seven Hundred only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-10E**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme in a phased manner at its own cost in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 18 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxii): - The validity of approval granted under the Adhiniyam shall be for a period co-terminus with the validity of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended from time to time or Rules framed there under, or for such period as may be specified by the Central Government;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall abide by the above condition, which is enclosed at **SI No.19 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxiii): - The User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located within the periphery of 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease as per approved plan for plantation and SMC activities submitted along with compliance of 'in-principle' approval;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that comprehensive scheme has been prepared over an area of 23 ha for undertaking gap planting and soil & moisture conservation (SMC) activities to restock and rejuvenate degraded open forests having crown density less than 0.40, located within 100 metres from the outer perimeter of the Mining Lease area. The scheme includes suitable plantation and SMC measures for ecological restoration and improvement of forest canopy density.

The total financial outlay for implementation of the scheme is Rs. 56,94,414/- (Rupees Fifty-Six Lakh Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-11**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme at its own cost in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 20 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxiv): - The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of village tanks and other water bodies, located within five km from the mine lease boundary, as per approved plan, to mitigate the impact of project on such tanks/water bodies;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for regular de-silting of village tanks and other water bodies located within a 5 km radius from the Mining Lease boundary has been prepared to mitigate the impact of mining activities on such water bodies. The scheme covers 8 ponds situated across 7 villages and includes measures for removal of accumulated silt and restoration of water holding capacity. The activities proposed in the scheme are to be undertaken at intervals of five years.

The total financial outlay for implementation of the scheme is Rs. 1,12,89,900/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred only). Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-12**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved scheme at its own cost, which is enclosed at **SI No. 21 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxv): -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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they 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, which is enclosed at **SI No.22 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxvi): - Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond the designated area and to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall abide by the above condition, which is enclosed at **SI No.23 of Annexure-1**

Condition No. (xxvii): - The User Agency will undertake comprehensive soil and moisture conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted along with the 'in- principle' approval;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a scheme for undertaking comprehensive soil and moisture conservation (SMC) measures within the Mining Lease area has been prepared in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The scheme includes appropriate structural and biological measures for conservation of soil, reduction of surface runoff, moisture retention, slope stabilization, and ecological restoration of the affected area.

Since the required SMC interventions and corresponding budgetary provisions have already been incorporated under various schemes prepared in compliance with the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval, namely Condition Nos. 2(xi), 2(xxi)(a), 2(xxi)(e), 2(xx)(a), 2(xx)(b), 2(xx)(c), and 2(xxi)(b), no separate budgetary provision has been made for the core zone of the Mining Lease area. However, a separate provision of Rs. 12,38,441/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One only) has been earmarked for implementation of soil and moisture conservation measures in the buffer zone. Further, an escalation provision of 20% has been

incorporated into the estimated cost to accommodate likely future increases in the cost of labour and materials during the implementation period.

The scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle and the copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-13**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division to implement the approved soil and moisture conservation measures at the project cost in a phased manner in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The undertaking in this regard is enclosed at **Sl. No. 24 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxviii): - The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled, if any, and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled, if any, and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **SI No.6 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxix): - The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at **SI No.25 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxx): - The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has obtained Environmental Clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 from the competent authority, i.e., the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Bhubaneswar, vide File No. 55644/46-NCMB1/02-2021 and Letter No. 2260/SEI dated 19.08.2021(copy enclosed as **Annexure-14**).

Condition No. (xxxi): - The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal, which is enclosed at **SI No.26 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (xxxii): - No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land, which is enclosed at **SI No.27 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xxxiii): - The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels, if required to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels, if required 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 at **SI No.28 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xxxiv): - The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has already demarcated the boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting 4-foot-high reinforced cement concrete (RCC) pillars at the project cost. Each pillar has been duly inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar, and corresponding GPS coordinates. The Mining Lease boundary pillars have also been established in accordance with the prescribed norms.

The boundary description, along with photographs of the erected pillars of the forest land proposed for diversion, Mining Lease area, and safety zone, are enclosed as **Annexure-15.**

Condition No. (xxxv): - 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar 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 at **SI No.29 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xxxvi): - The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the scheme for creation and maintenance of alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are

proposed to be cleared in this project, has been technically approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden vide Letter No. 3429/PT1-CWLW-FDWC-FD-0144-2021 dated 16.04.2026 with a total financial outlay of Rs. 1,45,92,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-Five Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand only).

As per the demand raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division vide his Letter No.4882/6F-Mining-42/2026 dated 18.04.2026, the approved amount of Rs.1,45,92,000/- has been deposited by the User Agency into the Odisha CAMPA Account through RTGS (UTR No. ICICR42026042400534838 dated 24.04.2026) via the PARIVESH portal towards implementation of the scheme. Further, an amount of Rs.7,30,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand only) being the 5% of the said plan cost has been deposited by the User Agency in the account of the DFO, Keonjhar Division through RTGS (UTR No. ICICR42026042500516192 dated 25.04.2026) towards monitoring of the scheme. The demand letter and the copies of the payment details are enclosed as **Annexure-16 Series.**

The approved scheme also includes provision for installation and maintenance of artificial bird nests made of eco-friendly materials within the project area, adjoining forest areas, and nearby human settlements to provide alternate habitat and nesting support for the displaced avifauna population. The copy of the approved scheme along with the approval letter is enclosed as **Annexure-16.**

Condition No. (xxxvii): - The User Agency shall implement the R&R Plan, if applicable, as per R&R policy of State Government in consonance with National R & R policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R plan shall be monitored by the State Govt./Regional Office of MoEF&CC;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the entire Mining Lease area measuring 89.961 hectares falls within the Baitarani Reserve Forest area and no habitation or household exists within the lease area. Therefore, no displacement of persons is involved in the project and implementation of Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) measures is not required in the present case.

Condition No. (xxxviii): - The KML files of proposed area for diversion as well as the land identified for the compensatory afforestation, area identified under the Wildlife Management Plan and Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handover of the land;

Compliance :-In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML files of the proposed area for diversion, Compensatory Afforestation land, area identified under the Wildlife Management Plan, and Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan shall be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal along with all requisite details prior to handover of the land.

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government, which is enclosed at **SI No.30 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xli): - *No damage to the flora, fauna or the environment of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that no damage to the flora, fauna or the environment of the adjoining area shall be caused, which is enclosed at **SI No.31 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xlii): - *Adequate measures to ensure no damage to the adjoining forest areas should be taken by the User Agency at the project cost;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that adequate measures to ensure no damage to the adjoining forest areas shall be taken by the User Agency at the project cost, which is enclosed at **SI No.32 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xlii): - *The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar 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 at **SI No.33 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xliii): - *Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency;*

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency, which is enclosed at **SI No.34 of Annexure-1.**

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

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they shall comply all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which is enclosed at **SI No.35 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No. (xlv): - The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition, which is enclosed at **SI No.35 of Annexure-1.**

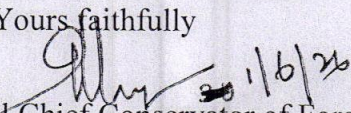
Condition No. (xlv): - xlv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023;

Compliance :- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition, which is enclosed at **SI No.36 of Annexure-1.**

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(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 79.367 ha of forest land in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keonjhar, Odisha.

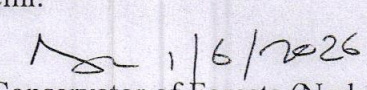
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Yours faithfully


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

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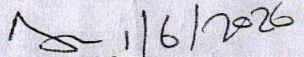
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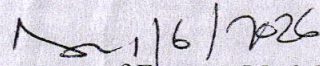
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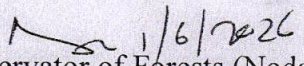
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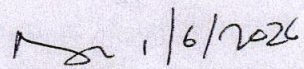
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