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The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

- Sub: Diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Safety Zone of Roida-II Iron Ore Block of M/s Narbheram Power and Steel Pvt. Ltd in Keonjhar District for construction of Access Road and 33 KV Transmission line from NH-520 to Roida-II Iron Ore Block - Stage-I compliance regarding.
- Ref: Letter No.5-ORB552/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide their Letter No.5-ORB552/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 for diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Safety Zone of Roida-II Iron Ore Block of M/s Narbheram Power and Steel Pvt. Ltd in Keonjhar District for construction of Access Road and 33 KV Transmission line from NH-520 to Roida-II Iron Ore Block subject to fulfillment of 7 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 30 nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No.(i):- The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 0.03 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of 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. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol.-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA accounts of the State concerned.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the previous lessee i.e. M/s K.N. Ram & Co. had deposited NPV for the entire forest land over 71.035 ha involved in the mining lease as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. A sum of total Rs.5,18,55,550/- (Rs 48669250/- + Rs 31,86,300/-) has been deposited by the ex-lessee vide D.D No. 007403 dt.10.12.2008 & D.D No. 011793 dt.09.06.2010 respectively in CAMPA Account. Further, as per guideline dated 31.03.2020 of MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi the new lessee i.e. M/s Narbheram Power & Steel Private Ltd. has already deposited a lumsum amount of Rs.5,31,52,500/- @7.5 lakhs/ ha over 71.035 ha forest land towards compensatory levies in Ad-hoc CAMPA Account vide UTR No. UTIBH20175003931 on dt. 23.06.2020 and the same is to be adjusted later over 71.035 ha forest land (as per RoR) involved in the project area. The details of payment is as below:-

Details of Funds Deposited	Amount Deposited (in Rs.)	RTGS/NEFT No./ Date
NPV @ 7.5 lakhs/ ha over 43.935 ha Virgin Forest + Rs. 5.8 lakhs / ha over 27.10 ha	4,86,69,250.00	D.D No. 007403 dt.01.12.2008 of HDFC Bank, Barbil
As per Supreme Court Order dated 07.05.2010 & CEC clarification dated 26.05.2010 revised NPV demanded{@7.3 lakhs / ha over 71.035 ha (Rs.5,18,55,550/ Rs.4,86,69,250/-=Rs.31,86,300/-)}.	31,86,300.00	D.D No. 011793 dt.09.06.2010
NPV @7.5 lakhs/ ha over 70.87 ha Forest Land involved in Roida-II Iron Ore Mines including Safety Zone area by new lessee M/s Narbheram Power & Steel Pvt. Ltd.	5,31,52,500.00	UTR No.UTIBH201750 03931 dtd. 23.06.2020

Hence, in the instant case payment of NPV over 0.03 ha of forest land involved in Safety Zone area does not arise.

<u>Condition No.(ii):-</u> The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation of 100 nos. of plants (including 10 years maintenance) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the accounts of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The plantation Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that degraded forest land has been identified in Belda RF under Keonjhar Range over 0.1 ha for plantation of 100 nos. of plants and the plantation scheme was prepared basing on one-time cost norm provided by PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide Order No.1109 dated 08.11.2021. The RCCF, Rourkela has technically approved the Scheme for Planting 100 nos. plants including 10 year maintenance at current wage rate of Rs.345/- per man day with a total financial out lay of Rs.5,84,600/- (Approved plantation Scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-I**). The user agency has deposited the cost of plantation amounting to Rs.5,84,600/- in the Orissa CAMPA Account through Online vide UTR No INDBN12078890078 dated 13.07.2023 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-II**). <u>Condition No.(iii):-</u> The KML files of the area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML files of the area to be diverted will be uploaded in the e-Green watch portal prior to issue of working permission by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest division.

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

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that all the funds has been transferred /deposited in CAMPA account only through e-Portal (http://parivesh.nic.in. The details of deposit of funds in Orissa CAMPA in prescribed format duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

<u>Condition No.(v):-</u> The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Compliance Report of Stage I approval has been uploaded on e-portal ((http://parivesh.nic.in/) by the user agency.

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

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector, Keonjhar vide his No.1212 dated 04.05.2015 has issued certificate over entire 7.606 ha of forest land (Safety Zone) under FRA, 2006. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.

<u>Condition No.(vii):-</u> The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the boundary of the proposed Forest land for diversion has been demarcated on the ground by erecting 4' high RCC pillars each inscribed with serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and pillars and GPS. The photo copies of the boundary pillars are enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

B. Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

Condition No.(i):- Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed at Sl. No. 01 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(ii):-</u> The State Govt. shall carry out plantation of 100 plants towards compensatory afforestation within three years from the issue of approval and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The State Govt. shall inform the site of the plantation the tree shall be indigenous to the area and naturally growing species shall be the species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species (same species felled as far as possible) avoiding Teak and exotic species. At least 18-month-old seedling should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Compliance -: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Degraded Forest land has been identified in Belda RF under Keonjhar Range over 0.1 ha for plantation of 100 plants towards compensatory afforestation within three years from the issue of approval and to be maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The RCCF, Rourkela has technically approved the Scheme for Planting 100 nos. plants including 10 year maintenance at current wage rate of Rs. 345/- per man day with a total financial out lay of Rs.5,84,600/- (Approved plantation Scheme is already enclosed as Annexure-I above). The user agency has deposited the cost of plantation amounting to Rs.5,84,600/in the Orissa CAMPA Account through Online vide UTR No INDBN12078890078 dated 12.07.2023 (Copy already enclosed as Annexure-II above). The species to be planted as per the approved CA scheme are native species i.e.-Sizyzium cumini (Jamu), Adina cardifolia (Kuruma), Anogeissus latifolia (Dhaura), Accacia catechu (Khair), Dalbergia sissoo (Sissoo), Azadirrachta indica (Neem), Gmelina arborea (Gambar), Terminalia belerica (Bahada), Pongamia pinnata (Karanja), Emblica officinalis (Ainla) & Shorea Robusta (Sal (same species felled as far as possible). Teak and exotic species have been avoided in the approved plantation scheme. 18 months old seedling will be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation will be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

<u>Condition No.(iii):-</u> At the time of payment of 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-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 02 of **Annexure-VI** to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

<u>Condition No.(iv):-</u> The base of towers in forest area to be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The DFO concerned shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be provided with spike on the leg of the towers.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the base towers in forest area will be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution / death of wild animals by the user agency at the project cost and also the leg of the towers will be fixed based on the field inspection & as per his instruction. Further, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect at Sl. No. **03** of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(v):-</u> Sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division to this effect at Sl. No. 04 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(vi):-</u> The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.

Compliance -: The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar

Division to this effect at Sl. No. 05 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(vii):-</u> The user agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division to this effect at Sl. No. 06 of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(viii):-</u> The user agency shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up of void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of topsoil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No. S.O.254 (E) dated 25.01.2016.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division to this effect at Sl. No. 07 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(ix):-</u> The user agency shall carry out SMC (Soil Moisture Conservation) work along the road proposed in forest land as the proposed site is undulating hilly slope.

Compliance -: The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar

Division to this effect at Sl. No. 08 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(x):-</u> The user agency shall provide retaining wall of 2 to 3 meter height and 0.5 to 1.00 meter width and drains with 0.5 meter width and 1.00 meter depth on both of sides of roads so as to withstand any abnormal slope failure in consultation with DFO.

Compliance -: The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar

Division to this effect at Sl. No. 09 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xi):-</u> The user agency shall submit an undertaking to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil dug from the side of the roads.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division to this effect at Sl. No. 10 of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(xii):-</u> The user agency shall certify that they have critically examined the mineral extraction pathways and have found them to be adequate, and that no new extraction path outside mining area shall be proposed in the next five years.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has reported that, they have examined the mineral extraction pathways and have intimated that the same is adequate and no new extraction path outside the mining areas shall be proposed in the next five years. An undertaking to this effect has been furnished by the user agency at Sl. No. 11 of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(xiii):-</u> As far as possible, existing roads/rails/belts should be strengthened to minimize forest/tree cover loss.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the existing road covers private and tenanted land for which the new road with barest minimum tree cover loss has been proposed.

<u>Condition No.(xiv):-</u> In case of later stage, supplementary proposal for extraction path (linear projects such as road/rail / belt project), the state Govt. shall ensure that cogent and convincing reason / justification of not including such linear infrastructure at the inception stage are provided by State Govt.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that he will follow the above instructions in later stage during scrutiny of such type of proposals.

<u>Condition No.(xv):-</u> The State Govt./user agency shall ensure that dispensation considered by the Ministry is not misused in any way and likely tendencies to detach linear projects from main proposal of mining should not be encouraged. To the extent possible, linear infrastructure such as roads/railways / conveyor belts etc. ancillary to mining should be included in the main proposal and under inevitable circumstances only, such proposals submitted by the user agency should be considered as standalone project.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that he will follow the above instructions in later stage during scrutiny of such type of proposals.

<u>Condition No.(xvi):-</u> The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has obtained Environment Clearance from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha vide Reference No 6632/SEIAA dated 18.04.2019. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-VII**. The same has been vested to the user agency for entire lease period vide vesting orders enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**.

<u>Condition No.(xvii):-</u> The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall be planted alongside the road 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-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the instant diversion proposal no tree is standing over 0.03 ha of forest land proposed to be diverted. Hence, transplantation of trees is not required. The user agency has intimated that, maximum numbers of trees shall be planted alongside the road and tree felling shall not be done except in unavoidable circumstances. Further an undertaking to this effect has been submitted by the user agency at Sl. No. 12 of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(xviii):-</u> 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.

<u>Compliance-</u>: The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division in this regard at Sl. No. 13 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xix):-</u> No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency should not be allowed to construct new path inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work. Further an undertaking to this effect has been submitted by the user agency is enclosed at Sl. No.14 of **Annexure-VI**.

<u>Condition No.(xx):-</u> The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency should not be allowed to fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 15 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxi):-</u> The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the period of diversion under this proposal shall be co-terminus with the period of mining lease granted i.e. 50 years w.e.f. 29.06.2020 to 28.06.2070.

<u>Condition No.(xxii):-</u> The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency shall not be allowed to change layout plan of the proposed forest land without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest &Climate Change. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 16 of

Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxiii):-</u> The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency should not use forest land for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 17 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxiv):-</u> The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency shall under no circumstances transfer the forest land proposed for diversion to any other user agency department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 18 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxv):-</u> No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that no damage shall be caused to the adjoining area flora & fauna. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at SI No. 19 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxvi):-</u> The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that he will ensure and take mitigative measure for the protection of the surrounding forest area.

<u>Condition No.(xxvii):-</u> The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency shall submit annual selfmonitoring report on compliances of stipulated condition by the end of March every year to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 20 of Annexure-VI.

<u>Condition No.(xxviii):-</u> Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance-: The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking at **Sl. No. 21 of Annexure-VI** to comply any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area.

<u>Condition No.(xxix):-</u> The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division at Sl. No. 22 of Annexure- VI to 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.

<u>Condition No.(xxx):-</u> Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/1027-FC dated 28.03.2019.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar Division the user agency have submitted an undertaking at Sl. No. 23 of Annexure-VI that they will abide by all the conditions as stipulated in the Stage-I approval order Dated 28.03.2023 of the MoEF & CC, GoI and violation if any noticed will be treated as violation under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

4. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated above, from the State Government of Odisha, final/Stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government of Odisha till final/Stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the after receipt of Stage-II / final approval under section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980, forest land shall be handed over to the user agency.

5. "The State Govt. or a Senior Office not below the Rank of a Divisional Forest Officer, having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, duly authorized in this behalf by the State Govt. can pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. Such order shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Wildlife Conservation Plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all other compensatory levies, [specified in the Stage-I (in-principle) approval] from the User Agency, and wherever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department "as stipulated in Para 11.2 of Chapter-11 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the State Govt. in FE & CC Department has authorized the DFO, Keonjhar Division having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, to pass the order for tree cutting & commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year only after realization of compensatory levies specified on Stage-I approval. The user agency has deposited all the funds as mentioned in CAMPA format (Annexure- II) & no nonforest land has been identified for CA as the proposed forest area is less than 1.00 ha, therefore no mutation / alienation proposal is required. Tree cutting permission is also not required in the instant diversion proposal as no tree is standing over 0.03 ha forest land proposed to be diverted. The DFO, Keonjhar Division has further reported that as all the compensatory levies as stipulated in the Stage-I approval have been realized from the user agency, he will issue working permission to the user agency for a period of one year as stipulated in Para 11.2 of Chapter-11 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Safety Zone of Roida-II Iron Ore Block of M/s Narbheram Power and Steel Pvt. Ltd in Keonjhar District for construction of Access Road and 33 KV Transmission line from NH-520 to Roida-II Iron Ore Block

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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17296 /Dt. 25-08 2023 Copy along with one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORB552/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar. Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

> Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. /Dt. Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo no. 2418 dated 27.07.2023.

> Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 2419 dated 27.07.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

> SONY Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Copy forwarded to the Vice-President, M/s Narbheram Power & Steel Pvt. Ltd., Avan Signature, 6th Floor, 91A/1, Park Street, Kolkata-700016 for information and necessary action.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act