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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur

Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 16.463 ha forest land (12.649 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 3.814 ha in Bonai Forest Division) for laying of 20" dia dual pipelines (slurry & water), Power and communication cables from Kalamang Ghoraburuni-Sagasahi Block, Koira Tahasil, Sundargarh District to Beneficiation plant at Dubuna under Barbil Tahsil of Keonjhar District of M/s. Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited (Formerly known as M/s Essar Steel India Ltd.) - Stage-I Compliance regarding.

Ref:- Letter No. 5-ORC496/2022-BHU dated 25.01.2022 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No. 5-ORC496/2022-BHU dated 25.01.2022 for diversion of 16.463 ha forest land (12.649 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 3.814 ha in Bonai Forest Division) for laying of 20" dia. dual pipelines (slurry & water), Power and communication cables from Kalamang Ghoraburuni-Sagasahi Block, Koira Tahasil, Sundargarh District to Beneficiation plant at Dubuna under Barbil Tahsil of Keonjhar District of M/s. Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited (Formerly known as M/s Essar Steel India Ltd.) subject to fulfilment of 10 nos. of condition prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 21 nos. of condition after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of DFO, Keonjhar, Bonai Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

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

- i. The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 16.463 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.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency was demanded a sum of Rs.1,81,72,439/- towards Net Present Value (NPV) @ Rs.14,36,670/- per ha (Eco value Class-I, Canopy Density 0.5) as per revised rate fixed by the MoEF& CC, GoI vide their letter F. No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022& 19.01.2022 of 12.649 ha of forest land involved in Keonjhar Forest Division.

Further, the User Agency was demanded a sum of Rs.54,79,459/- towards Net Present Value (NPV) @ Rs.14,36,670/- per ha. of 3.814 ha of forest land involved in Bonai Forest Division vide his office Letter No.1502 dt.19.2.2022.

As reported by both the DFOs concerned, the user agency has accordingly deposited an amount Rs.2,36,51,898/- (which includes NPV of 12.649 ha of forest land involved in Keonjhar Forest Division amounting to Rs.1,81,72,439 and NPV of 3.814 ha of forest land involved in Bonai Forest Division amounting to Rs.54,79,459/-) in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No.SBINR52022031572584486 dated 15.03.2022. Copies of the demand letters and payments details of RTGS slips submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division are enclosed as **Annexure-01 Series**.

ii. The identified non-forest land of 16.466 ha for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and muted in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to stage-II approval.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that for raising of compensatory afforestation, 16.466 ha of non-forest Govt. land has been identified in village-Podadihi under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar District. The identified non-forest Govt. land has already been mutated and transferred in favour of State Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department & new RoR has been issued by the Tahasildar, Banspal vide Khata No.1/1 and Plot No.502 & 503/741 and the said land has been declared as **Podadihi Protected Forest** vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0170-2021-{10F-Cons}-106/2021}-24350/FE&CC dated 22.11.2023. The copy of the RoR and PF Notification submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar are enclosed as **Annexure- 02 series**.

iii. The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation / Addl. CA shall be clearly depicted on a survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation /Addl. C.A. have been clearly depicted on Survey of India Topo Sheet No. F45N6 and No.F45N11 respectively (1: 50,000 scale). The copies of the maps are enclosed as **Annexure-03 Series**.

iv. The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas 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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA/Addl. CA areas have already been uploaded

on e-Green watch portal with requisite details. The said KML files furnished in a CD format is enclosed as **Annexure-04**.

- v. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme prepared over 16.466 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in village- Podadihi under Banspal Tahasil & the Addl. Compensatory Afforestation Scheme prepared over 40.00 ha. degraded forest land identified in Kalapat RF under Telkoi Range of Keonjhar Forest Division have been technically approved by the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) as per approved one-time cost norm with the total financial outlay of Rs.1,11,55,700/- & Rs.81,44,900/- respectively. Accordingly demand letter was issued to the user agency vide office letter No.1352 dated 19.02.2022 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division. The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.1,93,00,600/- (which includes cost of CA amounting to Rs.1,11,55,700/- & Addl.CA amounting to Rs.81,44,900/-) in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No-SBINR52022022869561257 dated 28.02.2022. Further, the CA and Addl. CA scheme have been revised at the current wage rate of Rs.452/- per manday and technically approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) with total financial outlay of CA being Rs.1,27,42,400/- and the total cost of Addl. CA being Rs.1,37,50,900/- respectively with 10 years maintenance. As per the demand raised by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the UA deposited the differential amount of Rs.71,92,700/- (Rs.1,27,42,400/- + Rs.1,37,50,900/- – Rs.1,93,00,600/-) in Odisha CAMPA through RTGs vide UTR No.SBINR520250 20674522798 dated 06.02.2025. The Compensatory Afforestation schemes include provisions for anticipated cost increase for 10 years. Copies of the demand letter, payment details of RTGS slip are enclosed as **Annexure-05 Series**.

- vi. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.tic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, all the funds towards the compensatory levies in respect of this project have been deposited in the Orissa CAMPA Account through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

The details of compensatory levies deposited by the User Agency in prescribed format duly signed by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and countersigned by the Addl. PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-06**. The details of compensatory levies deposited by the User Agency in prescribed format duly signed by DFO, Bonai Forest Division

and countersigned by the Addl. PCCF (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-06A**.

- vii. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency will deposit the cost of felling of trees with the State Forest Department. The Forest Range Officer, Champua has intimated vide his Memo No.2645 dated 21.08.2024 that, the user agency shall transplant 49 nos. of trees from the list of trees enumerated for felling. Tree felling shall be allowed under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. Detailed Plantation reports are enclosed as **Annexure-07 series**. As reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, the user agency will abide by the condition. An undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division to this effect has been furnished by the User Agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-07A**.

- viii. The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the user agency has intimated to both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that, they have uploaded the compliance report of the Stage-I approval on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

- ix. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificates from the concerned District Collector.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the Collector, Keonjhar has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over an area of 12.650 ha of forest land vide his letter No.2064, dated 15.12.2017. The copies of the FRA certificates are enclosed as **Annexure-08 Series**. Further, the Collector, Sundargarh has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over an area of 3.816 ha of forest land vide his Letter No.I/3215/2017/SSD dated 04.03.2017. The copies of the FRA certificates pertaining to Bonai Division are enclosed as **Annexure-08A** respectively.

- x. 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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the boundary of the forest land, to be diverted has been demarcated on ground by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars. Each pillar has been inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates. Photocopies of the boundary pillars are

enclosed as **Annexure-09 Series** with authentication of DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division. Further, as reported by the DFO, Bonai Division, the Range Officer, Koira has intimated vide his Memo No.813 dt.23.10.2024 that the boundary of the forest land, to be diverted, has been demarcated on ground by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars. Each pillar has been inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates. Photocopies of the boundary pillars with distance from pillar to pillar are enclosed as **Annexure-09A** with authentication of DFO, Bonai Forest Division.

2. 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.

i. The Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that the legal Status of the forest land will remain unchanged which are enclosed at **Sl. No. B.(i) of Annexure-10** and **B.(i) Annexure-10A** respectively.

ii. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 16.466 ha. of non-forest land identified in Plot No.502 & 503(P) of Khata No.67(AAA) of village Podadihi of Banspal Tahasil under Keonjhar district within three years from the date of stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter by the state forest department, at the cost of user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme prepared over 16.466 ha of non-forest Govt. land identified in Village- Podadihi under Banspal Tahasil of Keonjhar Forest Division has been technically approved by the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) as per approved one-time cost norm with a total financial outlay of Rs. 1,11,55,700/- vide his memo No.2735 dated 10.02.2022. Accordingly demand letter has been issued to the user agency vide this office letter No.1352 dated 19.02.2022. The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.1,93,00,600/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Tree Lakh Six Hundred only) (which includes CA amount Rs.1,11,55,700/- +ACA cost Rs.81,44,900/-) in Orissa CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No-SBINR52022022869561257 dated 28.02.2022. Further, the CA and Addl. CA scheme have been revised at the current wage rate of Rs.452/- per manday and technically approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) with total financial outlay of CA is Rs.1,27,42,400/- and the total cost of Addl. CA is Rs.1,37,50,900/- respectively with 10 years maintenance. As per the demand raised by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the UA deposited the differential amount of Rs.71,92,700/- (Rs.1,27,42,400/- + Rs.1,37,50,900/- – Rs.1,93,00,600/-) in Odisha CAMPA through RTGs vide UTR No.SBINR52025020674522798 dated 06.02.2025. The provision for anticipated cost of increase for 10 years has been included in the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, CA shall be raised over the identified Non-Forest land within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter on release of necessary funds in this regard.

- iii. *Additional Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 40.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kalapat RF under Telkoi Range of Keonjhar Forest Division within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the additional Compensatory afforestation Scheme over 40.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kalapat RF under Telkoi Range of Keonjhar Forest Division with a maintenance period of 10 years has been technically approved with a total financial outlay of Rs.81,44,900/- and as per demand letter issued vide his office letter No.1352 dated 19.02.2022, the user agency has deposited Rs.81,44,900/- in Orissa CAMPA through online vide UTR No.SBINR520220 22869561257 dated 28.02.2022. Further, Addl. CA scheme has been revised at the current wage rate of Rs.452/- per manday and technically approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) with total financial outlay of Rs.1,37,50,900/- with 10 years maintenance. As per the demand raised by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the UA has deposited the differential amount of Rs.56,06,000/- (part deposit of Rs.71,92,700/-) in Odisha CAMPA through RTGs vide UTR No.SBINR52025020674522798 dated 06.02.2025 (Rs.1,37,50,900/- – Rs.81,44,900/- = 56,06,000/-). Copy of the demand letters & payment details are already enclosed above as **Annexure-05 Series**.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, Addl.CA shall be raised over the identified degraded Forest land within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter on release of necessary funds in this regard.

- iv. *The species to be planted in the CA/Addl. CA scheme shall be of native species (same species felled as far as possible) avoiding Teak and exotic species. At least 18-month-old seedlings 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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the CA/Addl. CA scheme have been prepared for planting of seedlings of native species (same species felled as far as possible) i.e. (*Syzygium cumini* (Jamun), *Adina cardifolia* (Kurum), *Anogeissus latifolia* (Dharua), *Accacia catechu* (Khair), *Dalbargia sissoo* (Sissoo), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem), *Gmelina arborea* (Ghambhar), *Terminalia belerica* (Bahada), *Terminalia chebula* (Harida), *Pongamia pinnata* (Karanj), *Emblica officianalis* (anla) & *Shorea robusta* (Sal)). The CA/Addl.CA plantation will be done using 18 months old seedlings and intensive monitoring will be done in regular interval to increase the canopy density and survival percentage of the plantation.

- v. *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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (v) of Annexure-10 and B (v) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- vi. *As proposed by the State Govt. the Slurry, water, power and communication cables shall be laid minimum 1.0 meter below the ground with 1-meter width and after laying down of the pipeline the ground will be levelled.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that as proposed by the State Govt. the Slurry, water, power and communication cables shall be laid minimum 1.0 meter below the ground with 1-meter width and after laying of the pipeline the ground will be levelled, which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (vi) of Annexure-10 and B (vi) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- vii. *Laying of pipeline should be done simultaneously with the digging of the trench.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that laying of pipeline should be done simultaneously with the digging of the trench which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (vii) of Annexure-10 and B (vii) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- viii. *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006, Environmental Clearance is not required for this linear project.

- ix. *The user agency shall take adequate safety measures for accidental leakage of Slurry, water, power, and communication cable pipelines.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that they shall take adequate safety measures for accidental leakage of Slurry, water, power, and communication cable pipelines which are enclosed at Sl. No. B(ix) of Annexure-10 and B(ix) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- x. *The user agency shall implement intensive soil and moisture conservation measures along both sides of the proposed pipeline corridor passing through forest areas at project cost.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that they shall implement intensive soil and moisture conservation measures along both sides of the proposed pipeline corridor passing through forest areas at project cost which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (x) of Annexure-10 and B (x) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xi. *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xi) of Annexure-10 and B (xi) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xii. *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xii) of Annexure-10 and B (xii) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xiii. *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner, which are enclosed at Sl. No. B(xiii) of Annexure-10 and B(xiii) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xiv. *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed

without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xiv) of Annexure-10 and B (xiv) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xv. *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 furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xv) of Annexure-10 and B (xv) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xvi. *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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that 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 which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xvi) of Annexure-10 and B (xvi) of Annexure-10A respectively.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xvii) of Annexure-10 and B (xvii) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xviii. *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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as asserted by the DFO, Keonjhar/ Bonai Division, they will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that, there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding areas. In this regard, the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFOs concerned which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xviii) of Annexure-10 and B (xviii) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xix. *The user agency shall submit an 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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that they shall submit an annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry by the end of March every year which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xix) of Annexure-10 and B (xix) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xx. *Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & 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: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division that any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & 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 them which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xx) of Annexure-10 and B (xx) of Annexure-10A respectively.

- xxi. *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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Keonjhar and Bonai Forest Division to abide by 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 which are enclosed at Sl. No. B (xxi) of Annexure-10 and B (xxi) of Annexure-10A respectively.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, if any violation is noticed in the above stipulated conditions, action will be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued vide letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 16.463 ha forest land (12.649 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 3.814 ha in Bonai Forest Division) for laying of 20" dia. dual pipelines (slurry & water), Power and communication cables from Kalamang Ghoraburuni-Sagasahi Block, Koira Tahasil, Sundargarh

District to Beneficiation plant at Dubuna under Barbil Tahsil of Keonjhar District of M/s. Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited (Formerly known as M/s Essar Steel India Ltd.) under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No.

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21.04.2025

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 2903/FE&CC dated 08.02.2022 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department and No 5-ORC496/2022-BHU dated 25.01.2022 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.1346 dated 10.02.2025 of DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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