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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 10F(Cons)- 166/2015- 20243 / F&E. Dated : 03-10-17

From: Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS,
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub:- Proposal for according permission for use of 6.699ha. of forest land within total Mining lease area of 104.86ha. in Parulipada Manganese ore Mining lease located in Barbil Tahasil and Barbil Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar district for undertaking exploratory drilling of 97 no. of boreholes of 4" dia (97 boreholes @ 0.02ha each totalling 1.94ha and 4.759ha. for construction of road) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of minerals: **OSFMCP- Proposal No: FP/OR/MRL/17/2014.**

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 20630 dt. 18.9.2017 in which above mentioned proposal was furnished to F&E Department for consideration. Upon perusal of the above, the following deficiencies are observed which need to be complied with.

- (i) GoI, MoEF&CC while considering earlier prospecting proposal, had earlier imposed CA against forest land to be used for road purpose. Since 4.759ha. of forest land is proposed to be used for temporary road purpose, suitable non-forest land of equal extent, free from encroachment and encumbrance, may be identified and allotted for raising CA over such non-forest land. A site specific CA scheme prepared for the project, shall be approved by competent authority and appended to the proposal.
- (ii) User agency shall furnish undertaking to pay NPV for the forest land of 4.759ha. to be used for road purpose.
- (iii) Location of proposed boreholes indicated at page 39-41 of the proposal needs to be authenticated by the DFO, Keonjhar.
- (iv) DFO, Keonjhar in his site inspection report (page 12 of proposal) has indicated that *felling of trees will bring temporary change in land use in the mining lease. However, the user agency has undertaken that prospecting activities will not involve any clearing of forest or cutting of trees. This ambiguity may be clarified as to whether any tree felling is involved.*
- (v) ML period has been extended up to 24.4.2031 as per order dt. 513 dt. 19.1.2016 of Steel. & Mines Department. Whether the applicant has got permission under Section 2(iii) of FC Act for the entire forest land of this lease may be indicated. This would enable execution of supplementary lease deed for extended lease period.

Detailed compliances to the above deficiencies may be furnished to this department. Proposals received vide your letter under reference are returned herewith for required compliance and re-submission.

Yours faithfully,

24/9/17
Special Secretary to Government

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
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
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