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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 16 October' 2023

From

Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF , Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government
Govt. of Odisha, Steel & Mines Department
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: **Diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha of forest land in safety zone area for Chromite ore mining from their Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines by M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under jurisdiction of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha - regarding.**

Ref:- (i) Letter No. 8804/SM dated 29.08.2023 of Deputy Secretary to Government, Department of Steel & Mines addressed to the Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
(ii) Letter No.12227/DoMG dated 04.10.2023 of Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha, Bhubaneswar addressed to this office

Sir,


In inviting a reference to the letter cited at (i) above on the captioned subject, it has been mentioned that the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act'2023 has come into force with effect from 04.08.2023 and a new **Section 1A** has been introduced specifying the categories of forest land to be covered under the provision of this Act.

In this context, it is to reiterate that as per Clause 1(2) of Gazette published on 04.08.2023, "*the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023 shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint*".

The Notification of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act'2023 is yet to be notified by Central Government. Thus, it is premature to examine the applicability of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act'2023 at this stage.

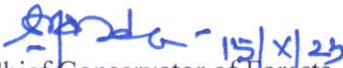
This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully


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

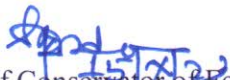
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Copy forwarded to the Director of Mines and Geology, Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha, Heads of Department Building, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar-751001 for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Letter No. 12227/DoMG dated 04.10.2023.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Memo No. 20509 / dated 16.10.2023

Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, M/s Vedanta Limited for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Letter No. FACOR/Bhadrak/Legal/87/2023 dated 10.10.2023.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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