



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF, ODISHA
ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR

Memo No.

21580

Dated, Bhubaneswar the

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15th

December, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 194.683 ha of forest land within total mining lease area of 358.258 Ha. (as per DGPS Survey) of Guali Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar District

Ref: Your Memo No.3057 dated 29.10.2021

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal the following deficiencies are noticed:

1. Letter of Authority in favour of the applicant from the Competent Authority OMC Ltd has not been enclosed in DP.
2. The applicant has not authenticated all documents in the DP i.e. Land schedule.
3. It is mentioned in the purpose wise breakup of land in the proposal that:
 - (i) 3.287 Ha. forest land will be used for infrastructure. In the contrary 6.184 Ha. non-forest land has been proposed as un touched area.
 - (ii) 0.402 Ha. non-forest land earmarked for public purposes, details not mentioned.
 - (iii) 4.018 Ha. forest land and 0.132 Ha. non-forest land totaling to 4.150 Ha. proposed for diversion of existing nallah. The natural water course which is of paramount importance on hydrological aspect should not be disturbed. The same should be included in the Safety Zone and protected to ensure free from any sort of pollution.
 - (iv) The proposed mining area is 68.564 Ha. over forest land where as dumping area is proposed over forest land is 49.051 Ha. which is not permissible.

4. Compensatory Afforestation:

Equivalent Non-forest Govt. land over 194.683 Ha. indentified for CA. Plantation @ 1600/ Ha. proposed to be taken up. On DSS analysis of the CA land, it is found that 27 Ha. out of 194.683 Ha. is MDF. The CA scheme require to be revisited and revised scheme to be submitted by DFO.

5. Resettlement and Rehabilitation:

Action taken for preparation and approval of the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Scheme should be mentioned with documentary evidence.

6. **Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan:**

The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan was approved on 17.01.2009. Details of implementation of the plan should be reported. SSWLCP should be prepared in case the plan period is expired to address the issues concerning Human-Wild Elephant Conflict.

7. Realization of NPV and CA is mandatory for forest area broken up prior to 25.10.1980. This should be examined and reported alongwith complete compliance to stipulated conditions of final approval accorded for diversion of 42.417 Ha. and 95.0 Ha. on 14.01.2005 and 06.09.2011 respectively. The compliance report should be signed by the DFO and countersigned by the RCCF.
8. Violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any, and action taken thereof should be mentioned in detail.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal is returned herewith for re-submission with necessary compliance at an early date.

Encl: **DP in triplicate**

Ans
14/12/21
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. *21581* /Dt. *15.12.2021*
Copy forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action.

Ans
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. *21582* /Dt. *15.12.2021*
Copy forwarded to Suman Krishna Sit, General Manager (GEO), Power of Attorney Holder of the proposal, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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14/12/21
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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