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Memo No. 2298 /Mining

Dated, Keonjhar the 7th April, 2017

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 124.313 ha of sabik kisam forest land as on 25th October 1980 (treated as non-forest in hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312 ha (including sabik kisam land of 238.093 ha), located within the mining lease hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9 Sq. Miles) of Steel Authority of India in village of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. and Karo Reserved Forest under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2nd RML period (FP/OR/MIN/20126/2016).

Ref: Memo No. 5911 dated 08.03.2017 of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

With reference to the aforementioned memo on the captioned subject, the desired point wise compliance/ documents is furnished hereunder for favour of kind information and necessary action.

1. The user agency has submitted the copy of order dated 2nd / 5th May, 1958 of the Deputy Secretary to Govt. of Odisha approving the grant of surface right and subsequent grant of surface right by Collector, Keonjhar allowing for establishment of staff and labour shed (Quarters/ Township) including other infrastructure. The township is reportedly established on the strength of the said surface right permission. The copy of approval order dated 2nd / 5th May, 1958 and subsequent grant order of surface right by Collector, Keonjhar, submitted by M/s SAIL, is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- I** and **Annexure- II** respectively.
2. The Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980, located in the safety zone, is 3.687 ha. The said area has been broken, as reported by M/s SAIL, prior to 1980 for establishment of workshop, layout of mine benches, construction of ore handling plant and other allied mining activities on the strength of surface right order. The compliance dated 29.03.2017 of M/s SAIL is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure- III**. Nonetheless, it is submitted that the observation as regards action taken against official may kindly be not insisted upon.
3. Revenue Forest, as per authenticated abstract of land schedule, is 166.93 ha whereas the actual sum of area of Revenue Forest plots, reflected in the village wise land schedule, is 170.05 ha. Revenue Forest plots included in the DGPS surveyed mining lease, as per scheduled RoR, is 146.009 ha. The differential Revenue Forest area over 24.041 ha is due to inclusion and exclusion of some plots i.e. plots, not reflected in the land schedule, has been included in the mining lease and plots, reflected in the land schedule, fall outside the Mining Lease boundary. The details of Revenue Forest plots is appended in the Diversion Proposal vide Annexure- 19. In addition, the explanation offered on this count by M/s SAIL is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure- III**.

**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**

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Copy forwarded to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo No. 5909 dated 08.03.2017.

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