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Memo No. 10096 / 6F-Mining-12/2016

Dated, Keonjhar the 07 September, 2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 303.066 ha of forest land located in the mining lease of Bamebari Iron & Manganese Mines having total area of 464.00 ha in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. in District Keonjhar - GoI observations regarding

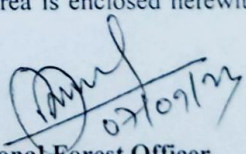
Ref: Memo No. 14041 dated 13.07.2023 of Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

In inviting a reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, the required compliance as regards the shortcoming / observations are depicted below:-

1. The village wise abstract of Sabik & DLC land certified by the Tahasildar, Barbil as submitted by the user agency and duly countersigned by the user agency are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.
2. The Topo sheet map showing Elephant death & Human death in the impact area of the Mining Lease enclosed herewith **Annexure-II** duly authenticated by the undersigned.
3. The Collector, Keonjhar was requested vide this office letter No. 8205 dated 17.11.2021 to take legal action against M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for use of DLC & Khesera forest land without approval under FC Act 1980, involved in the Mining Lease area over 464.00 ha. The Collector was also reminded vide this office letter No. 9507 dated 28.08.2023 to expedite the above matter.
4. It is to mention here that:-
 - (i) The total safety zone area is 27.946 ha
 - (ii) Safety zone kept in the approved diversion proposal over an area of 145.329 ha is 3.097 ha
 - (iii) Area of safety zone proposed in the instant proposal is 24.849 ha
 - (iv) Area (ii) + (iii) = 27.946 ha
 - (v) Area proposed in the instant proposal to be kept as Green Belt is 1.667 ha

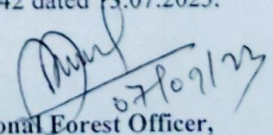
From the above, it is seen that the user agency has proposed to keep 1.667 ha as Green Belt in addition to the safety zone. Further, the C.D submitted by the User Agency showing the details of Safety zone area and proposed Green Belt area is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Encl:- As above


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Memo No. 10097 / Dated 07-09-2023

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo No. 14042 dated 13.07.2023.


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Memo No. 7575 /Mining-12/2016

Dated, Keonjhar the 08-06-2023

To

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Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 303.066 ha of forest land located in the mining lease Bamebari Iron & Mn. Mine having total area of 464.00 ha in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. in District Keonjhar.

Ref: Memo No. 8579 dt. 03.05.2023 of Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to his address.

With reference to the aforementioned letters on the captioned subject, the point wise compliance report of the observations of the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar dated 03.05.2023 are as follows:-

Observation: (ii) (1) It is reported that the identified degraded forest land has been verified by the RO, Ghatagaon and a certificate to this effect has been given in the map. But the certificate along with the map has not been enclosed with the compliance.

The map pertaining to the identified degraded forest land and a certificate to this effect have been provided in the forest diversion proposal. However, a copy of the same (Map & Certificate) are enclosed as **Annexure- I**.

(2) The KML and Shape file of the CA and Addl. CA land has not been furnished in the compliance for which DSS Analysis could not be done.

The KML and Shape file of the CA and Addl. CA land have been furnished in the forest diversion proposal. The details of KML and Shape file of the CA and Addl. CA land are enclosed as **Annexure- II**.

Observation: : (iii) As per observation, the notification copy of the Thakurani RF and Sidhamath RF have not been enclosed

The Thakurani RF and Sidhamatha RF were originally notified as Reserve Forest vide Notification No-10712/12/F/42(M/2)/58D dated 27.03.1958 of Government of Odisha. The copy of the said notification is enclosed as **Annexure-III**. But the subsequent re-notification of the above two RFs vide notification No. F.S. 58/04 - 41011/R dated 15.10.2005 and F.S. 127/79-53183/R dated 23.07.1979 of the Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha respectively are not traceable. Further the report of Forest & Revenue Joint Verification Committee (FRJVC) report for DGPS survey in respect of aforesaid two RFs are enclosed here with for reference.

Observation: (vii) The ORSAC reported vide letter No. 3760 dated 27.12.2016 that detail village/plot/patch wise statistics of forest area proposed for diversion in each block are attached. But the same report has not been enclosed with the compliance".

The ORSAC, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. 3760 dated 27.12.2016 has depicted the detail village/plot/patch wise statistics of forest area proposed for diversion in each block on the DGPS Map itself and the same has been authenticated by the ORSAC followed by the concerned authorities of Mining, Forest & Revenue Department. Further, the said authenticated DGPS Maps of the Forest Land involved in the proposals is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.

Observation: (viii) The draft proposal for declaration of PF in lieu of diversion of 145.329 Ha has not been re-submitted with the compliance.

The draft proposal for declaration of PF in lieu of diversion of 145.329 Ha is re-submitted herewith as **Annexure-V**.

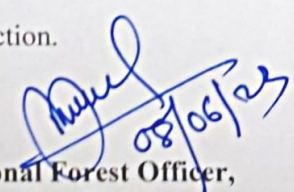
Observation: (ix) The DFO, Keonjhar Division may be requested to furnish the letter of the Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar for reference.

The letter of Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar addressed to the Tahasildar, Barbil vide his letter No. 384 dt. 04.02.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure- VI** for reference.

Observation: (xii) The Mining Plan is not enclosed with the compliance. So, the UA may be requested to submit the same.

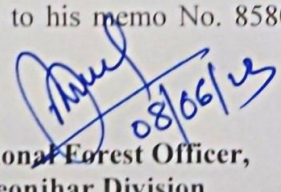
The user agency has submitted the approved Review of Mining Plan issued vide the letter No. RMP/A/08-ORI/BHU/2020-21 dt. 03.08.2020 of IBM, valid up to 31.03.2025 is enclosed as **Annexure- VII**.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.


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