

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

No.FE-DIV-FLD-0104-2021- 5048/FE&CC,

Date 17.03.23

From

Shri Lingaraj Otta,
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.

Sub: Diversion of balance forest land of 746.3325 ha including 11.8305 ha for safety zone (excluding 95.60 ha Pre-1980 broken up forest land already diverted and 4.467 ha of forest land being proposed for diversion in separate proposal for mining infrastructure of Daitari ML) within total forest land of 846.3995 ha located within approved Mining Lease area of 1018.3085 ha for Iron Ore Mining in Daitari Mining Lease in Cuttack Forest Division of Jajpur District and Keonjhar (WL) Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha of OMC Ltd. during Mining Lease period as extended under the Amendment provision MMDR Act – submission of final report regarding.

Ref: Letter F. No.8-28/2015-FC, dt.28.09.2018 of AIGF (FC), GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division) addressed to the Director General, ICFRE, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the captioned subject, I am directed to inform that in pursuance of the decision of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 26.07.2018 and the decision taken in the meeting held on 06.03.2019 under the Chairmanship of DGF & SS, GoI, MoEF&CC, the Asst. Director General (EM), Environment Management Division, Directorate of Extension, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has submitted the final report in Vol.I & II and Executive Summary on **Carrying Capacity and Biodiversity Assessment Study Report of Daitari Iron Ore Mine of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., Odisha** prepared by ICFRE, Dehradun in association with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun pertaining to the above diversion proposal vide his letter dt.08.12.2022.

In this context, a copy of the said letter of ICFRE, Dehradun was forwarded to the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha and PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for submission of their views on the final report vide FE&CC Deptt. letter dt.12.01.2023. In response to this, the Conservator of Forests (Ecotourism), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha vide their office letter No.2099, dt.28.02.2023 has intimated that the Mining lease area of Daitari Iron Ore Mines, OMC Ltd. is not coming within Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Corridor. The PCCF & HoFF, Odisha vide his letter No.4194, dt.03.03.2023 has forwarded a copy of the letter dt.28.02.2023 of the O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha and intimated that

he has no further comments to offer.



In this regard, a copy of the final report in Vol.I & II and Executive Summary on Carrying Capacity and Biodiversity Assessment Study Report of Daitari Iron Ore Mine of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., Odisha prepared by ICFRE, Dehradun in association with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun along with the copy of letter dt.28.02.2023 of CF (Ecotourism), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha & its enclosures and copy of letter dt.03.03.2023 of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha are sent herewith for favour of kind information & further necessary action of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

dt 17/3/2023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5049 /FE&CC, Date 17.03.23

Copy forwarded to the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action.

dt 17/3/2023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5050 /FE&CC, Date 17.03.23

Copy along with copy of letter dt.28.02.2023 of CF (Ecotourism), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha & its enclosures and copy of letter dt.03.03.2023 of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha forwarded to the Asst. Director General (EM), ICFRE, New Forest, Dehradun-248006 (Uttarakhand) for information & necessary action.

dt 17/3/2023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5051 /FE&CC, Date 17.03.23

Copy along with soft copy of the final report in Vol.I & II and Executive Summary on Carrying Capacity and Biodiversity Assessment Study Report of Daitari Iron Ore Mine of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., Odisha prepared by ICFRE, Dehradun in association with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and copy of letter dt.28.02.2023 of CF (Ecotourism), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha & its enclosures and copy of letter dt.03.03.2023 of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha forwarded to Managing Director, OMC Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001 for information & necessary action.

dt 17/3/2023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA
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No. 4194 / 9F (MG) – 24/ 2011
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 03rd March' 2023

To

The OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department
Govt. of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan
Bhubaneswar

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X-Sub: Final Report on Carrying Capacity and Bio-diversity Assessment Report of Daitari Iron Ore Mine of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited, Odisha.

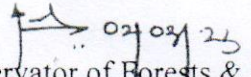
Ref: Letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0104-2021-719/FE&CC, Dt.12.01.2023.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above cited Government letters on the captioned subject, I am to say that PCCF (WL) and CWLW, Odisha vide his Memo No.2099 Dt.28.02.2023 has submitted his views on the final report, which is enclosed for further action at your end. I have no further comments to offer.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF
Odisha



STATE WILDLIFE HEADQUARTERS
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No. 2099 /CWLW-FDWC-MISC-0003-2023
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 28 February, 2023

To

The OSD-Cum-Special Secretary to Govt. of Odisha
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department
Kharvel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

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X-Sub: Final Report on Carrying Capacity and Bio-diversity Assessment Report of Daitari Iron Ore Mine of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited, Odisha.

Ref: Letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0104-2021-719/FE & CC dated 12.01.23 & letter No.2389/ FE & CC dated 07.02.2023 of FE & CC Deptt.

Sir,

Inviting a reference to the above cited Govt. letters on the captioned subject and discussion in the meeting held on 09.02.2023 under Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., FE & CC Deptt., I am directed to inform that Final Report on Carrying Capacity & Bio-diversity Assessment of the Daitari Iron Ore Mine (DIOM) of OMC Ltd. Odisha, prepared by ICFRE, Dehradun in association with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun contains specific recommendations and general recommendations vide para ES.11.1 & ES.11.2 of the Executive Summary respectively. The recommendations made in the Final Report may kindly be accepted except the findings of the report regarding location of Mining Lease area of DIOM, OMCL vis-à-vis proposed Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Corridor.

It is mentioned in the Volume-I of the Final Report against Sl. No.1 at Page 430 that Mining Lease area falls within the corridor forest linking the Similipal & Satkosia Tiger Reserves. The KML file of Corridor linking Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Reserves has been downloaded from the Decision Support System (DSS) of NTCA Website. It is mentioned in the DSS that for the time being, the user agency may like to download the 'KML' file and visualize the Protected Areas, Tiger Reserves and Corridors vis-à-vis their proposed developmental/ infrastructure projects. Copy of the Dash Board of NTCA Website enclosed herewith as *Annexure-I*. The KML file of Mining Lease area has been prepared basing on the DGPS Map of Mining Lease area duly authenticated by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar concerned DFOs and Dy. Director of Mines, Jajpur Road. Copy of the DGPS Map is enclosed herewith as *Annexure-II*. KML files of Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Corridor as well as Mining Lease area are sent herewith in soft copy (CD) for kind reference. On verification, it is seen that Mining Lease area of the DIOM, OMCL is not coming within Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Corridor. The map showing ML area of DIOM, OMCL vis-à-vis proposed Similipal-Satkosia Tiger Corridor is appended herewith as *Annexure-III* for better appreciation. This fact may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests (Ecotourism)

Memo. No. 2100 /Dt. 28/07/2023

Copy forward to PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for favour of information & necessary action.

Conservator of Forests (Ecotourism)



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DSS

DS System

Decision Support System

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is currently developing a 'Decision Support System' (DSS) for evaluating the developmental projects with respect to the location of tiger reserves, and corridors.

For the time being, the user agencies may like to download the 'KML' file and visualize the Protected Areas, Tiger Reserves and corridors vis-a-vis their proposed developmental / infrastructure projects.

Download PA, Tiger Reserves and Corridor KML file. ✓

Procedure to use KML file

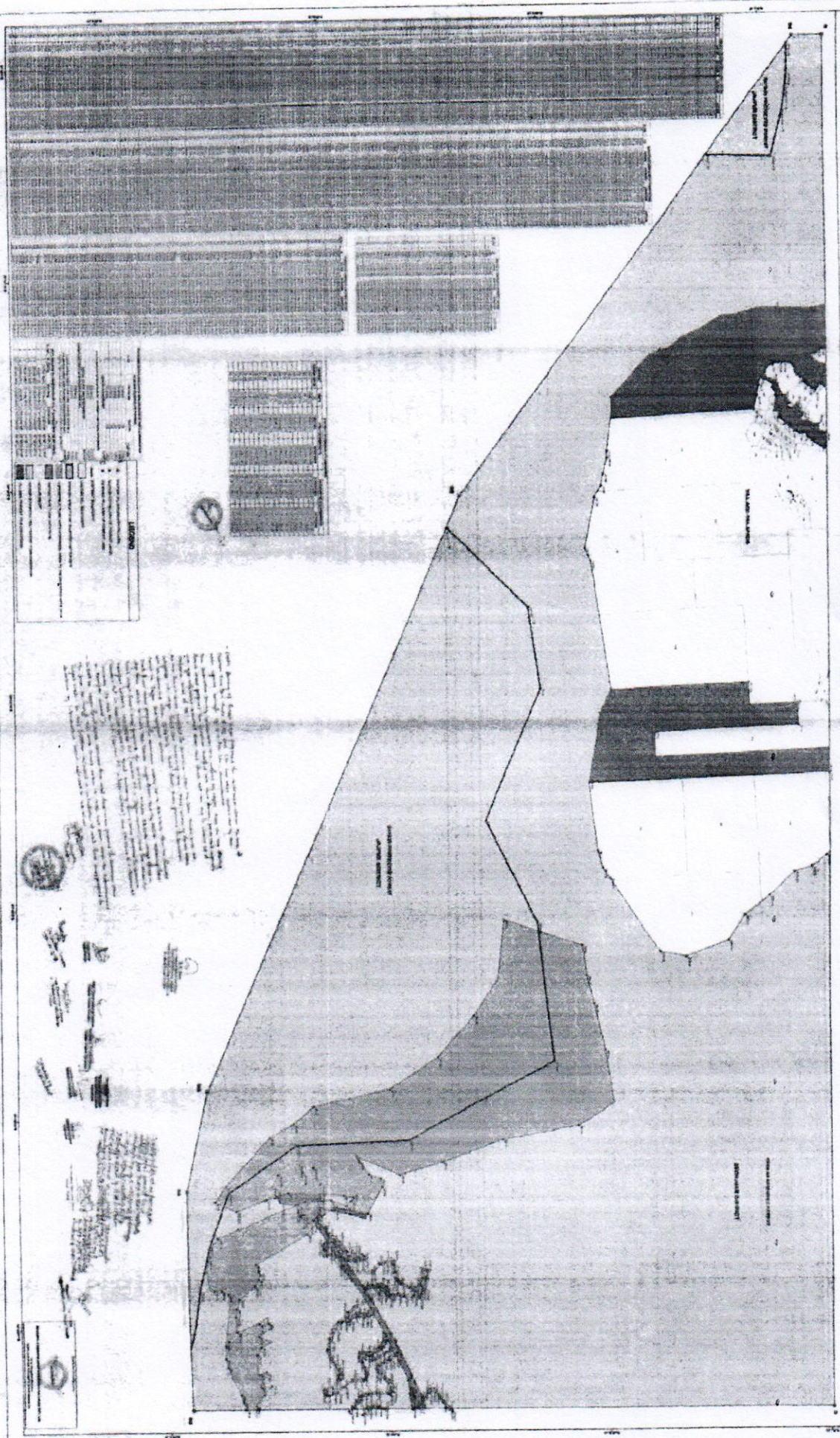
1. Download the KML file using above link.
2. Unzip the KML file. For unzipping you may use 7-Zip.
3. Open the unzipped KML file with Google Earth program. If may have to install Google Earth program available at this link for visualizing the KML file.
4. You may also visualize the KML file using Google Earth on Web.

For any query related to KML file, please contact [dtg2-ntca\[at\]nic\[dot\]in](mailto:dtg2-ntca[at]nic[dot]in).

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The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) gives no warranty, expressed or implied, with regard to the accuracy of the KML data provided herein nor the data's accuracy, completeness, currency or suitability for any particular purpose. NTCA disclaims all other liability for all loss, damages, expense and costs incurred by any person as a result of relying on the information in the data given in KML file.

Annexure-I

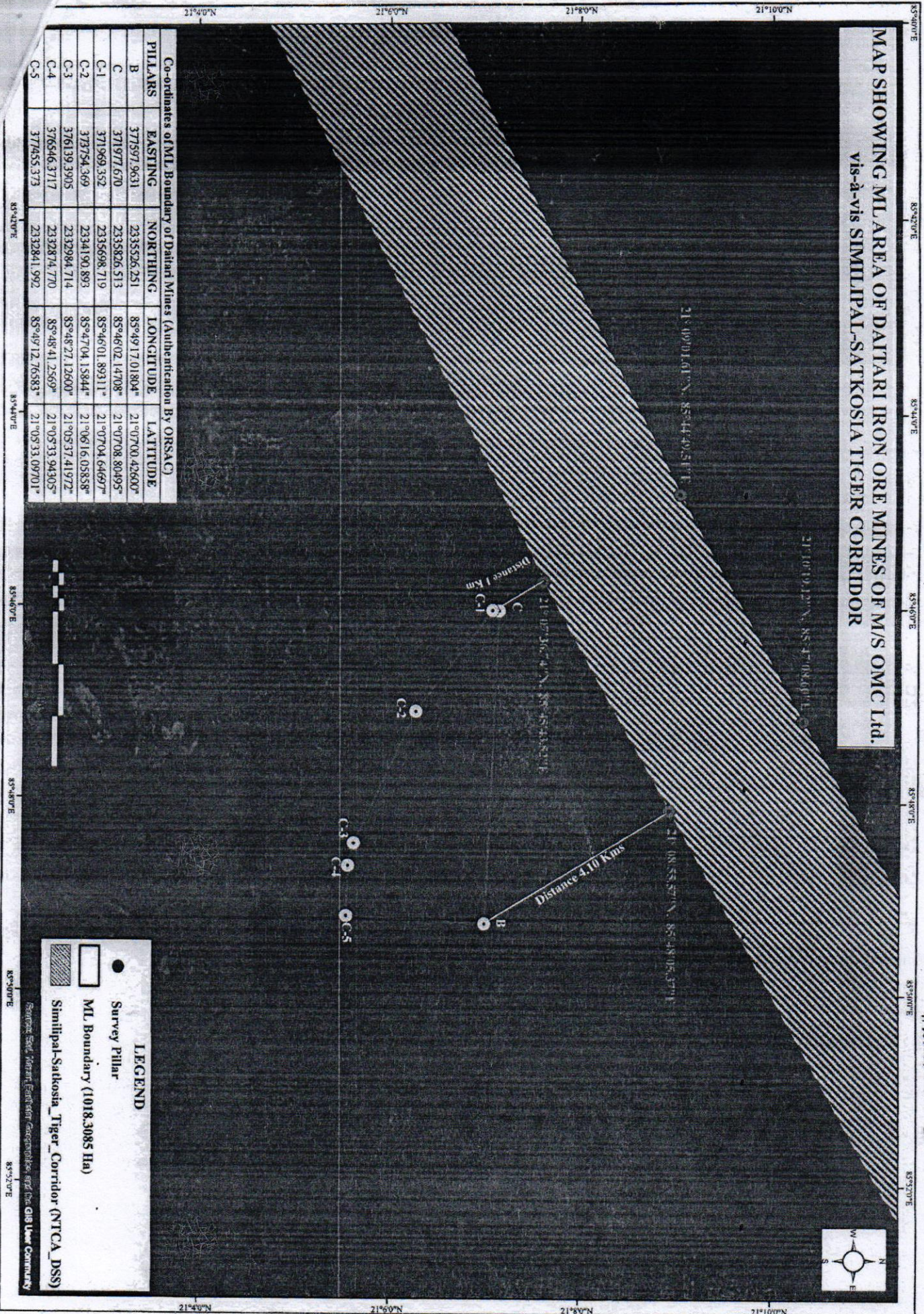


MAP SHOWING FOREST LAND PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION PERTAINING TO DAITARI IRON ORE MINES OF OMC LTD. IN
 REBANA R.F., DAITARI P.F. & TALAPADA VILLAGE UNDER KEONJHAR & JAJPUR DISTRICT, ODISHA



Annexure-II

MAP SHOWING ML AREA OF DAITARI IRON ORE MINES OF M/S OMC LTD.
vis-à-vis SIMLIPAL-SATKOSIA TIGER CORRIDOR



Co-ordinates of ML Boundary of Daitari Mines (Authentication By ORSAC)

PILLARS	EASTING	NORTHING	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE
B	377597.9631	2335526.251	85°49'17.01804"	21°07'00.42600"
C	371977.670	2335826.513	85°46'02.14708"	21°07'08.80495"
C-1	371969.352	2335698.719	85°46'01.89311"	21°07'04.64697"
C-2	373754.369	2334190.893	85°47'04.15844"	21°06'16.05838"
C-3	376139.3905	2332984.714	85°48'27.12600"	21°05'37.41972"
C-4	376546.3717	2332874.770	85°48'41.2569"	21°05'33.94305"
C-5	377455.373	2332841.992	85°49'12.76583"	21°05'33.09701"

LEGEND

- Survey Pillar
- ML Boundary (1018.3085 Ha)
- Simlipal-Satkosia_Tiger_Corridor (NTCA_DSS)

Source: Self, Mapan, Earthsat, Aerialphotos and the GIS User Community