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Memo No. 8082/6F-(Mg.) Dt: 21-9.2020

To

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

Sub: -

Proposal for diversion of 86.479 ha. forest land for construction of overhead conveyor belt form Barsuan Railway Siding to Kurmitar Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd.

Ref:-

1. Proposal No.FP/OR/Others/44967/2020 (State Sl. No.OR-046/2020) dt.19.6.2020.
2. Your Memo No.2343 dt.26.8.2020.
3. Letter No.11250 dt.18.9.2020 of M/s OMC Ltd.

With reference to the captioned subject, the point-wise compliance of the deficiencies in the above said diversion proposal pointed out by you vide your Memo No. under reference (2) is furnished below for needful.

1. ***The “purpose wise Breakup of the total land” required for the project as given at Page No.22 of DP does not match with the “proposed item wise utilization of forest land” given at Page-24 of DP.***

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has done necessary correction in the “purpose wise Breakup of total land” and “proposed item wise utilization of forest land” in the Part-I of the DP, which has been enclosed in the DP vide **Page-13-27**.

2. ***The figures as shown vide Annexure-XXI, i.e., the “statement showing details of forest and non-forest area proposed for diversion” do not tally with the figures given under details of RF area and PRF area.***

Corrected statement showing details of forest and non-forest area proposed for diversion, authenticated by the Range Officer, Barsuan and Tehsildar, Lahunipara which has been countersigned by the undersigned is enclosed as **Annexure-XXI/DP**.

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3. ***The purpose wise utilization of forest area given at Page-24/DP should also include No. of pillars to be constructed both in Forest and Non-Forest area along the conveyor corridor to support the conveyor pipe. It should also include the inspection Path/ Road.***

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has modified the table of proposed items wise utilization of forest area by including the number of pillars to be constructed both in Forest and Non-forest area along the conveyor corridor to support the conveyor pipe and also mentioned the area to be used as inspection path/road in "purpose wise utilization of forest area" at Page-24/DP.

4. ***As a safety hazards, there should be provision of Green belt on both sides along the length of the conveyor corridor to act as a protective (noise and dust) barrier.***

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has intimated vide his Letter No. under reference (3) that on either side of the overhead conveyor corridor of 15 mtr width there will be a natural vegetation barrier to absorb the noise. Moreover, the spread of dust will be negligible during transportation of Iron ore through pipe conveyor. Adequate measures shall also be taken to minimize the generation of noise by utilizing latest technology. Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect (**Annexure-1**)

5. ***Design of the pipe conveyor should be furnished.***

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has intimated vide his Letter No. under reference (3) that the details design is being prepared by an US based consultancy Agency to bring out the latest technology in the field of pipe conveyor transport mode.

A note on the design of the pipe conveyor submitted by the User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-2**. Further, the design of the pipe conveyor submitted by the User Agency has been authenticated by the Range Officer, Barsuan and Tehsildar, Lahunipara which has been countersigned by the undersigned is enclosed as **Plate-VI/DP**.

6. ***District profile should be furnished.***

The District / Division profile has already been mentioned in Sl. No.12 of the Part-II.

- 7. The Annexure-XII mentioned at P/15 of the DP is not found to have been enclosed at P/132 of the DP. Similarly Annexure-XIII mentioned at P/15 of the DP is not found to have been enclosed at P/136 of the DP. Thus, all the Annexures mentioned in the DP need to be thoroughly checked and submitted.**

Necessary corrections have made and all annexures enclosed in the Diversion Proposal.

- 8. As stated at page 22/DP, the above proposal also includes 1.993 ha. of forest land in respect of Rantha ML of OMC. This area seems to be proposed for diversion towards the conveyor corridor of the instant proposal vide Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/ 33970/2018 dt.28.1.2018. If it is so, how the same area of 1.993 ha. has been again proposed for diversion as fresh area in respect of the instant diversion proposal, which may be clarified.**

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has intimated vide his Letter No. under reference (3) that an area of 1.993 ha. of land comes under the proposed forest area for diversion in both the projects, and both the projects are in pipeline stage presently. After according permission for diversion of the above said land in one proposal, in the second case the same will be treated as a case of re-diversion and provisions as per the Guidelines of MoEF & CC in this regard will be followed.

- 9. Boundary description given vide Annexure-XXXI (Pg.163-169) has not been countersigned by the DFO.**

The boundary description given vide Annexure-XXXI (Pg.163-169) has been countersigned by the undersigned.

- 10. All undertakings furnished by the User Agency should be authenticated by the DFO.**

All the undertakings furnished by the User Agency has got countersigned by the undersigned.

11. As stated in the forwarding letter under Tree enumeration, 7447 nos. of trees above 30 cm girth have been enumerated over the applied forest area of 86.479 ha. and all the enumerated trees may be required to be felled due to the above project. The barest minimum number of trees which will be actually required to be felled should be furnished.

In compliance to above observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office Letter No.7520 dt.31.8.2020 to submit compliance of the above said observation. In response to this office Letter, the User Agency has intimated vide his Letter No. under reference (3) that the conveyor corridor has been planned in such a manner that minimum forest area is used. Therefore, the total 7447 nos. of trees of above 30 cm girth shall be required to be felled. However, the entire process of tree felling shall be done under the direct supervision of the State Forest Department. It is pertinent to mention here that the barest minimum of trees which will be actually required to be felled can be assessed at the time of execution of project only. At the time of project execution if any tree can be avoided from felling out of the enumerated trees, it can be done under the supervision of the Range Officer, Barsuan.

The User Agency has furnished as undertaking to this effect which has been enclosed as **Annexure-I**

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action

The Diversion Proposal is re-submitted herewith

Encl :- **DP-4 sets.**

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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act' O/O the P.C.C.F., Odisha Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2344 dt.26.8.2020 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Bonai Division.

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Copy forwarded to the Addl. General Manager, (Geo), M/s Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001 for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Letter No. under reference (3).


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Copy forwarded to the Regional Manager, M/s Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd., Koira, At/Po-Koira, Dist-Sundargarh for information and necessary action.


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