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Memo No. 1948 3F/Misc/638/2023/dt. 22.02.2023

To: The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul.

Sub: Diversion of 11.853ha. of forest land for establishment of industries i.e. Expansion and modernization of existing Integrated Steel Plant by M/s GM Iron and Steel Company Ltd. at Kulei under Parjang Tahasil of Dhenkanal District.

Ref: Memo No.23504 dt.19.11.2022 of Conservator of Forests (Nodal) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.  
Your Memo No.4959/5F-FC-100/2022 dt.24.11.2022.


On the above mentioned subject under reference, I would inform that the objections raised vide Memo No. 23504 dt.19.11.2022 of Conservator of Forests(Nodal) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha has been complied and enclosed as additional documents in the Forest Diversion Proposal along with annexure i to viii . Accordingly the Forest Diversion Proposal along with CD in 04 sets are sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As Above.

  
Conservator of Forests,  
I/C, Dhenkanal Division

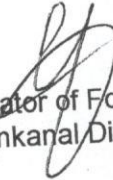
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Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, (Nodal) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.23505 dt.19.11.2022.

  
Conservator of Forests,  
I/C, Dhenkanal Division

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Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (EVN) IDCO Janapatha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to his Letter No.4366 dt.13.02.2023.

  
Conservator of Forests,  
I/C, Dhenkanal Division

**COMPLIANCE AGAINST THE OBJECTIONS RAISED VIDE MEMO NO. 23504/9F(IND)- 379/2022 DATED-19.11.2022 OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (NODAL) OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, & HOFF, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR.**

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- i. The GM Iron and Steel Company Ltd has not enclosed the records regarding sale deed of old plants of M/s Rana Sponge Ltd along with condition if any imposed against the old lessee by Competent Authority to run the company.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar has complied that GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd. had purchased the old plant of M/s Rana Steel & Power Ltd located in Kulei village from Bank through SARFAESI Act in 2019. In this connection, the copies of the Sale Deed No. 1 (Sale Certificate Dtd. 07.06.2019), Sale Deed No.2 (Sale Certificate Dtd. 19.07.2019 ), Sale Deed No. 3 (Sale Certificate Dtd. 24.04 .2019) &Sale Deed No. 4 (Sale Certificate Dtd. 10.06.2019) are annexed here with as **Annexure I -(a),I- (b) I- (c) & I -(d).**

- ii. The authenticated land schedule of 52.43 acre of existing old plants to be furnished in detail like forest land, non - forest Govt. Land and Privet land.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that the Authenticated land schedule of 52.43 Ac submitted regarding, existing old plant purchased by the GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd. is enclosed as **Annexure - II.**

- iii. Whether the old lessee has obtained forest clearance under Section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if yes then the Stage -II compliance to be enclosed with the proposal.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that the old lessee had not obtained forest clearance under section - 2 (ii) of FC Act,1980.

- iv. **The UA may be requested to enclose the EC and CTO, issued in favour of the old lessee.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that copies of the CTE and CTOs issued in favour of the old lessee and new plant owner submitted by them are enclosed here with as **Annexure - III** (Series). Since the plant was established in 2004-05 i.e. prior to EIA Notification, 2006, EC was not required. The old plant had run up to 2015-16 without any modification. So the User Agency has complied that there was no need for the EC for old project at that time.

- v. **The approval letter of the state Govt., issued on dated 10.11.2020 regarding proposed expansion project is wanting.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that in the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of SLFC held on dt. 02.09.2020, the expansion proposal of GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd had been approved in principle and IPICOL had intimated the same to IDCO, Bhubaneswar for taking further action for land acquisition. Copy of the Approval Letter issued on dt.10.11.2020 regarding proposed expansion project with allotment of 29.82 Ac Govt. land is enclosed as **Annexure - IV**.

- vi. **The UA (new Lessee) has not obtained Environmental Clearance nor submitted undertakings to submit the same in due course.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that they have submitted an undertaking to submit the copy of Environment Clearance in due time which is enclosed as **Annexure - V**.

- vii. **The DFO, Dhenkanal Forest Division has furnished incomplete Site Inspection Report in the DP.**

In compliance to the above, the revised Site Inspiration Report has been enclosed in the forest diversion proposal which may kindly be perused.

- viii. **The UA has not submitted the status of non-forest Govt. and private land as on 25.10.1980 duly authenticated by the Tahasildar, Parjang.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has complied that status of non-forest Govt. and private land as on 25.10.1980 duly authenticated by the Tahasildar, Parjang has been enclosed in the forest diversion proposal refer at **Page No. 13 to 20** which may kindly be perused.

- ix. **The UA has not submitted an undertaking to pay the Addl. NPV, if any, of the forest land involved duly countersigned by the DFO. Dhenkanal Division, as decided at a letter date as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar, has submitted an undertaking to pay the Addl. NPV if any, of the forest land involved in the project as decided at a later date as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court which is enclosed as **Annexure - VI.**

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- xi. **The UA has not enclosed the supporting documents regarding initiation of the FRA certificate, addressed to the Collector, Dhenkanal.**

In compliance to the above, IDCO, Bhubaneswar submitted the copy of the request letter addressed to the Collector, Dhenkanal for FRA certificate is enclosed here with as **Annexure - VII.**

- xii. **The UA has not enclosed the approved in- principle proposal of M/s GM Iron and steel Company Ltd for company expansion of its project up to 0.8 MTPA pellet plant by the state Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) In its 94<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 02.09.2020.**

In compliance to the above, the IDCO, Bhubaneswar submitted copy of approval in principle of the proposal of M/s GM Iron and Steel Company Ltd. for expansion of its project up to 0.8 MTPA pellet plant by the state Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) In its 94<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 02.09.2020 is enclosed as **Annexure - VIII.**

  
**Divisional Forests Officer,  
Dhenkanal Division**  
*Divisional Forest Officer  
Dhenkanal Division*

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

**Full Title of the Project:-**

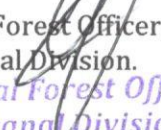
Establishment of Industries i.e. Expansion and Modernization of Existing Integrated Steel Plant by M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd at Kulei, Parjang, Dhenkanal.

**Proposal File No. FP/OR/IND/145106/2021**

**State Serial No. OR-049/2022 dated 21.06.2022**

1.	Name of the Project	Establishment of Industries i.e. Expansion and Modernization of Existing Integrated Steel Plant by M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd at Kulei, Parjang, Dhenkanal.					
2.	Name of the District/Division	Dhenkanal / Dhenkanal					
3.	Date of inspection	Dt.11.09.2022.					
4.	Name and designation of Inspecting Officer.	Dr. Prakash Chand Gogineni, IFS. Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Forest Division.					
5.	Name and designations of the office bearers / representatives who attended the inspection on behalf of the User Agency.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kunja Bihari Nayak OFS (A) JB, ACF, Dhenkanal</li> <li>2. Khageswar Patra Tahasildar Parjang</li> <li>3. Bibekananda Sahu RI Gengutia circle</li> <li>4. Binod Bihari Swain, Rep. of IDCO</li> <li>5. Arjun Behera, Adviser, GM Iron &amp; Steel Company Ltd.</li> </ol>					
6.	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion.	Total Project Area – 43.098 ha Total Forest Land involved – 11.853 ha.					
		Legal Status		Extent of area			
		1. Reserved Forest.		Nil			
		2. Revenue Forest (HAL Forest)		9.344 ha			
		3. Revenue Forest (SABIK Forest)		2.509 ha			
		<b>Total (Revenue Forest)</b>		<b>11.853 ha</b>			
7.	Whether the forest land proposed for diversion has been demarcated on the ground or not?	Yes, Forest land proposed for diversion has been demarcated on the ground.					
8.	Component-wise breakup of Forest Land proposed for diversion.	Sl.No	Component		Area in ha		
		1	Expansion of Plant		8.031		
		2	Green belt		3.821		
		<b>Total</b>			<b>11.853</b>		
9.	Condition of vegetation and type of forest of the forest land proposed for diversion.	Village/ RF	Khata No.	Plot No.	Type of Forest	Required Area in Ha.	Condition of Vegetation
		Kulei	387	4086	Revenue Forest (Jungle II)	1.975	Road side open Scrub
		Kulei	387	4055	Revenue Forest (Jungle II)	6.273	Over 3.237Ha. forest land the User Agency had constructed one Temple & compound wall. The Tahasildar Parjang has dismantled the temple and compound wall and removed the encroachment as per direction of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (EZ) Kolkata. Over 3.036Ha. Dense Sal Forest existing.
		Kulei	387	4098	Revenue Forest (Jungle II)	0.890	Open Scrub
		Kulei	387	4095	Revenue Forest (Jungle II)	0.206	Open Scrub
		Kulei	387	4083	Patita (Sabik Forest)	0.312	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.
		Kulei	387	4118	Sarad III (Sabik Forest)	0.215	Open Scrub
		Kulei	387	4072	Sarad III (Sabik Forest)	0.344	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.
		Kulei	387	4073	Sarad III (Sabik Forest)	0.101	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.
		Kulei	387	4431	Sarad III (Sabik Forest)	0.049	Open Grass Land
		Kulei	387	4049	Patita (Sabik Forest)	1.489	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.
<p>Project involves 11.853 ha Revenue Forest Land. Vegetation cover is open and forest type would be similar to Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest. A small patch of sal forest is present in Plot No 4055. Trees have been enumerated in Plot No 4055, 4086, 4095, of Khata No. 387 mouza Kulei. 210 Nos of trees have been enumerated in Revenue Forest Land.</p>							

10.	Position of wildlife.	No major wildlife are noticed in the forest area proposed for diversion. Wildlife noticed are Small Indian Civet (Viverricula indica), Jackel (Canis aureus), Rabbits, Common Mongoose (Herpestes edwardsi), Striped Palm Squirrel (Funambulus pennanti), Checkered Keelback Snake (Xenochrophis piscator), Rat Snake, Indian cobra, Babblers, Bitterns, Cormorants, Doves, Drongos, Egrets, etc. Besides Wild Elephants visits in the nearby area during July to December.																																								
11.	Whether the proposed area forms a part of NP, Sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone ?	No.																																								
12.	Number of trees to be felled and its impact on the eco-system.	309 No. trees (210 no in Revenue Forest Land & 99 No. In non-forest land) will be required to be felled for expansion of the old existing plant. Due to the felling there may not be any impact on the eco-system.																																								
13.	Details of broken-up area and reclamation done.	Not applicable.																																								
14.	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation if any.	There is no displacement of people due the project.																																								
15.	Position of rare and endangered species available or importance of the area from eco-social point of view.	No rare and endangered species of flora and fauna noticed in the project area. However, Wild Elephants visit the nearby Khalpal RF as well as other areas in the year.																																								
16.	Non Forest land used in the project and non-forest land selected for the Compensatory Afforestation is included in the DLC report or not	Non-Forest land used in the project has not been included in the DLC report. For Compensatory Afforestation, two times Revenue Forest land against the Diversion Forest proposed has been selected in Jaka village under Parjang Tahasil.																																								
17.	Suitability of identified non-forest area for Compensatory Afforestation.	Land identified for compensatory afforestation in Jaka village under Parjang Tahasil of Dhenkanal District has been found suitable for afforestation @ of 1000 plants per Ha.																																								
18.	Violation of FC Act and action taken there on.	<p>In the Forest Land the violation has been noticed, the details of which furnished below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Khata No.</th> <th>Plot No.</th> <th>Mouza</th> <th>Area in Ha.</th> <th>Kissam</th> <th>Violation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>387</td> <td>4055</td> <td>Kulei</td> <td>6.273</td> <td>Jungle-II (Revenue Forest)</td> <td>Over 3.237Ha. forest land the User Agency had constructed one Temple &amp; compound wall. The Tahasildar Parjang has dismantled the temple and compound wall and removed the encroachment as per direction of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (EZ) Kolkata. Over 3.036Ha. Dense Sal Forest existing.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>387</td> <td>4083</td> <td>Kulei</td> <td>0.312</td> <td>Sabik Forest</td> <td>The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>387</td> <td>4072</td> <td>Kulei</td> <td>0.344</td> <td>Sabik Forest</td> <td>The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>387</td> <td>4073</td> <td>Kulei</td> <td>0.101</td> <td>Sabik Forest</td> <td>The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>387</td> <td>4049</td> <td>Kulei</td> <td>1.489</td> <td>Sabik Forest</td> <td>The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>On violation the User Agency will be liable for penal conditions under FC Act 1980 and as per existing rules there.</p>					Khata No.	Plot No.	Mouza	Area in Ha.	Kissam	Violation	387	4055	Kulei	6.273	Jungle-II (Revenue Forest)	Over 3.237Ha. forest land the User Agency had constructed one Temple & compound wall. The Tahasildar Parjang has dismantled the temple and compound wall and removed the encroachment as per direction of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (EZ) Kolkata. Over 3.036Ha. Dense Sal Forest existing.	387	4083	Kulei	0.312	Sabik Forest	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.	387	4072	Kulei	0.344	Sabik Forest	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.	387	4073	Kulei	0.101	Sabik Forest	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.	387	4049	Kulei	1.489	Sabik Forest	The forest land has been broken and enclosed inside the Plant compound wall.
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Expansion and modernization of  
Existing integrated Steel Plant by  
M/s GM Iron and Steel Company  
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State Sl. No.

OR-049/2022 Dtd.21.06.2022.

Date of Proposal:

02/08/2021


**UNDERTAKING FOR ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE**


We, hereby undertake that we will obtain Environment Clearance in favour of the proposed project from the MoEF & CC and submit the same in due course before the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal.

Date – 30/11/2022

Place – Bhubaneswar

GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd,

  
Director

  
IDCO, Bhubaneswar  
Chief General Manager(Evn.)  
IDCO, Bhubaneswar

**COUNTERSIGNED**

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
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Date of Proposal: 02/08/2021

**UNDERTAKING TO PAY ADDITIONAL NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV)**

It is to certify that we have applied for diversion of 11.853 ha forest land for the purpose of Establishment of Industries i.e. Expansion and modernization of existing integrated Steel plant. We have furnished an undertaking to pay the amount of Net Present value (NPV) against the above forest land proposed for diversion under FC Act as per demand of the DFO, Dhenkanal. Further, we hereby undertake to pay the Addl. NPV if any against 11.853 ha forest land involved in the diversion proposal as decided at a later date as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Date - 30/11/2022  
Place - Bhubaneswar

**GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd.**

  
Director

  
**IDCO, Bhubaneswar**  
Chief General Manager(Evn.)  
IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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