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Memo No. _____/6F-Mining- 8/2008
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To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 68.00 ha (49.339 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25th October 1980 and 18.660 ha non-forest land having forest growth considered as "treated forest") under Section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 in respect of Unchabali (Mahaparbat) Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd including 11.240 ha forest land located in the safety zone in village Unchabali & Balda under Barbil Tahasil under the jurisdiction of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

Ref:

Letter No. 10F(Cons)110/2016-21023/F&E dated 12.10.2017 of Special Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar and your memo No. 2906 dated 26.10.2017.

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

- a. Unchabali (Mahaparbat) Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd has been granted vide proceeding No. 6327/SM dated 11.06.2003 over 68.00 ha for Iron ore in favour of M/s OMC Ltd and executed on dated 09.06.2008 for a period of 20 years with validity up to 09.06.2028. The certified status of the non-forest land, involved in the mining lease, depicts that 49.339 ha non-forest land in village Unchabali is Forest as on 25.10.1980 and 18.660 ha non-forest land in village Balda stands un-surveyed as on 25.10.1980. The un-surveyed non-forest land in village Balda, having forest growth, has been considered as "treated forest" based on prevailing vegetation in pursuance of the Lafarge Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Thus in effect, the mining lease, granted over 68.00 ha, involves 49.339 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25th October 1980 and 18.660 ha non-forest land having forest growth considered as "treated forest". As per DGPS survey and the surveyed map vetted by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar indicates that the total ML area is 68.091 ha comprising 44.205 ha in village Unchabali, 23.804 ha in village Balda and 0.082 ha in village Kundaposi. The details land schedule duly certified by the Tahasildar, Barbil over 68.00 ha is as per lease deed executed on 09.06.2008 in favour of M/s OMC Ltd.

There is a difference of 0.091 ha (68.091 ha – 68.00 ha) in the ML area as per the DGPS map and granted ML area. Accordingly the diversion proposal processed over 68.00 ha forest land, involving 49.339 ha Non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25th October 1980 and 18.660 ha non-forest land having forest growth considered as "treated forest" in respect of Unchabali (Mahaparbat) Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. The compliance submitted by M/s OMC Ltd. is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure-I.**

- b. The DDM, Joda Circle has reported vide his letter No. 6370 dated 26.12.2017 that M/s OMC Ltd had done prospecting operation through numbers of trial pits but no Mining operation had been done by M/s OMC Ltd. The report of DDM, Joda Circle is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure -II**.

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

Encl: As above


**Divisional Forest Officer,
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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-25424 dated 29.11.2017.


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