STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

No. 1854 /9F (IND) - 7/2020 Dated, Bhubaneswar the 22H September, 2020

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.91 ha of forest land for setting up Pollution Control Tank in village Gurundupali of Bonai Tahasil of Sundargarh District, Odisha by M/s Mahakali Ispat (P) Ltd.

(Proposal No.FP/OR/IND/42155/2019 State Sl. No.OR-072/2019 dated 30.09.2019)

Ref-: F&E Department memo no. 9854/F&E dated 26.06.2020 of Special Secretary to Govt. addressed to this office.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department memo cited above on the captioned subject, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that DFO, Bonai division vide his memo no. 7635 dated 03.09.2020 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-I) addressed to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has furnished the necessary clarification wherein it is stated that after joint verification of the site by the Range officer, Bonai and the user agency, it has been found that the applied forest area over 0.91 ha [Plot No. 136/146(P)] is Revenue Forest land and the applied forest area is bounded by Sponge Iron Factory of Mahakali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. covering from North direction to East direction (North direction Plot No.136/148, 136/149, 136/150, 136/151, 136/152, 136/215, North-East direction Plot No.136/153, 136/154, 136/157, 136/158 and East Direction Plot No.136/193, 136/194) and approach road in the south direction (Plot No.115), Plant Ores Ispat Site in West Direction of the applied forest area.

Further, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that there are no alternative non-forest patches available adjoining to the premises of the User Agency for which the above piece of forest land is only available for diversion for setting up of Pollution Tank of M/s Mahakali Ispat (P) Ltd. In this context, the copy of memo no. 620 dated 06.08.2020 of the Range Officer, Bonai addressed to the DFO, Bonai division alongwith the signature of the User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

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The Map showing the adjoining area of the proposed diverted forest area duly countersigned by DFO, Bonai and Range officer, Bonai is enclosed as Annexure-III.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations pointed out by F&E Department is sent herewith for consideration of the Government and onward transmission to Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for approval under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Annexure-I, II & III (in two sets)

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 18542 Date. 22, 10, 2020

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3412 dated 09.09.2020.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 18543 Date. 22.10.2020

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Bonai Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3413 dated 09.09.2020 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act