



OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION

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Memo No 4566 /Mining-21/2022
Dated, Keonjhar the 25th May, 2023

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act,
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2(ii) of FC Act 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers Private Limited for non-forestry use of 94.351 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha of Safety Zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted LoI for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha- reg.

Ref:

1. Your letter No. 9772 dt. 20.05.2023.
2. This office memo No. 4181 dt. 11.05.2023.

With reference to the aforementioned letter on the captioned subject, this is to intimate that Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Block is a fresh lease granted through e-auction to M/s Thriveni Earthmovers Private Limited by the Department of Steel and Mines vide No. IV(B)SM-100/2007-433/SM dated 19.01.2019 as a composite license. LoI holder has carried out exploration through putting boreholes & 1 No trial pit of size 17m x 10m for which LoI holder has obtained Stage- II forest clearance vide F. No. 8-62/2017-FC dt. 08.10.2018 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

As per the Part- II report of the undersigned – 3.666 ha (Forest- 3.312 ha & Non-forest land- 0.354 ha) land was disturbed by old pits over 2.491 ha & 1.175 ha for road prior to grant of composite license.

- A. (i) All the pits area are non-forest revenue land which was found to be Sabik Forest later (non-forest land treated as forest as on 25.10.1980) as per letter No.R&DM-GE(GL)-S-63/13-4822/CS dated 12.02.2015 of Chief Secretary, Odisha and guideline F.No.8-78/1996-FC(pt) dated 10.03.2015 of MoEF&CC, GoI.
- (ii) However, this 48 nos. small illegal mining pits over 2.491 ha (round to 2.5 ha) have an average area 520m² (0.052ha) per pit over Revenue Forest land.
- (iii) It is ascertained from the field enquiry that it was done by local villagers as the mining lease is adjoining to human habitation. Hence, it was highly porous and prone for encroachment & theft.
- (iv) As per google time series analysis pits are dug for almost last 20-25 years ago.
- (v) So the theft of surface mineral in small patches was done when the land was non-forest land. However there is no continuing violation on the said land.

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B. The said violation is not done by any other private agencies. As it is a fresh composite mining lease granted during 24.01.2019 and violation had happened 20-25 years ago.

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


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**

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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to memo No. 9773 dt. 20.05.2023 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.


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Google Earth
 Khuntapada
 Imagery Date: 4/13/2022 21°51'53.79" N 85°44'27.84" E elev: 419 m eye alt: 3.38 km

(Signature)
 Divisional Forest Officer
 Keonjhar Division