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Memo No. 12264 /6F-Mining-15/2021
Dated, Keonjhar the 30th October, 2023

To

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 22.697 ha of forest land of Jilling-Langlota Iron Ore Block within total Mining Lease area of 456.100 ha in Keonjhar District of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited.

X-Sub: **Submission of point wise compliance on observation noticed by the MoEF & CC, GoI, and communicated the same by the Conservator of Forest (Nodal) O/o- the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.**

Ref: (1) No.8-49/1998-FC (PT.-I) dated.05.06.2022 by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.
(2) Memo No.25031 dated 09.12.2022 of the Conservator of Forest (Nodal) O/o- the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

With reference to the letters cited above on the captioned subject, the point wise compliance on the observation of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (FD&NO, FC Act) , O/o- the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, communicated to this office vide the memo under reference are depicted below for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

i: The joint verification report annexed with the compliance report has not been signed by the Collector, Koraput & Tahasildar, Patangi.

In the meantime, the user agency has intimated vide their letter No.1539 dated 21.04.2023 that a fresh Compensatory Afforestation land has been identified at the village Soroda in Tahasildar, Patangi of Koraput District instead of previous Compensatory Afforestation land at Peturu of Patangi Tahasil of Koraput District. The joint verification report in respect of said Compensatory Afforestation land at Soroda duly signed by the Tahasildar, Patangi and concerned Range officer is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.

ii. The annexure of the compliance has not been signed by DFO, Keonjhar division.

The annexure of the compliance are enclosed herewith duly signed by DFO, Keonjhar.

iii.(a). It was requested to submit the updated status of compliance and condition stipulated on Stage-II clearance accorded on 08.10.2014. But you have submitted the compliance to the observation made from this office on the diversion proposal dated 24.12.2021 along with compliance of Stage-II approval dated. 08.10.2014 without enclosures.

The updated status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in Stage-II FC accorded vide letter dated. 08.10.2014 of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India along with annexure duly signed by the DFO, Keonjhar Division are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

iii.(b). The details of date wise funds deposited by the User Agency towards RWLMP of Rs. 192.12 Lakh has not been furnished in the compliance along with copy of deposit slips.

On receiving the demand from DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the ex-lessee i.e. M/s Essel Mining Industries and Pvt. Ltd. has deposited Rs.196.12 Lakhs in two instalments. The details are as follows:

Instalment No	D.D/Cheque No & Date	Amount	Account No in which amount is Deposited	Proof of Details of Payments
1 st	No.010349 27.06.2009	Rs.91,22,000/-	Compensatory Afforestation fund (CAF), Orissa in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Enclosed
2 nd	No.013447 26.11.2013	Rs.1,04,90,300/-	A/cNo. 344902010105428, IFSC Code UBIN 0534498, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003	Enclosed
Total		Rs.1,96,12,300		

The demand letters by DFO, Keonjhar and proof of the deposit by ex-lessee are enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

iii.(C) The photographs of safety zone plantation and its maintenance are not enclosed in the compliance.

Further, the map of 1.5 times plantation site in Benamunda RF of Telkoi Range has not been enclosed as a proof of taking up plantation during 2011-12.

The photographs of safety zone plantation and its maintenance are enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Further, plantation over 44.397 ha towards 1.5 times safety zone has been carried out in Kalapat RF of Telkoi Range instead of Benamunda RF. The photographs of the plantation are enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

iii. (f). Cost Benefit ratio calculated and recasted in the compliance is not as per the required specification in the observation.

Revised cost benefit analysis is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

iv.(c) The user agency has stated that 80.751 ha forest land will not be utilized till conceptual period i.e. for a period of ten years coming within the granted ML. It is observed by the GoI to explore the ways by Govt. to return back the unutilized forest land to forest Dept.

The unutilized area over 80.751 ha as per the approved mining plan within Jilling Langalota ML comprises 70.209 ha of forest land and 10.542 ha of non-forest land. Out of the total forest land, 1.069 ha has been acquired by Railways and 1.886 ha has been earmarked for safety zone (earlier proposal in Patch-I & current proposal in patch-IV). The plan showing different unutilized area in five patches are enclosed as **Plate No. I**. The major chunk of balance unutilized forest area over 67.254 ha under "Mining" land use has already been diverted and included within the forest area of 342.602 ha approved by MoEF & CC vide letter No.8-49/98-FC (pt.) dt. 08.10.2014 the copy of the land use map submitted and approved by MoEF & CC by the ex-lessee is enclosed as **Plate No. II**.

For the aforesaid unutilized forest area, NPV has been paid by the user agency. The user agency has intimated in their compliance vide letter No.21366 dated 22.12.2022 that the said unutilized forest land will be used once quality of Ore is established through exploration. Hence this fact may be considered in this regards.

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

Encl : As above.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**

Memo No. 12265 /Dated 30-10-2023

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference his memo No.25031 dated 09.12.2022.


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