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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) 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 Lol for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha - reg..**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0002-2023-381/FE&CC dated 07.01.2023 submitting above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After the examination of the proposal the following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal:

- i. Component wise KML files of proposed area including safety zone have not been submitted, which are required to be submitted.
- ii. KML file of the CA land proposed for 1.5 times of the safety zone may be submitted.
- iii. As per the proposal 3.666 ha (Forest 3.312 ha and Non-Forest 0.354 ha) land was disturbed, prior to grant of Composite License, out of which 2.491 ha was for the old pits and 1.175 ha for road . Further, SIR of DFO mentions that there are 48 existing small illegal mining pits covering 2.5 ha land at least more than 10-year-old. Though it has been mentioned that the present Lol has not violated FCA, 1980,

however the state has not stated anything about the above illegal activities or status of violation by other agencies. The same may be clarified.

- iv. The documents uploaded in Part-I of the application form on PARIVESH portal like Mining plan, Land use plan, Existing land use details, safety zone plan and Authenticated Lease Map are not legible. Further the documents uploaded in Part-II of the application form like CA scheme, Sol Toposheet for CA are also not legible. The legible documents may be uploaded on PARIVESH portal so that the complete proposal can be thoroughly examined.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC's IRO Bhubneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.