

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 10F(Cons)- 45/2016- 2509 / F&E. Dated : 4-2-17

From: Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS,
Special Secretary to Government.

To
The PCCF, Odisha

Sub:- Proposal for according permission for use of 4.62ha. of forest land within total Mining lease area of 192.81ha. in Roida-C Iron and Manganese Mining lease located entirely inside Sidhamath RF of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar district for undertaking exploratory drilling of 83 no. of boreholes of 4" dia (83 boreholes @ 0.02ha each totalling 1.66ha and 2.96ha. for construction of road) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of minerals:(OSFMCP- Proposal No: FP/OR/MIN/27/2014).

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 1619 dt. 25.1.2017 in which above mentioned proposal was furnished to F&E Department for consideration. Upon perusal of the proposal as well as from the information available at this end, it is observed that Government in Steel & Mines Department vide their Order No. 1625/SM dt. 25.2.2016 had ordered that the period of original mining lease is deemed to be granted for 50 years i.e. from 8.2.1977 to 7.2.2027 by extending the lease period from 8.2.2017 to 7.2.2027 in terms of Rule 3(1) of Mineral(Mining by Government company) Rules, 2015, subject to execution of supplementary lease deed after obtaining all statutory clearances, payment of requisite dues as per law within three months. Entire ML area is located within the Sidhamath RF in Keonjhar district.

In view of provisions of MoEF&CC, GoI vide F.No. 11-599/2014-FC dt. 1.4.2015/30.11.2016, permission of GoI, MoEF&CC is available for remaining forest land under Section 2(iii) of FC Act, 1980 in this lease subject to payment of NPV for entire forest area and compliances of other conditions stipulated in the said guidelines. Further, the validity of forest clearance granted over 96.783ha. under Section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 shall also be co-terminus with the extended ML period i.e. up to 7.2.2027 subject to compliance of conditions prescribed in MoEF&CC guidelines F.No. 11-51/2015-FC dt. 1.4.2015. It has been reported that NPV amounting Rs. 14, 08,95,840/- has been deposited by the lessee for entire forest land of the mining lease.

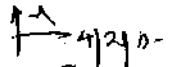
In view of above position, it is requested to kindly furnish the following information/compliance for processing the above mentioned proposal.

- (i) Whether supplementary lease deed has been ~~not~~ ^{prepared} for the extended lease period and if so, copy thereof may be furnished.

- (ii) Relevant land particulars along with duly approved CA scheme in lieu of 2.96ha. of forest land proposed to be used for construction of road purpose may be furnished.
- (iii) It may be clarified whether 83 no. of boreholes proposed under this proposal also come within the earlier diverted forest area of 96.783ha. (validity of forest clearance stands extended to 7.2.2027 subject to fulfillment of conditions prescribed in the MoEF guidelines) or are proposed to be dug outside the earlier diverted forest area in the ML area.
- (iv) It may be clearly indicated whether any tree felling is involved for the proposed prospecting.
- (v) Copy of Original ML grant order may be furnished.
- (vi) Copy of lease deed executed after grant of 1st RML may be furnished.
- (vii) Compliance to issues raised in MoEF&CC, ERO letter No. 8-306/FCE dt. 16.3.2016(Copy enclosed) may be furnished. Specific attention is invited to point 3 of the said letter wherein ERO has mentioned that *total lease applied for by the user agency was 192.8ha. However the lease was executed for 96.783ha. only for which FC was also granted in 1998. The remaining area of 96.01ha is still with the user agency, which is entirely forest land. This area has to be either surrendered or to be applied for diversion.*

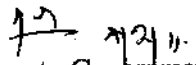
Detailed compliances to the above may be furnished to this department in adequate copies for further processing the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government

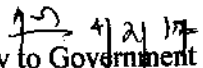
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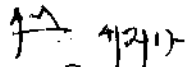
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Copy forwarded to Addl. Secretary to Government, Steel and Mines Department for information and necessary action.


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Copy forwarded to Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd, OMC House, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


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