GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

2399 /FE&CC, Date 08.02.23 Memo No.

FE-DIV-FLD-0001-2023

No.10F (Cons) 01 /2023

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide Letter No.8-01/2023-FC dtd.02.02.2023 on the matter proposal for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. in Koira Tahasil of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

It is requested to kindly furnish the required information/documents/clarification as sought for in the aforementioned letter directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 2400 /FE&CC, Date 08.02.23

Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO), FCA, O/o PCCF, Odisha for information and necessary action. 8/2/223

Memo No. 2401 /FE&CC, Date 08.02.23

Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest. Rourkela Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 2402 /FE&CC, Date 08.02.23

Copy along with the copy of the enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department/Collector, Sundargarh for information and necessary action.

> 8/2/2023 OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 2403 /FE&CC, Date 08,02.23

Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Director, Rungta Mines Ltd., Barbil, Keonjhar, Odisha, Pin-758035for information and necessary action. 28/1-023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003 Dated: 2nd February, 2023

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 Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koira Tahasil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha - reg.

Madam/Sir,

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I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0001-2023-300/FE&CC dated 06.01.2023 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. The component wise KML file of the proposed forest area including the safety zone has not been submitted.
- ii. The proposal for diversion of forest land has been submitted for a period of 50 years whereas the mining plan submitted is for five years only.
- iii. The progressive mine closure plan is also limited to a period of five years, and does not include the detailed plan for progressive mine closure and reclamation at the end of the mining period.
- iv. As per the information uploaded in Part-II of the PARIVESH portal the number of trees has been mentioned as 4776 whereas the number has been mentioned as 19013 in the site inspection report of the DCF/CF. Further the detail of trees having girth between 0-30 cms has not been uploaded in PART-II, which is required to be done.

The State Government is therefore requested to submit the information/ documents/clarification as above.

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Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 02-02-2023 16:10:11 Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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

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