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Memo No. 17758 /9F(MG)-04/2023

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 02nd September, 2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar / Bonai Forest Division

**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 156.978 ha of forest land (147.803 ha in Bonai Forest Division & 9.175 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division) for Iron Ore Mining and ancillary activities within Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District and Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District of Odisha State – reg.**

Enclosed, please find here with a copy of the Letter No.8-08/2023-FC dated 01.09.2023 and Officer Memorandum dated 01.09.2023 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi for your information. As per decision of the Advisory Committee meeting held on 21.08.2023 under the chairmanship of DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, a sub-committee has been constituted to visit the area proposed for diversion and examine the above mentioned proposal. Accordingly, the sub-committee will visit the proposed site on 05.09.2023 to examine the proposal holistically and submit the report to the Advisory Committee with a period of 15 days.

In view of the above, I am directed to request you to accompany with the sub-committee during site visit and provide all necessary assistance & requisite information/ documents.

**Encl: As above.**

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 17759 /Dt. 02.09.2023

Copy along with copy of enclosures forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela for information and necessary action. He is requested to accompany with the sub-committee on 05.09.2023 and render necessary cooperation during site visit.

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 1st, September, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and inform that the the subject cited proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 21.08.2023. The AC After thorough deliberation and discussion with DDGF (Central), RO Bhubaneshwar deferred the proposal and recommended to constitute a sub-committee to visit the area, examine the proposal holistically, and give recommendations in view of the area being in High Conservation Zone as per Decision Rule 1 and 2 of DSS, and human animal conflict situation. As per extant Rules and guidelines a comprehensive proposal including the road and transmission line was required to be submitted, whereas the state has mentioned that separate proposals are being submitted for road and transmission line. The committee shall therefore also examine the necessity and justification of the separate proposals for road and transmission line. The committee shall comprise of the following members:

- i. Shri Manoj Pant, Non-official member of the Advisory Committee.
- ii. Shri AT Mishra, DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Bhubaneswar.
- iii. Shri Sushant Nanda, PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA). Government of Odisha.
- iv. Dr. Dheeraj Mittal, AIGF, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

The committee shall submit its report with a period of 15 days.

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In this regard the State Government is requested to provide all necessary assistance and the requisite information/documents to the committee.

Yours faithfully

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 01-09-2023 17:52:19

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

- i. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- ii. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
- iii. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj  
New Delhi-1100 03  
Dated: 1st September, 2023

Office Memorandum

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited proposal wherein the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 21.08.2023 has decided to constitute a subcommittee which shall visit the area proposed for diversion and examine the proposal holistically, and give recommendations in view of the area being in High Conservation Zone as per Decision Rule 1 and 2 of DSS, and human animal conflict situation. As per extant Rules and guidelines a comprehensive proposal including the road and transmission line was required to be submitted, whereas the state has mentioned that separate proposals are being submitted for road and transmission line. The committee shall therefore also examine the necessity and justification of the separate proposals for road and transmission line. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, a sub-committee consisting of following members is hereby constituted :

- i. Shri Manoj Pant, Non-official member of the Advisory Committee.
  - ii. Shri AT Mishra, DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Bhubaneswar.
  - iii. Shri Sushant Nanda, PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA). Government of Odisha.
  - iv. Dr. Dheeraj Mittal, AIGF, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. The committee shall submit its report with a period of 15 days.

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 01-09-2023 17:59:03

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector, General of Forests

To

1. Shri Manoj Pant, Non-official member of the Advisory Committee.
2. Shri AT Mishra, DDGF (Central) RO, Bhubaneshwar.
3. Shri Sushant Nanda, PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Odisha.
4. Dr. Dheeraj Mittal, AIGF (F), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

**Copy for information:**

1. PPS to DGF&SS/ PPS to ADGF- (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. PPS to IGF (FC)/ PA to DIGF (SR), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

Accordingly, my tour programme will be as under

- 1) 4th September 2023-Dehradun to Bhubaneswar by Vistara flight UK 618 and UK 781. Halt at Bhubaneswar.
- 2) 5th September- Bhubaneswar to Keonjhar, Inspection of area. Back to Bhubaneswar.
- 3) 6th September 2023- Bhubaneswar to Dehradun by Vistara flights UK 786 and UK 617.