

F. No. 8-104/2000-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

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New Delhi - 110510.
Dated: 21st July, 2011

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 104.79 ha. (originally proposed 132.94 ha.) of forest land for Chromite Mining in Sukrangi Chromite Mines of Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) Limited in District Jajpur, Orissa.

Sir,

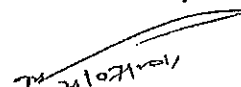
I am directed to refer to State Government of Orissa's letter No. 10F (Cons.)-83/2000-15014/ F&E dated 18.09.2000 and subsequent letter No. 10F(Cons)83/2000/8473 dated 22.05.2002, a copy of which was forwarded by M/s. OMC vide letter dated 20.01.2006, where-under the above mentioned proposal was submitted seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the diversion of 104.79 ha. forest land was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 29th March 2006, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government of Orissa has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Orissa vide letter No. 10F(Cons)-377/2011- 6756/ F & E dated 19.04.2011, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 104.79 ha. (originally proposed 132.94 ha.) of forest land for Chromite Mining in Sukrangi Chromite Mines of Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) Limited in District Jajpur, Orissa, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over non-forest land equal in extent to the fresh forest land being diverted from the funds received from the user agency;

- (iii) In case the rates of NPV are revised upwards, the additional/differential amount shall be obtained from the user agency;
- (iv) The permission granted under FC Act shall be co-terminus with the mining lease granted under MMRD Act or for 20 years, whichever is less.
- (v) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Orissa and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed
- (vi) The user agency shall submit self monitoring on compliance of stipulated conditions annually to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Eastern Regional Office of this Ministry regularly
- (vii) Other standard conditions as applicable to proposals related to mining shall apply in the instant case also.

Yours faithfully,



(H. C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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