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To

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

FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

**Sub: Diversion of 133.112 ha of forest land in Bonai Forest Division for Iron mining in Kurmitar Iron- Ore Mines of M/s Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) in Sundergarh District, Orissa.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.10.F. (Cons) / 61 / 2006 / 9866 / F&E dated 13.06.2006, wherein the above proposal for diversion of 133.112 ha of forest land in Bonai Forest Division for Iron Ore mining in Kurmitar Iron-Ore Mines of M/s Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) in Sundergarh District, Orissa, was submitted seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government granted in - principle approval to the said proposal under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 subject to the fulfillment of certain stipulated conditions. The State Government of Orissa has now submitted a compliance report of the said stipulated conditions vide letter No. 10F (Cons)-61/06/8350/F&E dated 21.11.2007. After considering the above proposal and the compliance report of the stipulated conditions submitted by the State Government of Orissa, the Central Government hereby grants final approval, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the diversion of 133.112 ha of forest land in Bonai Forest Division for Iron Ore mining in Kurmitar Iron-Ore Mines of M/s Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) in Sundergarh district in Orissa subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. (i) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- (ii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost.
- (iii) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- (iv) The non-forest land identifies for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of the State Forest Department and shall be declared as Reserved / Protected Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or any other relevant Act of the State.

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3. Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land involved in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, i.e., over 2.454 ha ( $2 \times 1.227$ ) at the cost of the User Agency.
  4. Following activities shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department at the project cost:
    - (i) Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented.
    - (ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion.
    - (iii) Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
  5. The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years from the date of issue of this letter subject to possession of valid lease by User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957.
  6.
    - (i) The User Agency shall take up planting work on the static dumps during the advance mining operations.
    - (ii) All the dumps shall be fully reclaimed by afforestation immediately after closure of the mine in the shortest possible period under supervision of the State Forest Department.
  7. Tree felling shall be done in a phased manner to coincide with the phasing of area to be put to mining with a view to minimize clear felling. The tree felling will always be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
  8. Additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
  9. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
  10. Phased reclamation of the mine shall be carried out by the User Agency as per the approved Reclamation Plan at the Project Cost, which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department.
  11. It shall be ensured that no labour-camps are set up inside the forest area. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/ Forest Development Corporation.
  12. The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
  13. The User Agency shall implement a 'Conservation Plan' in their lease hold area as per the guidelines of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa.
  14. The User Agency shall proportionately contribute to the "Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan" of the area.
  15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

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16. The user agency shall take up afforestation and soil moisture conservation works inside the forest areas in 100 m radius from the permitted lease area in consultation with department. Wherever the forest density is less than 0.4, gap plantation should be taken up
  17. The user agency shall also take up study on soil erosion / soil flow from the over-burden areas with the help of GIS in consultation with the forest department.
  18. The user agency shall also take up de-silting of the village tank within five km area from the mine lease boundary as a Corporate's social responsibility so as to mitigate the impact of situation of such tanks if any.
  19. All other conditions stipulated by the State Government of Orissa at the time of submission of the project proposal to the Central Government, shall be complied with by the User Agency.
  20. Any other condition that the CCF, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time for the protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully

  
(C.D. Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
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6. Monitoring Cell of FC Section.

(C.D. Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Government of Orissa  
Forest and Environment Department

Memo No. 17080/100  
17/01/2008

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Copy forwarded to A.C.C. (FC) / FC Section for information and necessary action.

The attached amount of royalty for the enumerated 10, 177 ha. of trees from the forest area over 100 m radius from the User Agency before commencement of work on the final approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Sd/-

Joint Secretary to Government.



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Ref:- Ministry's approval letter No. 8-113/2000-FC(Vol-I) dated 10.04.2007  
Sir,

With reference to above cited subject, I am directed to inform that the following three conditions are added as condition No.22 to 24 to the final approval accorded by the Ministry vide letter referred above.

22. The User agency shall submit an undertaking to contribute proportionately towards Elephant Depredation Scheme as required and to be prepared by the State Forest Department.
23. An Undertaking from the user agency shall also be obtained to the effect that the required funds or proportionate contributions for Biodiversity Conservation Plan of the district/zone shall be provided by the project authority to the Forest Department as per the requirement and as may be asked by the Forest Department.
24. The User Agency shall submit a land use map every year using the latest satellite imagery of highest resolution within a buffer of 5(five) Km around project site, prepared from authorized source. The first reference land use map from ORSAC shall be furnished by the user agency to this office within 6 months or before carrying out any mining operation, which ever is earlier.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. BISWAL)

DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS(CENTRAL)

Copy to:-

1. The Asst. Inspector General of Forests(FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110 003 for kind information.
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4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division, Bonai.
5. The Dy. General Manager(Geo), The Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd, OMC House, Bhubaneswar - 751 001.
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