Government of Odisha Forest & Environment Department

/F&E, Dated: 07.04.2020 Memo No. 6727 No.10F (Cons) 75/2020

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Letter File No.11-97/2018-FC dtd.31.03.2020 regarding guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in pursuance of the "The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020" forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

As per the Para-C of the guidelines, the State Government shall have to realize a lump sum amount at the rate of Rs.7.5 lakh per hectare (for the total forest area within the mining lease) from the LoI holder towards NPV. So it is requested to kindly take immediate necessary steps for realization of the required NPV as above.

Special Secretary to Government /F&E, Dated: 07.04.2020

Copy along with copy of enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines Department for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the Director of Mines for information and necessary action with reference to his Letter No.2730 dated 03.04.2020.

Special Secretary to Government Memo No. 6790 /F&E, Dated: 07.04.2020

Copy along with the copy of the enclosure forwarded to the all Regional Chief Conservator of Forests for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to government

Memo No. 6791 /F&E, Dated: 07.04.2020

Copy along with the copy of the enclosure forwarded to the all Divisional Forest Officers for information and necessary action.

The concerned DFOs are requested to immediately place Demands to the LoI holder towards NPV, as per the list of LoI holders enclosed herewith.

Special Secretary to Government

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 Dated: 31st March, 2020

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/UT Governments

Sub: Guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in pursuance of the "The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020" – regarding.

Sir,

The Central Government has promulgated 'The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020', on 13th March, 2020, which *inter-alia* provides that successful bidder (i.e. the new lessees) of the mining leases expiring under the provisions of sub-section (5) and (6) of Section 8A of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, shall be deemed to have acquired all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and like vested with the previous lessee for a period of two years. The said new Act also provides that it will be lawful for the new lessee to continue mining operations on the land, in which mining operations were carried out by the previous lessee, for a period of two years from the date of commencement of new lease.

Therefore, in the light of promulgation of the above said Act, the matter related to the validity of the approvals granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FCA-1980) was examined in the Ministry. After careful consideration of the issue with a view to align the provisions of relevant guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 in pursuance of the concerned provisions under 'The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020', para 7.3(vi), as given under, is inserted in Chapter-7 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:

a. A new lessee of the mining leases expiring under the provisions of sub-section (5) and (6) of Section 8A of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, shall be deemed to have acquired all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and like vested with the previous lessee for a period of two years. The new lessee shall continue mining operations on the land, in which mining operations were carried out by the previous lessee, for a maximum period of two years from the date of commencement of new lease on the same terms and conditions which was stipulated in the approval under FCA-1980, obtained by the previous lessee.

b. The new lessee, after obtaining Letter of Intent (LoI), shall obtain approval under the FCA-1980 following due procedure, for non-forestry use of forest land falling in such mining lease for continuing mining operation beyond two years during which it has deemed to have acquired rights to undertake mining operation. In case, approval under the FCA-1980 is not obtained within the stipulated time of two years of commencement of lease by the new lessee, the mining operation shall be stopped till such approval has been obtained.

c. While obtaining approval under the provisions of FCA-1980 as per clause (b) above, the new lessee shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) for the total forest area located within the mining lease, along with any other amount due as per guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time. However, on the date of issuance of LoI, the state government shall realize a lump sum amount at the rate of Rs 7.50 lakh per ha (for the total forest area within the mining lease) from the new LoI holder. This amount shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA, which will be adjusted against actual compensatory levies payable on the forest land, at the time of approval as per clause (b) above.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. Secretary (Mines), Government of India
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UT Governments
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State/UIT Governments
- 4. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices of MoEF&CC
- 5. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC) Gol, PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, Gol
- 6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF and CC, New Delhi
- 7. Guard File

DIRECTORATE OF MINES: ODISHA

No.MXIII(d)-28/2018/ 2730

Dt. 03.04.2020

From.

Deepak Mohanty, IFS(Retd.)

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

and Director of Mines, Odisha

Bhubaneswar.

To

The Special Secretary to Government Forest & Environment Department

Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:

Guidelines under Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980, in pursuance of the "The

Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020" - regarding.

Ref:

MoEF & CC letter No.F.No.11-97/2018-FC dt.31st March, 2020.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India dt.31st March, 2020, this is to inform that on successful completion of forward auction of the mining leases, validity of which has expired on 31st March, 2020, the letter of intent has been issued in favour of 21 preferred bidders. The list of the said mining leases along with the details of the forest area involved and the names of the preferred bidders is enclosed herewith for kind reference. It is pertinent to mention here that all the above mining lease areas were DGPS surveyed jointly by the representatives of the circle mining offices, officials of Forest & Environment Department and Revenue officials under the technical assistance of ORSAC. Accordingly the details of areas as above have been reflected in the block summaries of respective blocks published under the NIT brought out before the auction.

As per the Para-C of the guidelines referred to above, the State Government shall have to realize a lump sum amount at the rate of Rs.7.5 lakh per hectare (for the total forest area within the mining lease) from the Lol holder towards NPV. It is therefore requested to kingly take necessary steps for realization of the required NPV as above and intimate the Steel & Mines Department, on receipt of which the vesting orders will be issued as per the M.C.(Amendment) Rules, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR OF MINES, ODISHA.

Encl: As above.

DETAILS LIST OF LOI HOLDERS ALONGWITH ITS ADDRESSES

Sl. No.	District	Name of the Lease	Minerals	Total Area in hect	Forest Area in hects	Non- Forest area in hects	Name of the LoI Holder with address
1	Keonjhar	Nuagaon Iron ore Block	Iron	776.969	649.508	127.461	M/s JSW Steel Limited. JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051, E-mail: ranjan.nayak@jsw.in
2	Sundargarh	Narayanposhi Iron & Mn ore Block	Iron & Mn	347.008	257.451	89.557	M/s JSW Steel Limited. JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051, E-mail: ranjan.nayak@jsw.in
3	Keonjhar	Thakurani Iron ore Block	Iron	228.744	228.744	0.00	M/s Arcelor Mittal Pvt. Ltd, Office No. 126, 101 TO 104 GCP Business Centre, Memnagar, Ahmedabad-380014, E-mail: amakrishna.chinnamsetty@arcelormittal.com
4	Keonjhar	Balda Iron ore Block	Iron	343.981	310.789	33.192	M/s Serajuddin & Co., 19-A, 1st Floor, Abdul Hamid Street, Kolkatta-700069, E-mail: nihar@serajuddinmines.com
5	Sundargarh	Ganua Iron ore Block	Iron	88.516	82.79	5.726	M/s JSW Steel Limited, JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051, E-mail: ranjan.nayak@jsw.in
6	Keonjhar	Jajang Iron ore Block	Iron	669.078	514.452	154.63	M/s JSW Steel Limited, JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051, E-mail: ranjan.nayak@jsw.in
7	Keonjhar	Roida-II Iron ore Block	Iron	74.702	70.870	3.832	M/s Narbheram Power & Steel (P) Ltd. 11 & 13 Gundichapada Industrial Estate, Gundichapada, Dhenkanal-759013, E-mail: vivek.ojha@athagroup.in
8	Sundargarh	Mahulsukha Iron & Mn ore Block	Iron & Mn	390.317	368.043	22.274	M/s Patnaik Minerals (P) Ltd. Baneikela, Keonjhar-758038, E-mail: pmpleauction@gmail.com
9	Sundargarh	Nadidihi (BICO) Iron ore Block	Iron	74.50	68.28	6.22	M/s Sociedade De Fomento Industrial (P) Ltd., Vila Flores Da Silva Erasmo Carvalho Street, Margao-40360, E-mail: banerjee@fomento.com

10	Mayurbhanj	Gorumahisini Iron ore Block	Iron	349.709	90.50	259.21	M/s Ghanashyam Mishra & Sons (P) Ltd., 2nd Floor, 7th Waterloo Street, Kolkata-700069, E-mail: gmspl2011@gmail.com
11	Sundargarh	Nadidihi (FEEGRADE) Iron & Mn ore Block	Iron & Mn	117.206	85.829	31.377	M/s Vishal LPG Industries, G-35, B, 1st Floor, Patel Marg- IIIRD, Ghaziabad, E-mail: vishallpgind@gmail.com
12	Sundargarh	Kolmong Iron ore & Manganese Block	Iron & Mn	218.481	155.277	63.204	M/s Yazdani Steel & Power Limited, Jakhapur, Jajpur Road, Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur-755026, E-mail: rkdas@yazdanisteel.com
13	Keonjhar	Siljora-Kalimati Iron ore & Manganese Block	Iron & Mn	713.510	469.109	244.401	Sri Debabrata Behera, Plot No. 1234P, Govindprasad, Bomikhal, Bhubaneswar-751010, E-mail: groupkashvi@gmail.com
14	Keonjhar	Jaribahal Iron ore Block	Iron	107.440	100.006	7.434	M/s Kashvi International (P) Ltd. Plot No.1234P, Govindraprasad Bhomikhal, Bhubaneswar-751010, E-mail: groupkashvi@gmail.com
15	Sundargarh	Teherai Iron ore & Manganese Block	Iron & Mn	135.076	106.128	28.948	Ranjika Gupta, M/s Tarama Appartment (P) Ltd., 33A, Chandranath Chatterjee Street Jaggu, Bazar, Kolkatta-700025, E- mail: taramaappartment@gmail.com
16	Keonjhar	Jururi Iron ore Block	Iron	73.413	67.414	5.999	M/s Jagat Janani Services Pvt. Ltd, Nambira Bamebari, Keonjhar-758034, E-mail: sanatanmahakud485@gmail.com
17	Keonjhar	Katasahi Manganese Block	Mn	200.509	75.023	125.49	M/s Agrasen Sponge (P) Ltd. At-Mandiakudar, P.O. Chungimati, Kansbahal, Dist-Sundargarh-770034, E-mail: agrasensponge@gmail.com
18	Sundargarh	Kanther-Koira Manganese Block	Mn	73.301	35.487	37.814	M/s PM Granite Export (P) Ltd., No. 129, 7th Main, 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, E-mail: pmgranites55@gmail.com
19	Jajpur	Saruabil Chromite	Chromite	246.858	224.63	22.228	M/s T.S. Alloys Limited, N 3, BY 24, IRC Village-Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015, E-mail: mdtsalloysltd@tatasteel.com



20	Jajpur	Kamarda Chromite	Chromite	107.24	105.78	1.460	M/s T.S. Alloys Limited, N 3, BY 24, IRC Village-Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015, E-mail: mdtsalloysltd@tatasteel.com
21	Jajpur	Sukinda Chromite Block	Chromite	406.420	404.669	1.751	Declared Preferred Bidder-M/s T.S. Alloys Limited, N 3, BY 24, IRC Village-Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015, E-mail: mdtsalloysltd@tatasteel.com