## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, ODISHA HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

The SEAC met on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at 10:30 AM through Video Conferencing in Google Meet under the Chairmanship of Sri B. P. Singh. The following members were present in the meeting.

- 1. Sri B. P. Singh
- 2. Dr. K. Murugesan
- 3. Dr. D. Swain
- 4. Prof. (Dr.) H.B. Sahu
- 5. Sri J. K. Mahapatra
- 6. Sri K. R. Acharya
- 7. Prof. (Dr.) B.K. Satpathy
- 8. Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Mohanty
- 9. Dr. K.C.S Panigrahi
- 10. Dr. Sailabala Padhi

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Draft proceeding of the meeting was finalized by the members through e-mail and also final proceeding of the meeting was confirmed by the members through e-mail. The agenda-wise proceedings and recommendations of the committee are detailed below.

## ITEM NO. 01

# PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR SUBARNAPUR SAND MINES, ON KATHAJODI RIVER AT VILLAGE SUBARNAPUR TAHASIL - CUTTACK SADAR, DISTRICT - CUTTACK OF SRI RAJENDRA PRASAD SINGH – EC

- 1. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of Subarnapur river sand bed belongs to Tahasildar, Cuttack Sadar address all the environment related issues and is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Approved TOR issued by SEIAA vide letter no. 9658/SEIA on dated 19.11.2020, Odisha and as per Ministry of environment forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, EIA notification (2006) and subsequent amendments. The EIA / EMP report for the mines has been prepared by Kalyani Laboratories Private Limited, Bhubaneswar based on the base line study carried out during October to December 2020.
- 2. Subarnapur river sand bed mines on river Kathajodi with a ML area of 8.30 Ha is situated in village Subarnapur, Cuttack sadar Tahasil, Cuttack district, Odisha. The land of the mine is categorized as Nadi Kisam. The lease area is located in survey of India toposheet no 73 H/15 and bounded between the latitudes 20°27'48.34"N to 20°27'56.75"N and longitudes of 85°50'37.29"E to 85°50'52.69"E. Nearest Town is Cuttack, nearest road is Cuttack- Naraj Road (250 m) and NH-5 (5 Km), nearest railway station is Cuttack Railway station (5.5 Km) from the mine. The stratigraphy of the area is upper deltaic plain. The project intends for excavation maximum of 15000Cu.m per annum of sand from the lease area. No waste will be generated from the activity. Water requirement for the project will be 3000 liters/day which will be sourced by tanker. Total 50 nos of man power will be required. Transportation will be carried out by Truck/ Tractors. Total cost of the project will be Rs.10,00,000/-approximately.

- 3. The method of excavation of sand from Subarnapur Sand quarry will be semi mechanised open cast mining. The mode of the deposits, geomorphology of the area and its hydrological condition are some of the factors that favour the open cast method of mining. The geological and mineable reserve of the lease area is 132739 cu.m and 375003 Cu.m respectively.
- 4. Managerial & supervisory personnel will be only 01 in number. The lessee will employ 3 skilled, 5 semiskilled and remaining 16unskilled workers for the excavation of sand. The mining lease area falls within the river course of Kathajodi River, below the high flood level. It therefore cannot be put to any other use. The kisam of land under the lease is Nadi. Before the lease was granted it was part of the river course. During the mining of river bed the mining would be resorted to a depth of 3m only. Post mining also the area will remain part of active river course and the pit developed due to excavation of sand will be replenished during the monsoon season.
- 5. The prediction of air quality due to proposed activities through simulation model shows that, taking into account of all the conceptual particulate matter generating area of river sand bed mines as the source parameter the maximum incremental Ground Level Concentration (GLC) of PM10 will be 8.72 µg/m3 in ESE direction at a distance of 200 m in the lease area.
- 6. The resultant concentration of PM10 will be 66.42µg/m3 which is well below the prescribed National standard of ambient air quality. The incremental concentration is found to be maximum in the East direction of the project site.
- 7. The Public Hearing in respect of Environment Clearance for Subarnapur Sand Mines of The Tahasildar, Sadar, Cuttack on River Kathajodi over ML area of 8.30 Ha. for the purpose of achieving maximum production capacity of 15000 m3 per annum at village Subarnapur, tehsil Sadar of Cuttack district was conducted on Dtd.24/09/2021 at 11:30 A.M. at at the entry point of Subarnapur Sand Bed Mines, Cuttack Sadar Tahasil in Cuttack district, Odisha. The villagers did not raise any specific issues on the environment.
- 8. The Environment management cost allocated for the project will be Rs. 4.00 lakhs per annum and social development cost will be 9.20 lakhs as allocated in compliance to public hearing demand.
- The Environment consultant M/s Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., plot no. 78/944, Millennium city, Pahala, Bhubaneswar – 752101 along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant **M/s Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**, **plot no. 78/944**, **Millennium city, Pahala, Bhubaneswar – 752101**, the SEAC recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance for the proposal valid upto lease period with stipulated conditions as per **Annexure – A** in addition to the following specific conditions.

- i) Revised mining plan shall be prepared based on essential physical criteria as per Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, January 2020 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India enclosed as **Annexure - B**.
- ii) Regular replenishment study to be conducted and report to be submitted.
- iii) Provision of Bio-toilet shall be made at the site.

- iv) Avenue plantation and plantation on both sides of the haulage road in consultation with/ on the advice of concerned Forest Department, Government of Odisha & W.R. Department Government of Odisha as well.
- v) Permission to use public road including Ring road, Cuttack from the appropriate authority including its maintenance.
- vi) Stone patching with plantation in between along the stretch of the bank associated with sand mining and necessary ramp construction shall be made.
- vii) A site visit to be planned in 03 months' time to ensure implementation of agreed measures.

#### ITEM NO. 02

PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR NANGALSILA IRON ORE MINES OVER AN AREA 45.931 HA LOCATED IN VILLAGE - NANGALSILA & MURUMDIHI TAHASIL - RAIRANGPUR, DISTRICT- MAYURBHANJ OF SRI GOURI SHANKAR CHOUBEY – VIOLATION TOR

- Nangalsila Iron Ore mining lease of Sri Gouri Shankar Choubey over an area of 45.333 ha (excluding 0.598 Ha surrendered out of the ML area 45.931 Ha) is located in village Nangalsila & Murumdihi under Rairangpur Tahsil in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha State. The said lease was executed on 19.04.1985 for a period of 20 years, i.e., up to 18.04.2005. In accordance with the section 8A (3) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act 2015, the validity period of mining lease is now deemed to have been extended for a period of fifty years i.e., up to 18.04.2035, subject to execution of supplementary lease deed with the State Government.
- 2. The mining operation has been stopped within the lease area after obtaining the directions of the Mining Officer, vide letter No. 4837/Mines dated 19.11.2009 due to want of statutory clearances including environmental clearance.
- 3. Final Mine Closure Plan of the part surrendered area over 0.598 hectare prepared under Rule 23C of MCDR, 1988 was approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. FMCP/MAN/04-ORI/BHU/2011-12 dated 28.10.2011 and certificate of FMCP approved area (0.598 ha) was obtained from IBM vide Certificate No.T/FMCP/C/I/BHU-2011 dated 08.02.2012 after successful completion of reclamation and rehabilitation work.
- 4. Review of Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan in respect of the Nangalsila Iron Ore Mines has been duly approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines, vide letter No.RMP/A//03-ORI/BHU/2020-21 dated 11.06.2020 for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 and the validity of the same shall expire on 31.03.2025.
- A total of 2.104 million Ton iron ore reserve has been estimated in the ML area for which the above review of mining plan has been approved. The mine will be operated as a Category-A (OTFM) Mine to produce iron ore 90,043 T / annum.
- 6. Demand notice was issued by the Mining Officer, Baripada amounting to Rs.3,46,41,047.00 towards compensation for production of minerals without / in excess for the environmental clearance under section 21(5) of the MMDR Act, 1957 in compliance to the judgement dated 02.08.2017 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Common Cause vrs Union of India in W.P. (C) No.114/2014 and also directed to deposit the same on or before 31.12.2017.

- 7. They had deposited a sum of Rs.4,51,50,000.00 to the State Government which includes the principal amount of Rs.3,46,41,047.00 and applicable interest of Rs.1,05,08,953.00. This amount also includes the value of un-disposed stock of iron ore. I had also deposited the entire demand amounting to Rs.6,21,500.00 for which a separate show cause notice was issued by the Mining Officer, Baripada without / in excess of MP/CTO.
- 8. Application was made for grant of Environmental Clearance through online portal developed by the MoEF&CC, Government of India vide proposal No.SIA/OR/MIN/39494/2019 dated 18.09.2019 after depositing the compensation amount demanded by the Steel & Mines Department.
- 9. The said proposal was placed before the Hon'ble Committee SEAC, Odisha held on 14.02.2020 and Presentation was made before the Committee. The SEAC, Odisha decided to take decision on the proposal of after submission of certain information as desired vide letter dated 25.02.2020 and the same was submitted by the lessee vide its letter dated 11.03.2020. The lessee requested to consider the proposal under non-violation as the lessee has deposited the entire compensation as demanded u/s 21(5) of MMDR Act.
- 10. The SEAC, Odisha was not aware about non-considering the case as a violation case as per above request of the proponent as MoEF&CC, Govt. of India has not issued any guidelines for the same.
- 11. On 07.07.2021 the MoEF&CC, Government of India has issued Office Memorandum (OM) known as "Standard Operating Procedure" (SOP) for identification, handling of violation cases under EIA Notification 2006 in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A No. 34/WZ2020.
- 12. The Lessee vide its letter dated 16.07.2021 had requested to the both Committee SEIAA, Odisha & SEAC, Odisha to reconsider the proposal for grant of Terms of Reference (TOR) as per OM dated 07.07.2021.
- 13. The request of the lessee was placed before the Committee SEAC, Odisha in its meeting held on 13.09.2021 and the Committee SEAC, Odisha raised issue that the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court has passed an order on dated 15.07.2021 for interim stay of SoP issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM dated 07.07.2021 to deal with violation cases and rejected the proposal with a recommendation to SEIAA, Odisha may consider to write a letter to MoEF&CC, Govt. of India to clarify the claim of the proponent not to consider the case as violation as pointed out.
- 14. The Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha vide their order dated 05.10.2021 decided not to declared the above mining lease as lapsed and also directed to resume mining operation subject to obtaining necessary statutory clearances and approvals. Supplementary lease deed will be executed after getting all necessary clearance and the validity of the lease period will be extended up to 18.04.2035 i.e., 50 years from the year of grant of original lease.
- 15. The said proposal was placed before SEIAA, Odisha in its meeting held on 30.09.2021 for consideration. The SEIAA, Odisha observed and disposed the proposal as mentioned below vide letter No.3348/SEIAA dated 12.10.2021:

- a) Documentary evidence of a valid subsisting mining lease for consideration EC application.
- b) To submit EC application for EC/TOR before MoEF&CC, Govt. of India along with report of the violations of EIA Notification, 2006 committed by the proponent.
- 16. In compliance to the letter dated 12.10.2021 application has been filed in Parivesh portal vide online application No.SIA/OR/MIN/63733/2021 dated 06.06.2021 after MoEF & CC, has provided format for violation application. The Committee SEAC, Odisha was rejected the proposal stating that the Interim Stay passed on the SOP by the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of the High Court of Madras vide order dated 15.07.2021 in the matter W.P. (MD). No. 11757 of 2021.
- 17. The Interim Stay dated 15.07.2021 was challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Civil Appeal Nos. 7576-7577 of 2021 in Electro Steels Limited Vs Union of India & Ors. The Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 09.12.2021 has inter-alia observed as follows:
- 18. "The interim order passed by the Madras High Court appears to be misconceived. However, this Court is not hearing an appeal from that interim order. The interim stay passed by the Madras High Court can have no application to operation of the Standard Operating Procedure to Projects in territories beyond the territorial jurisdiction of Madras High Court."
- 19. The above decision of the Hon'ble Court has been communicated to all authorities by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India through OM dated 28.01.2022.
- 20. Therefore, the lessee further, submitted its requested vide letter dated 07.02.2022 to consider the proposal dated 06.06.2021 in accordance with the SOP dated 07.07.2021 and OM dated 28.01.2022 of MoEF& CC, Government of India.
- 21. The Environment consultant **M/s Srushti Seva private limited, Harihar Niwas, Near Adiwasi Bhavan, Giripeth, Nagpur - 440 010** along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

After detailed deliberations, the SEAC noted that the proponent has gone for excess production of Iron Ore without prior Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006. Further, the SEAC, after detailed deliberations on the proposal in terms of the provisions of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Notification dated 14th March, 2017, confirmed the case to be of violation of the EIA Notification, 2006 and recommended for issuing Standard Term of Reference as per Annexure- C along with the following specific Terms of Reference for undertaking EIA and preparation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP):

- (i) The State Government to take action against the project proponent under the provisions of section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and further no Consent to Operate to be issued till the project is granted Environmental Clearance.
- (ii) The project proponent shall be required to submit a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan with the SPCB prior to the grant of Environmental Clearance. The quantum shall be recommended by the SEAC and finalized by the regulatory authority i.e. SEIAA, Odisha as per para-12 of Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for Identification and handling of violation cases under EIA Notification 2006 in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. No.34/2020 WZ issued by

MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No. 22-21/2020-IA.III, dated 07.07.2021 and OM No. 22-21/2020-IA.III (E 138949), dated 28.01.2022. The bank guarantee shall be released after successful implementation of the EMP, followed by recommendations of the SEAC and approval of the regulatory authority i.e. SEIAA, Odisha.

- (iii) Assessment of ecological damage with respect to air, water, land and other environmental attributes. The collection and analysis of data shall be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or an environmental laboratory accredited by NABL, or a laboratory of a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) institution working in the field of environment.
- (iv) Preparation of EMP comprising remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan corresponding to the ecological damage assessed and economic benefits derived due to violation.
- (v) The remediation plan and the natural and community resource augmentation plan to be prepared as an independent chapter in the EIA report by the accredited consultants.
- (vi) Public hearing has to be conducted as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and amendment thereafter and copy of final EIA/EMP report incorporating the public hearing proceeding shall be submitted for final appraisal.
- (vii) One season fresh base line data to be generated for EIA/EMP preparation.
- (viii) To submit the lease sketch approved by DMG, at the time of presentation before SEAC.
- (ix) Fund allocation for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) shall be made as per Ministry's O.M. No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 for various activities therein. The details of fund allocation and activities for CER shall be incorporated in EIA/EMP report.
- (x) Detailed hydrological study to be carried out in core and buffer zone of the project as per the recent GEC guidelines 2015.
- (xi) Approved mining plan is to be submitted.
- (xii) The following information to be submitted.
  - a) Compliance of mining plan, including waste and OB dump management, mine closure plan etc.
  - b) Compliance to Common cause judgment
  - c) Status of R&R
  - d) Compliance of plantation
  - e) Compliance of public hearing issues
  - f) Status of complaints/ court cases/legal action
  - g) Any other relevant environmental issue / parameter.
  - h) The following studies be undertaken by domain experts, viz:
    - Blast vibration study if feasible with trial blasts

- Socio economic study of the neighbouring habitation
- Biodiversity study with audit mechanism.
- Slope stability study for both mines and OB /waste dumps.
- Surface runoff management along with rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge including the design of drainage structures.
- Traffic density study, both inside the mines and at haulage roads, intersecting points of haulage road with public road.
- Hydrology study: The study findings and the mitigation measures thereof to be submitted
- (xiii) Cost of the CER calculated shall be utilized for the concerns of the people in terms of health, education, and infrastructure and environment protection. Project Proponent also shall include the budget for the betterment of schools nearby and to facilitate the online education system by providing Wi-Fi connectivity and desktops/tablets.
- (xiv) The project proponent should provide in the EIA Report details of all the statutory clearances, permissions, no objection certificates, consents etc. required for this project under various Acts, Rules and regulations and their status or estimated timeline after grant of EC.
- (xv) The project proponent should submit the revenue plan for mining lease, revenue plan should be imposed on the satellite imaginary clearly demarcate the Govt. land, private land, agricultural land etc.
- (xvi) The project proponent should submit the real-time aerial footage & video of the mining lease area and of the transportation route. The project proponent should submit the detailed plan in tabular format (year-wise for life of mine) for afforestation and green belt development in and around the mining lease. The project proponent should submit the number of saplings to be planted, area to be covered under afforestation & green belt, location of plantation, target for survival rate and budget earmarked for the afforestation & green belt development. In addition to this the project proponent should show on a surface plan (5-year interval for life of mine) of suitable scale the area to be covered under afforestation & green belt clearly mentioning the latitude and longitude of the area to be covered during each 5 years. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted. Presently in India there are many agencies which are developing forest in short interval of time. Thus, for the plantation activities details of the experts/agencies to be engaged needs to be provided with budgetary provisions.
- (xvii) The project proponent should submit the quantity of surface or ground water to be used for this project. The complete water balance cycle needs to be submitted. In addition to this PP should submit a detailed plan for rain water harvesting measures to be taken. PP should submit the year wise target for reduction in consumption of the ground/surface water by developing alternative source of water through rain water harvesting measures. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.
- (xviii) The project proponent should clearly bring out the details of the manpower to be engaged for this project with their roles /responsibilities/designations. In addition to this

the project proponent should mention the number and designation of person to be engaged for implementation of environmental management plan (EMP). The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.

- (xix) The project proponent should submit the year-wise, activity wise and time bound budget earmarked for EMP, occupational health surveillance & Corporate Environmental Responsibility. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.
- (xx) The project proponent should submit the measures/technology to be adopted for prevention of illegal mining and pilferage of mineral. The project proponent should submit the detailed mineralogical and chemical composition of the mineral and percentage of free silica from a NABL/MoEF&CC accredited laboratory.
- (xxi) The project proponent should clearly show the transport route of the mineral and protection and mitigative measure to be adopted while transportation of the mineral. The impact from the center line of the road on either side should be clearly brought out supported with the line source modelling and isopleth. Further, frequency of testing of Poly Achromatic Hydrocarbon needs to be submitted along with budget. Based on the above study the compensation to be paid in the event of damage to the crop and land on the either side of the road needs to be mentioned. The project proponent should provide the source of equations used and complete calculations for computing the emission rate from the various sources.
- (xxii) The project proponent should clearly bring out that what is the specific diesel consumption and steps to be taken for reduction of the same. Year-wise target for reduction in the specific diesel consumption needs to be submitted.
- (xxiii) The project proponent should bring out the awareness campaign to be carried out on various environmental issues, practical training facility to be provided to the environmental engineer/diploma holders, mining engineer/diploma holders, geologists, and other trades related to mining operations. Target for the same needs to be submitted.
- (xxiv) The budget to be earmarked for the various activities shall be decided after perusal of the Standard EC conditions.
- (xxv) The project proponent should ensure that only NABET accredited consultant shall be engaged for the preparation of EIA/EMP Reports. The project proponent shall ensure that accreditation of consultant shall be valid during the collection of baseline date, preparation of EIA/EMP report and during the appraisal process. The project proponent and consultant should submit an undertaking the information and data provided in the EIA Report and submitted to the SEIAA, Odisha are factually correct and the project proponent and consultant are fully accountable for the same.
- (xxvi) The project proponent should submit the photograph of monitoring stations & sampling locations. The photograph should bear the date, time, latitude & longitude of the monitoring station/sampling location. In addition to this the project proponent should submit the original test reports and certificates of the labs which will analyze the samples.

- (xxvii) The percentage of iron in the final waste generated and not used as iron ore or its upgradation.
- (xxviii) Compliance to NEERI recommendations.
- (xxix) "Zero discharge" management & "Zero Dust Re-suppression" management with SOP be submitted.
- (xxx) Internal roads, drain management with network of the drain, retaining walls and settling tanks with ETPs be submitted.
- (xxxi) Details of air quality monitoring stations of the area and additional stations at entry and exit of mines and haulage roads, habitation to be considered.
- (xxxii) Construction and perennial maintenance of haulage road with details of plantation and the species thereof to be submitted.
- (xxxiii) Forest Clearance details with copy of all Forest Clearance.
- (xxxiv)Status of complaints/ court cases/legal action regarding to lease along with a detailed write up indicating case no., purpose of the case etc.
- (xxxv) Copy of lease document.
- (xxxvi) Details of waste management i.e. composition and nature of waste generated, tabulated form showing year wise waste generation, usage and storage.
- (xxxvii) Project Proponent shall consider developing a good nursery in nearby village for production of saplings of 4-6 feet height for planting in safety zone, sides of external haulage roads and distribution among villagers for planting in their private land/ community land. The nursery may be developed by company on their own or in collaboration with forest department. A detailed proposal to this effect shall be submitted. The proponent shall ensure to use organic fertilizer in the nursery.
- (xxxviii)Comprehensive water management, water balance with water harvesting and its reuse both monsoon and non-monsoon period.
- (xxxix) STP plan with design with location in the layout map for domestic waste water treatment.
- (xl) Provision of solar power (percentage wise) with detail plan.
- (xli) To submit the network with dimension of concrete cement roads inside the mining lease area and haulage road.
- (xlii) To submit parking plaza at entry and exit of the mines with basic amenities.
- (xliii) Plan and SoP to be submitted for water sprinkling inside the mines and outside in haulage road including regular vacuum cleaning and Zero Dust Resuspension system to completely mitigate and arrest fugitive dust emission.
- (xliv) Wagon drill blasting must be avoided- to confirm.
- (xlv) Details of grade of Fe to be mined, cutoff grade, management of off grade, quantity of each year wise and the dumping or storage plan of off grade and wastes to be provided.

- (xlvi) Total water management including domestic use w.r.t sourcing from borewell, rain water harvesting and recycling of waste water from ETP/STP, both for monsoon and non-monsoon be submitted.
- (xlvii) Measures to be taken for arresting and mitigation of occupational health hazard including identification of the same, both for employees and nearby/surrounding habitation.
- (xlviii) Year wise waste/OB management with reference to generation and utilization in consideration with dynamic movement of inventory indicating dump area and dimension of storage be submitted.
- (xlix) Details of grades to be produced, to be discarded as waste and dumps and the utilisation plan.
- (I) Gochhar land, if any, need to be dereserved as per the applicable laws by appropriate authority.
- (li) Silt Management with procedure for desiltation if any as a contingency measure.
- (lii) Slope of mines and dump vis- a- vis the position of water bodies.
- (liii) Protection and conservation of Endangered, Threatened and Near Threatened living species in the mining lease area.
- (liv) Adoption of ISO 14001& OHSAS

#### ITEM NO. 03

#### PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF BIO-TECH SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON BIOMEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY (CBWTF) OVER AN AREA 1.058 ACRES AT PLOT NO 155/1020 AND 15/1025, VILLAGE - JAMAPALLI, TAHASIL - BINIKA, DIST- SUBARNAPUR OF SRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SAHU -TOR

- 1. The proposal was considered by the committee to determine the "Terms of Reference (ToR)" for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 and amendment thereafter.
- M/s. Bio-Tech Solutions has proposed Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) at Plot No 155/1020 and 15/1025, Village: Jamapalli, Tehsil: Binika, Dist: Subarnapur, State: Odisha.
- 3. Proposed project falls under Projects activity 7 (da) "Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities" as per EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and its subsequent amendments made in 17th April 2015.
- 4. The Geographical Coordinates are Latitude: 21° 5'20.90"N & Longitude: 83°45'43.60"E.
- 5. Application for ToR approval was submitted on 14th Jan, 2022.
- 6. There is no Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility in South-West Odisha. Distance from existing facility which is located in Sundargarh district to their proposed project is about more than 75km.

- 7. The land has been already owned by M/s. Bio-Tech Solutions.
- 8. The total area for the proposed facility is 2.0 Acre acquired by company where and total project area is 1.058 Acre.
- 9. PP has also secured CTE from OSPCB Vide Letter No. 6053/III CON (NOC)/164/2021-22 dated 18.11.2021.
- 10. There is no National Park/ Wild Life Sanctuary. However, some RF/PF has been observed in 10 km radius of the project area for which NOC has been obtained from DFO, Subarnapur Forest Division.
- 11. No Interstate Boundary within 10 km radius of the Project Site. Hence, general condition as specified in EIA Notification 2006 is not applicable for Category 7(da) Projects.
- 12. Total Water required during operation phase would be 9 KLD.
- 13. Total Power requirement during operation phase would be 150 KVA. One DG set is also proposed as a back in case of power failure, having 75 KVA capacity.
- 14. 30 (permanent) employees will be hired for the proposed facility during operation phase.
- 15. Total cost of the project is estimated to be Rs 1.90 Crores.
- 16. The area for project development would be 1.058 acre. The company will carry out greenbelt/plantation in 33.36% of the total dedicated area.
- 17. For Liquid Effluents Management, 6 KLD of ETP is proposed with ZLD Concept.
- 18. For Domestic Waste Water Management, Septic Tank followed By Soak pit is proposed.
- 19. This is purely independent project and does not interconnect with any other project. No alternative site has been examined as the proposed expansion will be done within the existing area.
- 20. The Environment consultant **M/s Vardan Environet**, **Plot No. 82A**, **Sector-5**, **IMT Manesar**, **Gurugram**, **Haryana-122051** along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant **M/s Vardan Environet**, **Plot No. 82A**, **Sector-5**, **IMT Manesar**, **Gurugram**, **Haryana-122051**, the SEAC decided the following:

- A. Decision on issue of ToRs for EIA Study for the proposal to be taken after receipt of the following information / documents from the proponent.
  - i) Certificate from the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha indicating that there is no Common Bio-Medical Waste Facility within 150 kms from the site of proposed Common Bio-Medical Waste Facility.
- B. Following specific ToRs to be issued for EIA study, if decided to issue ToRs.
  - i) Kisam of the land with Sabak/ Haal including conversion to Industrial use.
  - ii) Location of the Incinerator and DG setw.r.to predominant wind direction vis a vis the habitation and public roads.
  - iii) Basis of capacity of Incinerator and stack height.

- iv) Disposal management with SOP of incineration ash and ETP sludge
- v) Green belt with strech and dimensions.
- vi) Odour management with SOP to arrest the same.
- vii) Inversion/ Dispersion study of Incinerator and accordingly, based on the findings of the study, the green belt stretch location be also linked and SOP to negate the effect of Dioxin and During, Hg etc.
- viii) Leachate from land filling/ ETP drains/ flow in details.
- ix) Stack emission and Leachate chemical analysis
- x) Adoption of OHSAS.
- xi) NOC from CGWA and permission from WR Department, Government of Odisha for drawl of ground water.
- xii) Detail plan and calculation of solar power consumption vis- a vis generation and percentage of total power demand.
- xiii) Submission of a list of recognized Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics along with the corresponding Beds considered for this Project.
- xiv) Submission of Documents for a prior arrangement with T.S.D.F for Hazardous Waste like incinerator Ass Plastic Recyclers for Plastic Wastes, Metal foundries for recycling Metal Sharps, etc.

## ITEM NO. 04

#### PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR PAIKADAKULGUDA SEMI PRECIOUS STONE CAT 'S EYE MINES OVER AN AREA OF 38.316 HA OR 94.68 ACRES IN VILLAGE- PAIKADAKULGUDA, KANDHADAKULGUDA AND BADOLIMA, TAHASIL/PS - BISSAM CUTTACK, DISTRICT - RAYAGADA OF SRI BAJRANG LAL GUPTA – TOR

- 1. The proposal was considered by the committee to determine the "Terms of Reference (ToR)" for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 and amendment thereafter.
- 2. Gemstones have been known since ancient times. At the time of digging, these gemstones happen to be in form of ordinary shapeless & dull stones / pebbles which become worthwhile by their shining and quality after cleaning, cutting & polishing. Gemstones have been highly priced depending upon their transparency and color. Based on quality, rarity and durability, the gemstones are classified as precious stones (ruby, sapphire, emerald etc) and semi-precious stones (beryl, garnet, tourmaline, zircon, iolite etc.). The Paikadakulguda Semi Precious Stone Cat's Eye Mines over an area of 38.316 Ha in village-Paikadakulguda, Kandhadakulguda and Badolima, Tahasil/P.S.-Bissam cuttack, District-Rayagada, in favor of Sri Bajarang Lal Gupta. The mining lease area is located in the Survey of India Toposheet no. 65M/10, of latitudes 19°34'07.80"N to 19°34'38.71"N & longitudes 83031'59.41" E to 83032'29.07"E. The land use pattern of the mining lease area comes under the non-forest agricultural land (Pahad, Dangar, Patharbani & Patita. The applied Mining lease area over 38.316 Ha or 94.68 Acres in village Paikadakulguda, under Bissam cuttack Tahasil of Rayagada district, Odisha. Last Mining Plan of this

Paikadakulguda Cat's Eye Deposit in the M.L area over 41.485 hectares prepared under Rule 22 of MCR, 1960 by M/s GEOMIN Consultants Pvt. Ltd, Bhubaneswar as RQP, Mining Plan was approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines, Govt. of India for a period of five (5) years vide letter No.BBS/RGD/Cat's Eye/MP-299 dated 03.05.2007 This mining project comes under category of B1. As per the EIA Notification S.O. 1533, dated 14th September 2006 and subsequent amendments, this project falls under Category B1 (>5.0 <100 Ha).

- 3. On the basis of geological study of M.L area and data obtained by the local people, a total quantity of 211 kg mineable chrysoberyl in form of Cat's Eye has been estimated under probable reserve which has formed the basis for preparation of this modification of mining plan. Mine to produce Cat's Eye at the rate of 28 kg to 40 kg / annum.
- 4. The M.L area is accessible from Muniguda (the nearest township & PS area) covering a distance of 5 km well maintained metal road. Muniguda lies on the Bhawanipatna-Bissamcuttack road. Bhawanipatna (the district head quarter) and Bissamcuttack (tehsil area) are situated at a distance of 67 km north and 13 km south of Muniguda. Raipur, the state capital of Chhattishgarh, is situated at a distance of 300 km north of Muniguda. The nearest railway station is also Muniguda on the Raipur-Vizianagaram section of the south-eastern railway.
- 5. There will be excavation of semi-precious stone from the lease area through opencast semi mechanized mining method. The project is proposed for excavation of semi precious stone Maximum production Capacity: 8000Cu.m/ annum, Maximum excavation: 34600cu.m. During the plane period, 34600m3 OB/Waste materials will be dumped over an area of 7208m2 or 0.721 ha at 4.8m average height in one terrace of 7.5m height. Dump will be compacted and levelled to prevent the erosion of waste materials from rain and wind. Slope of the terrace will be maintained equivalent with the angle of repose of the waste materials i.e. around 37030' with the horizontal.
- 6. Cat's Eye to OB / waste ratio is 1:200 (Kg/m3). Therefore, likely generation of waste during the conceptual period will be (mineable reserve x 200 = 211 x 200 =) 42,200m3. Out of these, 34,600m3 waste which will be dumped over an area of 7,208m2 at 4.8m average height in 1 terrace of 7.5m height each and remaining waste will be utilized for back-filling of mined out area.
- 7. Tube well is the source of water for drinking purpose in nearby villages. Vasundhara river and Kani Jorhi (a perennial nala) and tanks provide water for non-domestic use. Total water requirement for the project will be 5 KLD out of which 2 KLD will be required for drinking and domestic purpose and 1.5 KLD for dust suppression and 1.5 KLD for plantation purpose. Source of domestic water will be nearby village well. No electricity connection within ML area. However solar lights will be employed for day to day living purposes. Diesel requirement will be 6000 liters/month.
- 8. The mining activity will generate 74 nos of employment for 07 nos personnels are highly skilled,15 nos are skilled, 22 nos are semi-skilled and 30 nos are unskilled.
- The Environment consultant M/s Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., plot no. 78/944, Millennium city, Pahala, Bhubaneswar – 752101 along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant **M/s Kalyani Laboratories (Pvt) Ltd. Pahala, Bhubaneswar**, the SEAC prescribed the standard ToRs as per **Annexure –D along with following specific ToRs** for conducting detailed EIA study.

- i). Kisam of the land is stated to be" Basti Ajogya" & Agricultural land and as such, the Haal/ Sabak of the same to be confirmed and need to be converted to" Mining purpose" before start of mining.
- ii). Since ratio of mineral: waste/ OB is 1:200, detail OB/ Waste management to be submitted.
- iii). Management and procedure to arrest wash off through rain cuts during rainy season and Silt Management with procedure for de-siltation if nearest agricultural lands and water bodies since nearest river embankment of river KanhiJohri is at 200 mtrs only.
- iv). Provision of STP of adequate capacity since manpower is 74 plus floating population.

# ITEM NO. 05

#### PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF M/S KASHVI POWER AND STEEL LTD. FOR DHOLTAPAHAR IRON ORE MINES FOR PRODUCTION OF 2.0 MTPA IRON ORE ALONG WITH 750TPH CRUSHING UNIT & 650 TPH SCREENING UNIT OVER AN AREA OF 60.508 HA IN TEHSIL KOIRA, DISTRICT SUNDARGARH OF SRI DEBABRATA BEHERA -TOR

- 1. The proposal was considered by the committee to determine the "Terms of Reference (ToR)" for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 and amendment thereafter.
- 2. Dholtapahar Iron Ore block, a virgin mine is located over an area of 60.508 ha located within Sarkanda Reserve Forest under Koida tehsil in Sundargarh district of Odisha. Govt. of Odisha had issued NIT on 07.07.2021 for the auction process as per mineral auction rule, 2015 of the aforesaid iron ore block. In this process, M/s Kashvi Power & Steel Pvt Ltd was declared as the preferred Bidder under Rule 9(9) (iii) or Rule 10(A) of Auction Rules having quoted a final price offer of 126.55%.
- 3. Further, M/s Kashvi Power & Steel Pvt Ltd made payment of Rs 6,99,89,587 (Rupees Six crore Ninety Nine lakhs Eighty Nine thousand Five hundred Eighty seven only) on 21.10.2021 against first instalment being twenty percent of the upfront money.
- Accordingly, letter of Intent was issued to M/s Kashvi Power & Steel Pvt Ltd for grant of Mining Lease for a period of 50 years vide letter no 8725/IV(B)SM-52/2021 dt 28.10.2021 subject to abiding of all rules and regulations.
- 5. Sri Debabrata Behera is the Managing Director of the company. Mrs Sushmita Behera is also one of the director of this company. The lessee is having experience in mining and marketing of iron ore for a period of more than 30 decades. As such, it can be seen that the project proponent is having very versatile experience and expertise in iron ore mining.
- This is a green field project over an area of 60.508 ha with proposed production capacity of 2.0 MTPA, 750 TPH crushing unit (1X250 TPH + 1X150 TPH mobile crushing & 350 TPH

fixed I/O crushing unit) & 600 TPH screening unit(1x250 TPH+1x200 TPH+1x150 TPH). This project comes under Schedule 1(a), Category B1 of EIA Notification, 2006. The mining operations will be through fully mechanized opencast mining system, involving shovel-dumper combinations, drilling and blasting etc.

7. The ML area falls within the toposheet no F45N1 and bounded by the latitude and longitude as furnished below:

Latitude	210 50' 11.18" to 210 50' 34.58"N
Longitude	85010'43.55" to 850 11'14.26"E.

- 8. **MINING METHOD:** The mining operation in this area will be carried out by adopting the mechanized opencast mining method with Excavator, Pay Loader, Air Compressor, Jackhammer, conveyor system, Tippers etc for the excavation work. Height & width of overburden bench are proposed to be kept at 10m and 15m respectively. In the ultimate level, the individual slope of benches would be kept 370 from vertical. The massive hard lateritic bed would be excavated mechanically method after breaking through drilling & blasting. Drilling will be done by Compressed air with wagon drill. Power Gel large diameter cartridge and cordex fuse will be used. The blasted material would be loaded by loader into tipper for transportation. The haul road would be developed simultaneously to facilitate the movement of loaded and unloaded tippers with a width of 10m. The gradient of haulage road & ramp is considered as 1:16.
- 9. It has been planned for production of 2.0 MTPA iron ore. Total waste to be generated will be 2799300 tonne will be generated during plan period. Out of the total 40% 3,76,560 TPA will be utilized for road maintenance both inside and outside the ML area. Balance 60% will be disposed in designated dump of 2.709ha.
- 10. The life of the mine will be 12 years which includes 5 year of plan period and 7 years of conceptual period.
- 11. About 2.0 MTPA of ROM will be produced from the mine after commissioning. Out of this about 76% i.e. 1.52 MTPA of high grade iron ore will be used in captive metallurgical industry. About 24% i.e. 0.48 MTPA will be generated as mineral reject/sub-grade ore which will be blended with high grade iron ore to make it usable.
- 12. The proponent is operating the following plants:
  - 300 TPD sponge iron Plant of Kashvi International Pvt Ltd
  - 200 TPD sponge Iron Plant of Crackers Indis Alloys Ltd
  - 200 TPD Sponge Iron Plant of Shree Ganesh Sponge
- 13. The proponent also intends to set up a 0.6 MTPA pellet plant at Keonjhar (in final stage of getting EC clearance). Iron Ore from Dholtapahar block will be utilized in these sponge Iron Plants.
- 14. The mining lease area is 3.5 km away from Tensa-Koira road. 10m wide connecting road will be constructed after grant of Forest clearance. The Koira-Tensa road joins NH 520 at Kashira village which is at a distance of 15 km towards North. Koira is located at a distance of 11 km

in NE part of the Lease area whereas Tensa is located at a distance of 2 km in Western part of the lease area. NH 520 is passing at a distance of 15 km towards North of the Lease area.

- 15. Nearest Railway station is at Barsuan (both Passenger and goods train) located at a distance of 22 km in western part and connected by Koira- Barsuan road. Iron ore will be transferred to Barsuan Rly Siding through Koira-Barsuan Road.
- 16. LAND FORM, LAND USE & LAND OWNERSHIP: Total ML area is covering 60.508Ha. Total area is under forest land category. The Lease has been allocated in favour of the lessee through e-auction process.
- 17. WATER REQUIREMENT: The water requirement for the mines is mainly for green belt, dust suppression, ETP, workshop, wheel washing and drinking water purpose. The total water requirement will be 200.0 m3/day.
- 18. POWER REQUIREMENT: The power demand for the mining activities is estimated to be 700 KW. It is envisaged that requisite power will be supplied at 33KV by power grid. Emergency power will be be met from the generator of 500 KVA capacities. The PP will establish solar Lighting facilities to be used for lighting in office and premises.

## 19. SOLID WASTES MANAGEMENT

- a) During this plan period, a total of 13,99,650 cum of waste will be generated. It has been planned to utilize 40% of the generated waste i.e dispose of the waste at two different locations during plan period and part of the waste will be utilised for road maintenance.
- b) As per the Mineable reserve calculation total volume of waste during life of the Mine = 45,75,650 cum
- c) Generation of waste during plan period = 13,99,650 cum
- d) Remaining waste available for the conceptual period will be = 31,76,020 cum
- 20. **RESETTLEMENT & REHABILITATION:** There is no human settlement within the lease area. Hence, R & R plan is not envisaged for this project
- 21. **PROJECT SCHEDULE & COST ESTIMATES**: The total project cost for the mine expansion for plant & machinery and pre-operative expenses are expected to be Rs. 60.00 crores including Interest during Construction, prevailing taxes and duties.
- 22. The Environment consultant **M/s Oceao Enviro Management Solutions (India) Pvt Ltd** along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant **M/s Oceao Enviro Management Solutions (India) Pvt Ltd**, the SEAC prescribed the following specific ToRs in addition to standard ToRs as per **Annexure – E** for conducting detailed EIA study.

- i) Copy of site-specific Wildlife Management Plan to be submitted.
- ii) Certificate from the concerned DFO indicating that there is no elephant corridor within the lease area to be submitted.
- iii) Any forest land required outside the lease area for use of transportation route, if so, detailed status of diversion of such forest land is to be submitted.

- iv) Details of existing mines and their operational status within 10 kms radius is to be submitted.
- v) The following information to be submitted.
  - a) Compliance of mining plan, including waste and OB dump management, mine closure plan etc.
  - b) Compliance to Common cause judgment
  - c) Status of R&R
  - d) Compliance of plantation
  - e) Compliance of public hearing issues
  - f) Status of complaints/ court cases/legal action
  - g) Any other relevant environmental issue / parameter.
  - h) The following studies be undertaken by domain experts, viz:
    - Blast vibration study if feasible with trial blasts
    - Socio economic study of the neighbouring habitation
    - Biodiversity study with audit mechanism.
    - Slope stability study for both mines and OB /waste dumps.
    - Surface runoff management along with rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge include the design of drainage structures.
    - Traffic density study, both inside the mines and at haulage roads, intersecting points of haulage road with public road.
    - Hydrology study: The study findings and the mitigation measures thereof to be submitted
- vi) Cost of the CER calculated shall be utilized for the concerns of the people in terms of health, education, and infrastructure and environment protection. Project Proponent also shall include the budget for the betterment of schools nearby and to facilitate the online education system by providing Wi-Fi connectivity and desktops/tablets.
- vii) The project proponent should provide in the EIA Report details of all the statutory clearances, permissions, no objection certificates, consents etc. required for this project under various Acts, Rules and regulations and their status or estimated timeline after grant of EC.
- viii) The project proponent should submit the revenue plan for mining lease, revenue plan should be imposed on the satellite imaginary clearly demarcate the Govt. land, private land, agricultural land etc.
- ix) The project proponent should submit the real-time aerial footage & video of the mining lease area and of the transportation route. The project proponent should submit the detailed plan in tabular format (year-wise for life of mine) for afforestation and green belt development in and around the mining lease. The project proponent should submit the number of saplings to be planted, area to be covered under afforestation & green belt, location of plantation, target for survival rate and budget earmarked for the afforestation &

green belt development. In addition to this the project proponent should show on a surface plan (5-year interval for life of mine) of suitable scale the area to be covered under afforestation & green belt clearly mentioning the latitude and longitude of the area to be covered during each 5 years. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted. Presently in India there are many agencies which are developing forest in short interval of time. Thus, for the plantation activities details of the experts/agencies to be engaged needs to be provided with budgetary provisions.

- x) The project proponent should submit the quantity of surface or ground water to be used for this project. The complete water balance cycle needs to be submitted. In addition to this PP should submit a detailed plan for rain water harvesting measures to be taken. PP should submit the year wise target for reduction in consumption of the ground/surface water by developing alternative source of water through rain water harvesting measures. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.
- xi) The project proponent should clearly bring out the details of the manpower to be engaged for this project with their roles /responsibilities/designations. In addition to this the project proponent should mention the number and designation of person to be engaged for implementation of environmental management plan (EMP). The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.
- xii) The project proponent should submit the year-wise, activity wise and time bound budget earmarked for EMP, occupational health surveillance & Corporate Environmental Responsibility. The capital and recurring expenditure to be incurred needs to be submitted.
- xiii) The project proponent should submit the measures/technology to be adopted for prevention of illegal mining and pilferage of mineral. The project proponent should submit the detailed mineralogical and chemical composition of the mineral and percentage of free silica from a NABL/MoEF&CC accredited laboratory.
- xiv) The project proponent should clearly show the transport route of the mineral and protection and mitigative measure to be adopted while transportation of the mineral. The impact from the center line of the road on either side should be clearly brought out supported with the line source modelling and isopleth. Further, frequency of testing of Poly Achromatic Hydrocarbon needs to be submitted along with budget. Based on the above study the compensation to be paid in the event of damage to the crop and land on the either side of the road needs to be mentioned. The project proponent should provide the source of equations used and complete calculations for computing the emission rate from the various sources.
- xv) The project proponent should clearly bring out that what is the specific diesel consumption and steps to be taken for reduction of the same. Year-wise target for reduction in the specific diesel consumption needs to be submitted.
- xvi) The project proponent should bring out the awareness campaign to be carried out on various environmental issues, practical training facility to be provided to the environmental engineer/diploma holders, mining engineer/diploma holders, geologists, and other trades related to mining operations. Target for the same needs to be submitted.
- xvii) The budget to be earmarked for the various activities shall be decided after perusal of the

Standard EC conditions. After perusal of Standard EC conditions if agreed the project proponent should also submit an undertaking by the way of affidavit for Compliance of Standard EC conditions already prescribed by the Ministry vide O.M. No and Specific condition if prescribed by the SEAC/SEIAA, Odisha.

- xviii) The project proponent should ensure that only NABET accredited consultant shall be engaged for the preparation of EIA/EMP Reports. The project proponent shall ensure that accreditation of consultant shall be valid during the collection of baseline date, preparation of EIA/EMP report and during the appraisal process. The project proponent and consultant should submit an undertaking the information and data provided in the EIA Report and submitted to the SEIAA, Odisha are factually correct and the project proponent and consultant are fully accountable for the same.
- xix) The project proponent should submit the photograph of monitoring stations & sampling locations. The photograph should bear the date, time, latitude & longitude of the monitoring station/sampling location. In addition to this the project proponent should submit the original test reports and certificates of the labs which will analyze the samples.
- xx) The percentage of iron in the final waste generated and not used as iron ore or its upgradation.
- xxi) Compliance to NEERI recommendations.
- xxii) "Zero discharge" management & "Zero Dust Re-suppression" management with SOP be submitted.
- xxiii) Internal roads, drain management with network of the drain, retaining walls and settling tanks with ETPs be submitted.
- xxiv) Details of air quality monitoring stations of the area and additional stations at entry and exit of mines and haulage roads, habitation to be considered.
- xxv) Construction and perennial maintenance of haulage road with details of plantation and the species thereof to be submitted.
- xxvi) Parking plaza layout with maximum no. of vehicles and types of vehicles that can be parked with basic amenities and facilities.
- xxvii)Forest Clearance details with copy of all Forest Clearance.
- xxviii) Status of complaints/ court cases/legal action regarding to lease along with a detailed write up indicating case no., purpose of the case etc.
- xxix) Copy of lease document.
- xxx) Details of waste management i.e. composition and nature of waste generated, tabulated form showing year wise waste generation, usage and storage.
- xxxi) Project Proponent shall consider developing a good nursery in nearby village for production of saplings of 4-6 feet height for planting in safety zone, sides of external haulage roads and distribution among villagers for planting in their private land/ community land. The nursery may be developed by company on their own or in collaboration with forest department. A detailed proposal to this effect shall be submitted. The proponent shall ensure to use organic fertilizer in the nursery.

- xxxii) Comprehensive water management, water balance with water harvesting and its reuse both monsoon and non-monsoon period.
- xxxiii) STP plan with design with location in the layout map for domestic waste water treatment.
- xxxiv) Provision of solar power (percentage wise) with detail plan.
- xxxv) To submit the network with dimension of concrete cement roads inside the mining lease area and haulage road.
- xxxvi) To submit parking plaza at entry and exit of the mines with basic amenities.
- xxxvii) Plan and SoP to be submitted for water sprinkling inside the mines and outside in haulage road including regular vacuum cleaning and Zero Dust Resuspension system to completely mitigate and arrest fugitive dust emission.
- xxxviii) Wagon drill blasting must be avoided- to confirm.
- xxxix) Details of grade of Fe to be mined, cutoff grade, management of off grade, quantity of each year wise and the dumping or storage plan of off grade and wastes to be provided.
- xl) Total water management including domestic use w.r.t sourcing from borewell, rain water harvesting and recycling of waste water from ETP/STP, both for monsoon and non-monsoon be submitted.
- xli) Measures to be taken for arresting and mitigation of occupational health hazard including identification of the same, both for employees and nearby/surrounding habitation.
- xlii) Year wise waste/OB management with reference to generation and utilization in consideration with dynamic movement of inventory indicating dump area and dimension of storage be submitted.
- xliii) Details of grades to be produced, to be discarded as waste and dumps and the utilisation plan.
- xliv) Details of Trees falling.
- xlv) The road to which the approach road of 3.5 kms as stated to be connected?
- xlvi) Permission/ NOC from CGWA as a contingency measure in case of intersection with ground water and the corresponding Disaster Management plan.
- xlvii) Details of plan and calculation of consumption of solar power including for water sprinkling vis a vis the generation and as percentage of total power demand.
- xlviii) Site specific wild Life management plan including protection and conservation of Endangered, Threatened and Near Threatened living species along with their categories be identified and submitted.
- xlix) Rain water Harvesting Pond(s) details with design.
- Provision of suitable size of sump be planned in the second review of Mining Plan period prior to backfilling of Mined out area. The sump will be beneficial for the storage of water for use of Mines and recharge of groundwater Aquifer.

## ITEM NO. 06

PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR CHARMULA DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT OVER AN AREA OF 4.553 HA. IN VILLAGE CHARMULA, TEHSIL-BORIGUMA, DIST-KORAPUT, ODISHA OF SRI. AJIT KUMAR SADANGI – EC.

- Charmula Decorative Stone Deposit of Sri Ajit Kumar Sadangi is Located over an area of 4.553 Ha. in Village - Charmula, Tehsil - Boriguma, Dist - Koraput, Odisha. Proponent intends to obtain prior-environmental clearance from SEIAA, Odisha for carrying out mining operation in the said Mine. Prospecting License for this mine has been granted by Directorate of Mines, Govt. of Odisha vide its proceedings no.MXIII(e)-216/2009-7991/DM, dated 31.08.2016.
- The said Mine area forms a part of Survey of India Topo sheet No. E 44 E12 (65 I/12). The mine area is bounded between the latitude of 190 05' 19.20444"N to 190 05' 40.92144"N and longitudes of 820 41' 25.93284" E to 820 41' 29.94396" E . The quarry area is accessible from nearest town Jaypore at a distance of about 40 Km.
- 3. Topography of the lease area is hilly slope. The highest and lowest elevations of the area above 596 mRL and 589 mRL respectively. Overall slope of the area is due north. There is no river / nala in the mine lease area.
- 4. Proponent intends to produce decorative stone @ 1150 CuM/Annum (Maximum). Total Geological reserve is estimated as 98515.00m3 and total Mineable reserve is estimated as 52531.20 m3 and the life of the mine will be about 45 years.
- 5. Opencast semi-mechanized method will be adopted using machineries such as Excavator, Line offset, compressor, jack-hammer, wire ropes and drill rod etc. Blasting is not required for the production of blocks.
- 6. There is no river / nala within the lease area. 2KLD of Surface Water shall be required for drinking, dust suppression and green belt, which will be sourced from nearby villages. No electrical power shall be required for operations as the mining will be worked out during day time only. Minimal power required for office shall be taken by using D.G set (Capacity 100 KVA).
- 7. Mining process does not involve any requirement of water. Hence no process water will be generated from the mine. The proposed working depth of quarry during the plan period will not touch the water table. As such, question of encountering of water due to seepage does not arise.
- 8. Out of 17325 m3 waste generated in 5 years, 6930.00 m3 of waste will be utilized for construction and maintenance of roads and remaining 10395.00 m3 of waste will be dumped in the proposed temporary waste dump in the earmarked site. There will be one terrace in the proposed dump, i.e., height of terrace will be 5.0 m. The proposed dump slope should be maintained at 80°.

- 9. During the 5 years of the proposed plan period 1.569 hectares will be degraded due to proposed mining and allied activities.
- 10. It is proposed to develop a green belt over an area of 0.266 Ha. in the safety zone of the mine of during the plan period.
- 11. Estimated cost of the project is Rs.1.2 Crore, including Rs. 2 Lakhs towards provision for expenditure during mine closure. Total number of employee in the proposed mine will be around 20. Proposed mining project shall contribute for overall socioeconomic development of the area and it will generate revenue for the Govt.
- The Environment consultant M/s Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., N-5/305, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant M/s Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., N-5/305, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, the SEAC decided to take decision on the proposal after receipt of the following information / documents from the proponent.

- i) Dump management with detail calculations of waste utilization / inventory / sale including its chemical characteristics be submitted.
- ii) Water management with rain water harvesting along with calculation be submitted.
- iii) Local people should get employment owing to sensitivity of the area.
- iv) Silt management including procedure for silt management for de-silting of surrounding water body(s) / Agricultural land be submitted.
- v) Proposed "Zero discharge" mechanism be submitted.
- vi) Proposed budget for CSR / CER as per the law with due approval of the Govt. authority be submitted.
- vii) Details of composition of waste is to be provided.
- viii) Reduction in cutting of tress and promote transplantation of tress on safety zone.
- ix) NOC from the concerned BDO for use of Panchayat/ village road for transportation of minerals.
- x) Details of Rain Water Harvesting Pond (s) with number and design vis- a- vis the adequacy of the same be submitted.
- xi) Certificate from the concerned Mining Officer that there is no other decorative mines within 500 meters from the boundary of the lease area.
- xii) Certificate from the concerned DFO that there is no DLC land involved in the lease area.
- xiii) Scientific basis for the proposal to maintain the dump slope at  $80^{\circ}$ .
- xiv) Land schedule/ Kisam including Haal/ Sabak from Appreciate Authority.
- xv) Specific Risk Management with SOP against possible slope failure and erosion.
- xvi) How Bench design & dump slope as stated decided? need to be with scientific basis.

- xvii) Location of Polishing Unit and it's linkage.
- xviii) How to address Toxic effect of Silica in air and Silica from Silt in Water if ingressed to Water bodies and control its quantity in case of ingress to Agricultural land.
- xix) The Land records (Sabik and Hal) for the lease area are to be duly authenticated by Tahasildar, Mining Officer, and Forest Range Officer and submitted to SEAC.
- xx) As requested in the public hearing proceedings, prior arrangements with local Stone artisans be made to supply the Waste stones with the prior permission of the required Authorities.
- xxi) The procedure and Technology adopted for the determination of the Geological reserve in the mining plan to be submitted.

## ITEM NO. 07

#### PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF M/S JAY MINERALS FOR PANDIAPATHAR DECORATIVE STONE (GRANITE GNEISS) MINES DEPOSIT OVER AN AREA OF 20.566 HA. LOCATED IN VILLAGE PANDIAPATHAR, TAHASIL - ASKA, DISTRICT - GANJAM OF SRI AJAY AGRAWAL: PROP- JAY MINERALS – EC

- 1. The Environment Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan of Pandiapathar Decorative stone Mine over an area of 20.566 Ha in village Pandiapathar, under Aska tahasil, Ganjam district, Odisha address all the environment related issues and is prepared in accordance with the requirements Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India, EIA notification (2006) and subsequent amendments. Govt. of Odisha, Dept. of Steel & Mines, has issued the Letter of Intent vide their letter no. 5879/S & M, Bhubaneswar, dated 09.08.2019 for grant of mining lease in favor of Sri Ajay Agarwal for a period of 30 years. Mining Plan was approved by the Director of mines, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. MXXII-(a) 7/2019/3905/DM dated 17.06.2020. As per EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments, the project is coming under Category B1 (New Mines) Lease area > 5.0 Ha (Minor Minerals).
- The area of mining lease area is located in the Survey of India Toposheet no. E 45 A 10 (74 A/10), latitude 19°4'41.08" to 19°4'53.98" and longitude 84°43'08.33"E to 84°43'31.78"E. The land use pattern of the mining lease area comes under the non forest agricultural land (Abada Ajogya Anabadi), bearing Khata no.1173, Plot no.671 (50.72Acres) and 672 (0.12Acres), Kissam: Parbata.
- 3. Nearest railway stations is Berhampur Railway Station at an aerial distance of 45Km. and about 15Km from Aska. The lease area can be approached from NH: 59 to Berhampur and SH: 33 to Aska, at a distance of 15Km from the applied area. The maximum altitude of the isolated hillock is 116.00 m. at the top of the hillock and the lowest altitude is 83.00m. The overall slope of the hill is towards north-south side of the area. The nearest reserved forest is Sandhasolia RF which is located at a distance of 1 Km from the lease area. There is no national park, sanctuary or other eco sensitive zone located within the buffer zone of the lease area. The major drainage in the buffer zone is regulated by Rushikulya river which flows at a distance of 11 Km from the lease area. The Bara River a tributary of Rushikulya river is flowing at a distance of 5 Km, in the western side of the lease area. A water reservoir is existing in the North west side at a distance of 200m from the lease area.
- 4. Total geological reserve of the area is 1384929 cu.m. and mineable reserve is 1044216 cu.m. The proposed production from the lease area will be 5000 (c.u.m)/annum of

decorative stone with total excavation of 16667 Cu.m/ Annum of rock mass. The method of mining proposed is semi mechanised open cast mining method on single shift basis. The volume of total waste likely to be generated during the proposed plan period will be 58335 Cu.m. However about 40% of the generated waste will be utilized for maintenance and construction of the haul road, approach and existing roads in the surrounding areas periodically.

- 5. Total water requirement for the project will be 3.5 KLD out of which 1.5 KLD will be required for drinking and domestic purpose and 1.0 KLD for dust suppression and 1.0 KLD for plantation purpose. Manpower requirement for the project will be 30 nos.
- 6. The cost of the project is 2 crores. The capital cost and recurring cost (per annum) for the environmental facilities for the project works out to 7.54 lakhs and 6.8 lakh / year respectively.
- 7. The public hearing was held on 29.10.2021 as per schedule and the venue in accordance with the EIA notification S.O.1533 (E) dt.14.09.2006. The major issues raised during public hearing was health care, education, pollution caused due to the proposed project, peripheral developmental activities etc. In compliance to the public hearing issues raised a time bound action plan for peripheral development activities has been prepared. A budget of 20.0 Lakhs has been allocated for peripheral development activities.
- 8. The Environment consultant **M/s Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**, **plot no. 78/944**, **Millennium city, Pahala, Bhubaneswar 752101** along with the proponent has made a presentation on the proposal before the Committee.

Considering the information / documents furnished by the proponent and presentation made by the consultant **M/s Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**, **plot no. 78/944**, **Millennium city, Pahala, Bhubaneswar – 752101**, the SEAC decided to take decision on the proposal after receipt of the following information / documents from the proponent.

- i) Dump management with detail calculations of waste utilization / inventory / sale including its chemical characteristics be submitted.
- ii) Water management with rain water harvesting along with calculation be submitted.
- iii) Local people should get employment owing to sensitivity of the area.
- iv) Silt management including procedure for silt management for de-silting of surrounding water body(s) / Agricultural land be submitted.
- v) Proposed "Zero discharge" mechanism be submitted.
- vi) Proposed budget for CSR / CER as per the law with due approval of the Govt. authority be submitted.
- vii) Details of composition of waste is to be provided.
- viii) Reduction in cutting of tress and promote transplantation of tress on safety zone.
- ix) NOC from the concerned BDO for use of Panchayat/ village road for transportation of minerals.
- x) Details of Rain Water Harvesting Pond (s) with number and design vis- a- vis the adequacy of the same be submitted.
- xi) Certificate from the concerned Mining Officer that there is no other decorative mines within 500 meters from the boundary of the lease area.

- xii) Certificate from the concerned DFO that there is no DLC land involved in the lease area.
- xiii) Mitigation against blockage of natural drainage as raised during public Hearing.
- xiv) Scientific method of stabilization of dump including measures for erosion and Slope failure of dump.
- xv) Provision of STP.
- xvi)Provision of rain water harvesting pond with adequate capacity.
- xvii) The Land records (Sabik and Hal) for the lease area are to be duly authenticated by Tahasildar, Mining Officer, and Forest Range Officer and submitted to SEAC.
- xviii) As requested in the public hearing proceedings, prior arrangements with local Stone artisans be made to supply the Waste stones with the prior permission of the required Authorities.
- xix) The procedure and Technology adopted for the determination of the Geological reserve in the mining plan to be submitted.

Secretar

Approved

28.02.2022

Chairman, SEAC

Environmental Spientist, SEAC

# STANDARD ENVIRONMENTGAL CLEARANCE CONDITIONS TO BE STIPULATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR SAND MINING

# Stipulated Conditions:

- 1. The project proponent should carry out River bed sand mining manually by engaging local laborers in force to check over exploitation of sand at the source.
- 2. Any change in the plan or quantity to be produced shall require prior approval of SEIAA.
- 3. There shall be a 'no working zone' to protect the embankment on both sides, road or rail bridge in the vicinity, if any, dam, weir, water intake structure of irrigation or drinking water project, or any cross drainage structure. 10 % of the width of river shall be left intact along the embankments on both sides as 'no mining zone'. Further, no mining shall be allowed within 200 m of any existing structures dam, weir, water intake structure of irrigation or drinking water project, or any cross drainage structure. In case of River Bridge, this no mining zone shall extend upto a minimum stretch of 200 meters from the bridge and it may extend upto 500 meters in sensitive locations. The lease area shall be accordingly curtailed to carve out the actual sand mining area within the leasehold. Exact map of the lease area, and the 'no mining zone' shall be drawn to scale, showing the DGPS coordinates of all corner points, and the location of the bridge, embankment, extraction route & other structures; and such map has to be submitted to SEIAA by the project proponent through the Tahasildar within three months of the date of issue of the EC. The quantum of sand allowed to be extracted will be worked out on the basis of the actual working area.
- 4. The lease area and the actual working area shall be demarcated on the ground by erecting durable masonry /concrete pillars by the project proponent.
- 5. The project proponent shall take prior statutory and regulatory clearance as required from the concerned authorities in respect of the project, before carrying out any operation.
- 6. Mining is not permissible within the water channel or stream flow area. No stream shall be diverted for the purpose of mining and no natural water course shall be obstructed. The mining or any ancillary activity shall not in any way disturb the flow pattern of the river water during the non monsoon period. There shall be no sand mining in the river during the rainy season or when there is flow of water in the river.
- 7. Sand mining operations shall not affect the existing sources for irrigation / drinking water / industrial purpose.
- 8. The natural sand dunes, if any, near or surrounding the lease area shall not be disturbed.
- 9. No transportation of the minerals shall ordinarily be allowed on any road passing through villages/habitations/forest land without prior explicit permission. Transportation

of minerals through existing rural roads can be allowed only by the concerned Govt. Department/BDO and only after required strengthening, such that the carrying capacity of road is increased to handle the sand truck traffic. The project proponent shall bear the cost towards the widening and strengthening of existing public roads in case the same is proposed to be used for the project. No movement on any road is allowed on existing village road network without appropriately increasing the carrying capacity of such roads. Project proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the mineral and transport of minerals will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and traffic density. Plying of sand extraction trucks may be allowed on roads / path ways passing close to schools, temples, hospitals and such other public places only with prior written permission of competent authority.

- 10. Vehicles hired for transportation of sand from the site should be in good condition and should have pollution check certificate and should conform to applicable air and noise emission standards and should be operated only during non-peak hours.
- 11. The vehicles shall not be overloaded and shall be covered with Tarpaulin. The Tahasildar may collect an appropriate road maintenance levy from the lessee as part of the lease conditions on the basis of quantum of sand transported, and utilize the proceeds of the levy for proper maintenance of the extraction paths and roads to prevent their degradation on account of plying of sand trucks.
- 12. The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures against causing damage to flora and fauna of the locality. The PP shall plant and nurse to full establishment a minimum of 50 number of saplings of native tree species along the approach roads, river banks and in community areas in consultation with the Gram Panchayat.
- 13. Water spray should be made on the road/extraction paths to control dust emission during transportation of sand.
- 14. The Project Proponent shall undertake phased restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of land affected by mining and completes this work before abandonment of mine.
- 15. Environmental Management Plan (EMP) shall be implemented by PP to ensure compliance with the environmental conditions specified above. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and shall be spent according to the plan proposed. Year wise progress of implementation of EMP shall be reported to the SEIAA, Odisha and OSPCB along with the compliance report.
- 16. The proponent shall take necessary measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact of the mining operations on the human habitation if any, existing nearby.
- 17. It shall be mandatory for the project management to submit quarterly compliance reports on the status of implementation of the above stipulated environmental safeguards to the SEIAA, Odisha / SPCB, Odisha/ Regional Office of the MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar, in hard and soft copies on 1<sup>st</sup>day of January, April, July, October of each calendar year, failing which EC is liable to be revoked.

- 18. River Bank stabilization shall be made through stone patching. Plantation of adequate number native species on river banks and both sides of haulage roads shall be made.
- 19. Since NH200, Kuccha Road and temple are only at a distance of 800 mtr, 570 mtr and 500 mtr respectively, all traffic safety measures shall be taken to avoid any kind of accidents.
- 20. Bio toilet provision shall be made.
- 21. As raised during public Hearing and committed by PP, Loknathpur Sasan village road shall not be used for transportation of sand.
- 22. Stone patching on river bank with plantation in-between and the ramp construction shall be done in consultation with and advice of concerned W.R.Deptt, Government of Odisha.
- 23. Necessary sprinkling on Haulage Road and Avenue plantation shall be done.
- 24. At the end of mine closure, the proponent shall immediately remove all the sheds put up in the quarry and all the equipment in the area before closure of the quarry.
- 25. The conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance will be closely monitored on the ground by the lease granting authority, i.e. the Tahasildar, who shall ensure compliance of the stipulated conditions and take corrective measures promptly in case of any non- compliance and also ensure that the project proponent submits quarterly compliance reports.
- 26. The concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC/ SPCB, Odisha shall periodically monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions as applicable for this project. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEF&CC officer(s)/SPCB officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- 27. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Gram Panchayat /Panchayat Samiti /Zilla Parisad /Municipal Corporation / Urban Local Body as the case may be.
- 28. Project proponent shall obtain Consent to Operate from the OSPCB and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein. The mining activity shall not commence prior to obtaining Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board.
- 29. The SEIAA, Odisha may revoke or suspend this EC, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to alter /modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
- 30. The Project Proponent (lease holder) shall inform the SEIAA of any change in ownership of the mining lease. In case, there is any change in ownership or mining lease is transferred, then mining operation can be carried out only after transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time.

- 31. Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this environment clearance besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 32. The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act,1991 along with their amendments and rules made there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Court and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
- 33. This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of Law, Common Cause Conditions as may be applicable.
- 34. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

# ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL CRITERIA AS PER ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING GUIDELINES FOR SAND MINING, JANUARY 2020 OF MOEF&CC, GOVT. OF INDIA

SI. No.	Essential Criteria	Reference
1.	"No Mining Zone": 1/4the part of the river width (excluding 3/4the central part of the river width) on both sides of the river towards the river bank	4.1.1 (Para - e) Page - 16
2.	<ul> <li>a) Distance between two clusters : ≥2.5 km</li> <li>b) Area of mining lease area is a cluster: ≤10 ha.</li> </ul>	4.1.1 (Para - k) Page - 19
3.	Concave River Bank : No extraction of sand	
4.	<ul> <li>No mining if</li> <li>a) Upstream: Lease is 1 km from major Bridge and high ways or 5(x) of the Bridge / public civil structure / water intakes point subject to lease is located at a minimum 250 meter distance. Where x = Span of the bridge.</li> <li>b) Downstream side: Lease is 1 km from the major bridge and Highways Or 10x of the bridge / public civil structure /water intake point Subject to lease is located at a minimum distance of 500 meter where x = span of the bridge</li> </ul>	4.3 (Para - h) Page - 23
5.	Mining depth : ≤ 3 meter (maximum 3 meter)	4.3 (Para - m) Page - 24
6.	Mining distance from river bank: 1/4 <sup>th</sup> of the river width, But subject to not less than 7.5 meter	4.31 (Para - m) Page - 24
7.	Area for removal of minerals : ≤60% of mine lease area	4.3 (Para - s) Page - 25
8.	Minable sand per ha. Available for actual mining : ≤60,000 MT/Annum	
9.	Regular replenishment study and replenishment rate	

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY AND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT FOR NANGALSILA IRON ORE MINES OVER AN AREA 45.931 HA LOCATED IN VILLAGE - NANGALSILA & MURUMDIHI TAHASIL - RAIRANGPUR, DISTRICT- MAYURBHANJ OF SRI GOURI SHANKAR CHOUBEY – VIOLATION TOR

# A. STANDARD TOR FOR MINING PROJECT

- 1. The Environmental Clearance will not be operational till such time the Project Proponent complies with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India and Ors..
- 2. Department of Mining & Geology, State Government shall ensure that mining operation shall not commence till the entire compensation levied, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology in strict compliance of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India and Ors.
- 3. Year-wise production details since 1994 should be given, clearly stating the highest production achieved in any one year prior to 1994. It may also be categorically informed whether there had been any increase in production after the EIA Notification 1994 came into force, w.r.t. the highest production achieved prior to 1994.
- 4. A copy of the document in support of the fact that the Proponent is the rightful lessee of the mine should be given.
- 5. All documents including approved mine plan, EIA and Public Hearing should be compatible with one another in terms of the mine lease area, production levels, waste generation and its management, mining technology etc. and should be in the name of the lessee.
- 6. All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/toposheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology and geology of the area should be provided. Such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).
- 7. Information should be provided in Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating geological map of the area, geomorphology of land forms of the area, existing minerals and mining history of the area, important water bodies, streams and rivers and soil characteristics.
- 8. Details about the land proposed for mining activities should be given with information as to whether mining conforms to the land use policy of the State; land diversion for mining should have approval from State land use board or the concerned authority.
- 9. It should be clearly stated whether the proponent Company has a well laid down Environment Policy approved by its Board of Directors? If so, it may be spelt out in the EIA Report with description of the prescribed operating process/procedures to bring into focus any infringement/deviation/violation of the environmental or forest norms/ conditions? The hierarchical system or administrative order of the Company to deal with the environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the EC conditions may also be given. The system of reporting of non-compliances / violations of environmental norms to the Board of

Directors of the Company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large, may also be detailed in the proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.

- 10. The study area will comprise of 10 km zone around the mine lease from lease periphery and the data contained in the EIA such as waste generation etc. should be for the life of the mine / lease period.
- 11. Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.
- 12. Details of the land for any Over Burden Dumps outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be given.
- 13. A Certificate from the Competent Authority in the State Forest Department should be provided, confirming the involvement of forest land, if any, in the project area. In the event of any contrary claim by the Project Proponent regarding the status of forests, the site may be inspected by the State Forest Department along with the Regional Office of the Ministry to ascertain the status of forests, based on which, the Certificate in this regard as mentioned above be issued. In all such cases, it would be desirable for representative of the State Forest Department to assist the Expert Appraisal Committees.
- 14. Status of forestry clearance for the broken-up area and virgin forestland involved in the Project including deposition of net present value (NPV) and compensatory afforestation (CA) should be indicated. A copy of the forestry clearance should also be furnished.
- 15. Implementation status of recognition of forest rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 should be indicated.
- 16. The vegetation in the RF / PF areas in the study area, with necessary details, should be given.
- 17. A study shall be got done to ascertain the impact of the Mining Project on wildlife of the study area and details furnished. Impact of the project on the wildlife in the surrounding and any other protected area and accordingly, detailed mitigative measures required, should be worked out with cost implications and submitted.
- 18. Location of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Ramsar site Tiger/Elephant Reserves/(existing as well as proposed), if any, within 10 km of the mine lease should be clearly indicated, supported by a location map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden. Necessary clearance, as may be applicable to such projects due to proximity of the ecologically sensitive areas as mentioned above, should be obtained from the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife and copy furnished.
- 19. A detailed biological study of the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 km radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] shall be carried out. Details of flora and fauna, endangered, endemic and RET Species duly authenticated, separately for core and buffer zone should be furnished based on such primary field survey, clearly indicating the Schedule of the fauna present. In case of any scheduled-I fauna found in the study area, the necessary plan along with budgetary provisions for their conservation should be prepared in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department and details furnished. Necessary allocation of funds for implementing the same should be made as part of the

project cost.

- 20. Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' or the Project areas likely to come under the 'Aravali Range', (attracting court restrictions for mining operations), should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the SPCB or State Mining Dept. Should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.
- 21. Similarly, for coastal Projects, A CRZ map duly authenticated by one of the authorized agencies demarcating LTL. HTL, CRZ area, location of the mine lease w.r.t CRZ, coastal features such as mangroves, if any, should be furnished. (Note: The Mining Projects failing under CRZ would also need to obtain approval of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority).
- 22. R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine (ease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.
- 23. One season (non-monsoon) [i.e. March May (Summer Season); October December (post monsoon season); December February (winter season)] primary baseline data on ambient air quality as per CPCB Notification of 2009, water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna shall be collected and the AAQ and other data so compiled presented datewise in the EIA and EMP Report. Site-specific meteorological data should also be collected. The location of the monitoring stations should be such as to represent whole of the study area and justified keeping in view the pre-dominant downwind direction and location of sensitive receptors. There should be at least one monitoring station within 500 m of the mine lease in the pre-dominant downwind direction. The mineralogical composition of PM<sub>10</sub>, particularly for free silica, should be given.
- 24. Air quality modelling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area. It should also take into account the impact of movement of vehicles for transportation of mineral. The details of the model used and input parameters used for modelling should be provided. The air quality contours may be shown on a location map clearly indicating the location of the site, location of sensitive receptors, if any, and the habitation. The wind roses showing pre-dominant wind direction may also be indicated on the map.
- 25. The water requirement for the Project, its availability and source should be furnished. A detailed water balance should also be provided. Fresh water requirement for the Project should be indicated.
- 26. Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.
- 27. Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided,

- 28. Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided.
- 29. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater, Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided. In case the working will intersect groundwater table, a detailed Hydro Geological Study should be undertaken and Report furnished. The Report inter- alia, shall include details of the aquifers present and impact of mining activities on these aquifers. Necessary permission from Central Ground Water Authority for working below ground water and for pumping of ground water should also be obtained and copy furnished.
- 30. Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the tease area and modification / diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be.
- 31. Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and BGL. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.
- 32. A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame) and submitted, keeping in mind, the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given. The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.
- 33. Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated. Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the Project in the present road network (including those outside the Project area) should be worked out, indicating whether it is capable of handling the incremental load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated (including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government) should be covered. Project Proponent shall conduct Impact of Transportation study as per Indian Road Congress Guidelines.
- 34. Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.
- 35. Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans and with adequate number of sections) should be given in the EIA report.
- 36. Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.
- 37. Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.
- 38. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative

dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.

- 39. Detailed environmental management plan (EMP) to mitigate the environmental impacts which, should inter-alia include the impacts of change of land use, loss of agricultural and grazing land, if any, occupational health impacts besides other impacts specific to the proposed Project.
- 40. Public Hearing points raised and commitment of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project.
- 41. Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.
- 42. The cost of the Project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should be clearly spelt out.
- 43. A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- 44. Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.
- 45. The activities and budget earmarked for Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) shall be as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India O.M No 22-65/2017-IA. II (M) dated 01.05.2018 and the action plan on the activities proposed under CER shall be submitted at the time of appraisal of the project included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- 46. The Action Plan on the compliance of the recommendations of the CAG as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Circular No. J-11013/71/2016-IA.I (M), dated 25,10.2017 needs to be submitted at the time of appraisal of the project and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- Compliance of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Office Memorandum No. F: 3-50/2017-IA.III (Pt.), dated 30.05.2018 on the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated the 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India needs to be submitted and included in the EIA/EMP Report.

# **B.** <u>Specific TOR:</u> Recommendation of CSIR-NEERI Report on "Carrying Capacity Study for Environmentally Sustainable Iron and Manganese Ore Mining Activity in Keonjhar, Sundargarh and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha State"

- Department of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha <u>should prepare 5 years regional plan for</u> <u>annual iron ore requirement from the state</u>, which in turn shall be <u>met from different</u> <u>mines/zones (e.g. Joda, Koira.') in the state</u>. Accordingly, sustainable annual production (SAP) for each zone/mine may be followed adopting necessary environmental protection measures.
- 2. The expansion or opening of new manganese ore mines may be considered only when the actual production of about 80% is achieved. Further, the mines that have not produced Mn ore for last two years and have no commitment in the current year as well: EC capacity in such cases may be reviewed. The Department of Steel & Mines. Govt, of Odisha shall submit the Annual Report on this issue to the MoEF&CC for further necessary action.
- 3. Analysis of baseline environmental quality data for the year 2014 and 2016 indicates that existing mining activities appear to have little / no potential impact on environmental quality, except on air environment, which was mainly due to re-suspension of road dust. Therefore, all the working mines can continue to operate with strict compliance to monitoring of

environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions of the respective mine, and implementation of suggested measures for control of road dust and air pollution. Odisha State Pollution Control Board has to ensure the compliance of CTE/CTO. Regional office of the MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar shall monitor the compliance of the EC conditions. Regional office of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) shall monitor the compliance of mining plan and progressive mine closure plan. Any violation by mine lease holder may invite actions per the provisions of applicable acts.

- 4. Considering the existing environmental quality, EC capacity, production rate, iron ore resources availability and transport infrastructure availability, the share of Joda and Koira sector works out to be 70% and 30% respectively for the existing scenario for the year 2015-16. However, for additional EC capacity, it can be 50:50 subject to commensurate infrastructure improvement (viz. SOTM. pollution free road transport, enhancement of rail network etc.) in the respective regions.
- 5. Continuous monitoring of different environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions with respect to air, noise, water (surface and ground water) and soil quality in each region shall be done. The environmental quality parameters should not indicate any adverse impact on the environment. Monitoring within the mines should be done by individual mine lease holders, whereas outside the mine lease area, monitoring should be done by the Govt, of Odisha through various concerned departments/ authorized agencies. Various monitoring/ studies should be conducted through national reputed institutes, NABET/ MoEF&CC accredited laboratories/organizations. The reports submitted by individual mine lease holders and study reports prepared by other concerned departments/agency for each of the regions should be evaluated and examined by SPCB/ MoEF&CC.
- 6. Construction of cement concrete road from mine entrance and exit to the main road with proper drainage system and green belt development along the roads and also construction of road minimum 300 m inside the mine should be done. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mine should have since beginning. The concerned departments should extend full support; wherever the land does not belong to the respective mine lease holders. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha should ensure the compliance and should not issue the Mining Permits, if mine lease holder has not constructed proper cement concrete road as suggested above.
- 7. In view of high dust pollution and noise generation due to road transport, it is proposed to regulate/guide the movement of iron and manganese ore material based on the EC capacity of the mines. Accordingly, ore transport mode has been suggested, as given below in Table.

Code	EC	Suggested Ore Transport Mode
SOTM 1	> 5 MTPA	100% by private railway siding or conveyor belt up to public railway siding or pipeline for captive mines and 70% for non- captive mines
SOTM 2	Between 3 and <5 MTPA	Minimum 70% by public railway siding, through conveyor belt and maximum 30% by road - direct to destination or other public railway siding or above option
SOTM 3	Between 1 and	Minimum 70% by public railway siding and maximum 30% by

Table: EC Capacity based Suggested Ore Transport Mode (SQTM)

Code	EC	Suggested Ore Transport Mode		
	< 3 MTPA	road - direct to destination or by other public railway siding or		
		above options		
SOTM 4	<1 MTPA	100 % by 10/17 Ton Trucks or above options		

It is mentioned by State Govt, of Odisha that currently about 45% of the iron ore is despatched using rail network and progressively it will be increased to about 60% by rail/slurry over a period of 5 years, taking into account time required to set up more railway sidings.

In view of present ore transport practices and practical limitations, all the existing mines should ensure adoption of SQTM within next 5 years. New mines or mines seeking expansion should incorporate provision of SOTM in the beginning itself, and should have system in place within next 5 years. However, the State Govt, of Odisha shall ensure dust free roads in mining areas wherever the road transportation of mineral is involved. The road shoulders shall be paved with fence besides compliance with IRC guidelines. All the roads should have proper drainage system and apart from paving of entire carriage width the remaining right of way should have native plantation (dust capturing species). Further, regular maintenance should also be ensured by the Govt. of Odisha.

Transportation of iron & manganese ore through river (jetty) to nearest Sea port (Sea cargo option) may be explored or connecting Sea ports with Railway network from the mines to be improved further so that burden on existing road and rail network and also pollution thereof can be minimized.

Progress on development of dust free roads, implementation of SOTM, increased use of existing rail network, development of additional railway network/conveyor belt/ pipelines etc. shall be submitted periodically to MoEF&CC and SEIAA, Odisha. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha; Time Period: 5 Years for developing railway/ conveyor belt facilities

- 8. Development of parking plazas for trucks with proper basic amenities/ facilities should be done inside mine. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mines should have since beginning. Small capacity mines (in terms of lease area or production) not having enough space within the mine lease areas should develop parking plaza at a common place within the region with requisite facilities. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders; Time Period: 1 Year
- 9. Construction of NH 215 as minimum 4 lane road with proper drainage system and plantation and subsequent regular maintenance of the road as per IRC guidelines. Construction of other mineral carrying roads with proper width and drainage system along with road side plantation to be carried out. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines with PWD / NHAI Time Period: 2 Years.
- 10. Regular vacuum cleaning of all mineral carrying roads aiming at "Zero Dust Resuspension" may be considered. Responsibility: PWD / NHAI/ Mine Lease Holders; Time Period: 3 months for existing roads.
- 11. Expansion of existing mines and new mines should be considered after conducting recent EIA Study fas per the provisions of EIA Notification 2QQ6, as amended time to time1) with proper justification on demand scenario for iron ore requirement and availability of pollution free transport network in the region. Responsibility: IBM, Department of Steel & Mines and

MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

12. **Mine-wise Allocation of Annual Production:** In case the total requirement of iron ore exceeds the suggested limit for that year, permission for annual production by an individual mine may be decided depending on approved EC capacity (for total actual dispatch) and actual production rate of individual mine during last year or any other criteria set by the State Govt., i.e. Dept, of Steel & Mines. Department of Steel and Mines in consultation with Indian Bureau of Mines-RO should prepare in advance mine-wise annual production scenario as suggested in Table, so that demand for iron ore can be anticipated, and actual production/dispatch does not exceed the suggested annual production.

Mine	EC		Suggested Annual Production (MT)			
Lease	Capacity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	(MTPA)	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Mine 1	XI					
Mine 2	X2					
Mine 3	X3					
Mine n	Xn					
Total	160 +	105	129	153	177	201
Next year allocation = Average of EC Capacity and Last year production						

Table: Allocation of Production to Different Mines for 5 Years
(as per approved Mining Plan)

- 13. Expansion of Existing Mines having Validity up to 2020: In view of implementation of MMDR Act 2015, wherein many non-captive mines are expected to be closed by March 2020, total iron ore production scenario has been. It is expected that the non-captive mines having validity till 2020 shall try to maximize their production (limited to EC capacity) in the remaining period. Further, depending upon availability of iron ore resources, these mines may also seek expansion of EC capacity. It may be noted here that total EC capacity of existing 25 working mines having validity upto 2020 is about 85 MTPA, whereas actual production from these mines has been only 44.677 MT (52.6%) during 2015-16 and 57.07 MT (67.1%) during 2016-17. Also, it is expected that these mines would not even be able to achieve ore production as per existing EC capacity till March 2020. Therefore, these existing mines should go for production to the fullest extent to meet the requisite demand from the State. However, where EC limit is exhausted, application for expansion may be considered. Further, the EC process (i.e. Grant of TOR, Baseline data collection, Mining plan/ scheme approval, Public hearing, preparation of EIA/EMP Report. Appraisal by the EAC and grant of EC) takes about one year time. Under such circumstances, it is suggested that further applications for grant of TOR or grant of EC for expansion of production capacity of the mine should be considered for those existing mines, which have exhausted their capacity subject to consideration of all environmental aspects. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- Sustained Iron Ore Production beyond 2020: Considering the implementation of MMDR Act 2015, total production of iron ore in Odisha State is anticipated to be about 111 MT during 2016-17 (actual production was - 102.663 MT), 136 MT during 2017-18, 146 MT during 2018-19 and 146 MT during 2019-20. Then there will be substantial drop in total

production (to the tune of 73 MT during 2020-21 onwards) due to closure of mines, which are valid up to 2020. Therefore, in order to maintain operation/sustained growth of downstream industries, iron ore mining in the region needs to be continued at a sustainable rate. The State Govt. through Department of Steel and Mines should initiate appropriate action to ensure continued availability of iron ore from the region, as per suggested sustainable annual production

- 15. Reserves Estimation-Mining Plan and Exploration; Appropriate actions (geo- technical investigation for qualitative and quantitative resource estimation & other preparations for auction of mines), may be initiated taken into account the existing working mines, and the mines which were operational at some point of time (but closed presently due to various reasons). The total iron ore reserves/ resources available within the total lease area of each mine should be estimated by State Govt./NMET/ GSI (or any other approved agency) with respect to: (i) Total lease area of mine (surface), (ii) Maximum depth to which resources could be available, (iii) Resources below the ground water table (if intersected), (iv) Reserves are to be estimated as per UNFC code with respect to quantity and quality (% Fe content), (v) Maximum mining rate and area for auction (after 2020) will be calculated based on total resources available and proposed life of mine leading to closure of mine in a stipulated time period. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, IBM and GSI; Time frame: 1 year for the mines to be auctioned for next 2 years. The above mentioned organizations shall ensure the compliance with respect to timelines for implementations.
- 16. Depending upon availability of extractable iron ore resources within a mine, mining below the ground water table may be permitted after conducting necessary geological and hydrogeological study by GSI and requisite approval from the CGWB/CGWA (Central Ground Water Board/Authority). This can be explored at least in few mines on trial/pilot basis. Further, within a mine, it will be desirable to operate one pit at a time, and next pit should be opened after extracting maximum possible resources from the first pit, so that the exhausted pit can be used for back filling/ storing of low grade iron ore. However, depending upon the quantity and/or quality of iron/ manganese ore, other mine pits in the same mine lease may also be opened for sustainable scientific mining, as per approved mining plan/scheme of mining by IBM. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should initiate the pilot project so that minerals are fully utilized.
- 17. Commercial Utilization of Low Grade Ore: R&D studies towards utilization of low-grade iron ore should be conducted through research/academic institutes like IMMT, Bhubaneswar, NML, Jamshedpur, and concerned metallurgical departments in IITs, NITs etc., targeting full utilization of low-grade iron ore (Fe content upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025). In fact, life cycle assessment of whole process including environmental considerations should be done for techno-economic and environmental viability. R&D studies on utilization of mine wastewater having high concentration of Fe content for different commercial applications in industries such as cosmetics, pharmaceutical, paint industry should also be explored. Responsibility: IBM, Dept, of Steel & Mines, Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 18. The mining activity in Joda-Koira sector is expected to continue for another 100 years, therefore, it will be desirable to develop proper rail network in the region. Rail transport shall not only be pollution free mode but also will be much economical option for iron ore transport. The rail network and/or conveyor belt system upto public railway siding needs to

be created. The total length of the conveyor belt system/ rail network to be developed from mines to nearest railway sidings by 11 mines in Joda region is estimated to be about 64 km. Similarly, in Koira region, total length of rail network/ conveyor system for 8 mines (under SOTM 1 & 2) is estimated to be around 95 km. Further, it is suggested to develop a rail network connecting Banspani (Joda region) and Roxy railway sidings in Koira region. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha and Concerned Mines along with Indian Railways. Time Period: Maximum 7 years (by 2025). The Department of Steel & Mines. Govt, of Odisha should follow-up with the concerned Departments and railways so that proposed proper rail network is in place by 2025.

- 19. State Govt, of Odisha shall make all efforts to ensure exhausting all the iron & manganese ore resources in the existing working mines and from disturbed mining leases/zones in Joda and Koira region. The criteria suggested shall be applicable while suggesting appropriate lease area and sustainable mining rate. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha.
- 20. Large and medium mine leases contribute to better implementation of reclamation and rehabilitation plans to sustain the ecology for scientific and sustainable mining. The small leases do not possess scientific capability of environmentally sustainable mining. Therefore, new mine leases having more than 50 ha area should be encouraged, as far as possible. This will ensure inter-generational resource availability to some extent. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha.
- 21. Mining Operations/Process Related: (i) Appropriate mining process and machinery (viz. right capacity, fuel efficient) should be selected to carry out various mining operations that generate minimal dust/air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste, e.g. drills should either be operated with dust extractors or equipped with water injection system, (ii) After commencement of mining operation, a study should be conducted to assess and Quantify emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, waste water and solid wasted from each of the mining activity (Including transportation) on annual basis. Efforts should be made to further eliminate/ minimize generation of air pollution/dust, noise, wastewater, solid waste generation in successive years through use of better technology. This shall be ensured by the respective mine lease holders, (iii) Various machineries/equipment selected (viz. dumpers, excavators, crushers, screen plants etc.) and transport means should have optimum fuel/power consumption, and their fuel/power consumption should be recorded on monthly basis. Further, inspection and maintenance of all the machineries/ equipment/ transport vehicles should be followed as per manufacturer's instructions/ recommended time schedule and record should be maintained by the respective mine lease holders, (iv) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be carried out regularly once in 3 years for monitoring land use pattern and mining activity taken place. Further, the extent of pit area excavated should also be demarcated based on remote sensing analysis. This should be done by ORSAC (Odisha Space Applications Centre, Bhubaneswar) or an agency of national repute or if done by a private agency, the report shall be vetted/ authenticated by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar. Expenses towards the same shall be borne by the respective mine lease holders. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 22. **Air Environment Related:** (i) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly on daily basis. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and

unloading and at other transfer points should be provided and properly maintained. Further, it will be desirable to use water fogging system to minimize water consumption. It should be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the GPCB in this regard, (ii) The core zone of mining activity should be monitored on daily basis. Minimum four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the core zone for SPM, PM10. PM2.5, SQ2, NCb<sup>^</sup> and CO monitoring. Location of air quality monitoring stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (based on Emission Load Assessment Study). The number of monitoring locations may be more for larger capacity mines and working in larger area. Out of four stations, one should be online monitoring station in the mines having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity, (iii) Monitoring in buffer zone should be carried out by SPCB or through NABET accredited agency. In addition, air guality parameters (SPM, PMiO. PM2.5, S02, NOx and CO) shall be regularly monitored at locations of nearest human habitation including schools and other public amenities located nearest to source of the dust generation as applicable. Further, 11 continuous air quality monitoring systems may be installed in Joida and Koira regions and one in Baripada/ Rairangpur region, (iv) Emissions from vehicles as well as heavy machinery should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures should be taken for regular maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral, (v) The vehicles shall be covered with a tarpaulin and should not be overloaded. Further, possibility of 3 using closed container trucks should be explored for direct to destination movement of iron ore. Air quality monitoring at one location should also be carried out along the transport route within the mine (periodically, near truck entry and exit gate). Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and SPCB.

- 23. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Blasting operation should be carried out only during daytime. Controlled blasting such as Nonel, should be practiced. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented, (ii) Appropriate measures (detailed in Section 5.4) should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone. Further, date, time and distance of measurement should also be indicated with the noise levels in the report. The data should be used to map the noise generation from different activities and efforts should be made to maintain the noise levels with the acceptable limits of CPCB (CPCB, 2000) (iv) Similarly, vibration at various sensitive locations should be monitored atleast once in month, and mapped for any significant changes due to successive mining operations. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 24. Water/Wastewater Related: (i) In general, the mining operations should be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect groundwater table. However, if enough resources are estimated below the ground water table, the same may be explored after conducting detailed geological studies by GSI and hydro- geological studies by CGWB or NIH or institute of national repute, and ensuring that no damage to the land stability/ water aquifer system shall happen. The details/ outcome of such study may be

reflected/incorporated in the EIA/EMP report of the mine appropriately, (ii) Natural watercourse and/or water resources should not be obstructed due to any mining operations. Regular monitoring of the flow rate of the springs and perennial nallas should be carried out and records should be maintained. Further, regular monitoring of water quality of nallas and river passing thorough the mine lease area (upstream and downstream locations) should be carried out on monthly basis, (iii) Regular monitoring of ground water level and its quality should be carried out within the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring should be carried out on monthly basis, (iv) In order to optimize water requirement, suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area should be undertaken in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). (v) Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis should be planned and implemented in consultation with CGWB, to recharge the ground water source. Further, CGWB can prepare a comprehensive plan for the whole region, (vi) Appropriate mitigation measures (viz. ETP, STP, garland drains, retaining walls, collection of runoff etc.) should be taken to prevent pollution of nearby river/other water bodies. Water quality monitoring study should be conducted by State Pollution Control Board to ensure quality of surface and ground water sources on regular basis. The study can be conducted through NABL/ NABET approved water testing laboratory. However, the report should be vetted by SPCB. (vii) Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated in ETP so as to conform to the discharge standards applicable, (viii) Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents. Further, sewage treatment plant should be installed for the employees/colony, wherever applicable, (ix) Mine lease holder should ensure that no silt originating due to mining activity is transported in the surface water course or any other water body. Appropriate measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt should be undertaken. Quantity of silt/soil generated should be measured on regular basis for its better utilization, (x) Erosion from dumps site should be protected by providing geotextile matting or other suitable material, and thick plantation of native trees and shrubs should be carried out at the dump slopes. Further, dumps should be protected by retaining walls.(xi) Trenches / garland drain should be constructed at the foot of dumps to arrest silt from being carried to water bodies. Adequate number of check dams should be constructed across seasonal/perennial nallas (if any) flowing through the mine lease areas and silt be arrested. De-silting at regular intervals should be carried out and quantity should be recorded for its better utilization, after proper soil quality analysis, (xii) The water so collected in the reservoir within the mine should be utilized for the sprinkling on hauls roads, green belt development etc. (xiii) There should be zero waste water discharge from the mine. Based on actual water withdrawal and consumption/ utilization in different activities, water balance diagram should be prepared on monthly basis, and efforts should be made to optimize consumption of water per ton of ore production in successive years. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders, SPCB and CGWB.

25. Land/ Soil/ Overburden Related: (i) The top soil should temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long (not more than 3 years or as per provisions mentioned in the mine plan/ scheme). The topsoil should be used for land reclamation and plantation appropriately, (ii) Fodder plots should be developed in the non-mineralised area in lieu of use of grazing land, if any. (iii) Over burden/ low grade ore should be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only and should not be kept active for long

period. The dump height should be decided on case to case basis, depending on the size of mine and quantity of waste material generated. However, slope stability study should be conducted for larger heights, as per IBM approved mine plan and DGMS guidelines. The OB dump should be scientifically vegetated with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. In critical areas, use of geo textiles should be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Proper records should be maintained regarding species, their growth, area coverage etc, (iv) Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from mine operation, soil, OB and mineral dumps. The water so collected can be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted, particularly after monsoon and should be maintained properly. Appropriate documents should be maintained. Garland drain of appropriate size, gradient and length should be constructed for mine pit, soil. OB and mineral dumps and sump capacity should be designed with appropriate safety margin based on long term rainfall data. Sump capacity should be provided for adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits should be constructed at the corners of the garland drains and de-silted at regular intervals, (v) Backfilling should be done as per approved mining plan/scheme. There should be no OB dumps outside the mine lease area. The backfilled area should be afforested, aiming to restore the normal ground level. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue till the vegetation is established and becomes self-generating, (vi) Hazardous waste such as, waste oil, lubricants, resin, and coal tar etc. should be disposed off as per provisions of Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.

26. Ecology/Biodiversity (Flora-Fauna) Related: (i) As per the Red List of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), six floral species and 21 faunal species have been reported to be under threatened, vulnerable & endangered category. Protection of these floral and faunal species should be taken by the State Forest & Wildlife Department on priority, particularly in the mining zones, if any, (ii) The mines falling within 5-10 km of the Karo- Karampada Elephant corridor buffer need to take precautionary measures during mining activities. The forest and existing elephant corridor routes are to be protected and conserved. Improvement of habitat by providing food, water and space for the elephants is required to be ensured to avoid Man- Elephant conflicts. Though as per the records of State Forest Department, movement of elephants in the Karo-Karampada elephant corridor within 10 km distance from the mines in Joda and Koira is not observed, the Forest Department shall further record and ensure that elephant's movement is not affected due to mining activities, (iii) All precautionary measures should be taken during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, sloth bear etc. spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna should be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department within the mine lease area, whereas outside the mine lease area, the same should be maintained by State Forest Department, (iv) Afforestation is to be done by using local and mixed species saplings within and outside the mining lease area. The reclamation and afforestation is to be done in such a manner like exploring the growth of fruit bearing trees which will attract the fauna and thus maintaining the biodiversity of the area. As afforestation done so far is very less, forest department needs to identify adequate land and do afforestation by involving local people in a time bound manner, (v)

Green belt development carried out by mines should be monitored regularly in every season and parameters like area under vegetation/plantation, type of plantation, type of tree species /grass species/scrubs etc., distance between the plants and survival rate should be recorded, (vi) Green belt is an important sink of air pollutants including noise. Development of green cover in mining area will not only help reducing air and noise pollution but also will improve the ecological conditions and prevent soil erosion to a greater extent. Further, selection of tree species for green belt should constitute dust removal/dust capturing plants since plants can act as efficient biological filters removing significant amounts of particulate pollution. Thus, the identified native trees in the mine area may be encouraged for plantation. Tree species having small leaf area, dense hair on leaf surface (rough surface), deep channels on leaves should be included for plantation, (vii) Vetiver plantation on inactive dumps may be encouraged as the grass species has high strength of anchoring besides medicinal value, (viii) Details of compensatory afforestation done should be recorded and documented by respective forest divisions, and State Forest Department should present mine-wise annual status, along with expenditure details, (ix) Similarly, Wildlife Department is also required to record and document annual status of wildlife in the region and should identify the need for wildlife management on regional level, (x) Maintenance of the ecology of the region is prime responsibility of the State Forest and Wildlife Department. They need to periodically review the status and identify the need for further improvement in the region. The required expenditure may be met from the funds already collected in the form of compensatory afforestation and wildlife management. Further, additional fund, if required can be sought from DMF. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and State Forest & Wildlife Department.

- 27. Socio-Economic Related: (i) Public interaction should be done on regular basis and social welfare activities should be done to meet the requirements of the local communities. Further, basic amenities and infrastructure facilities like education, medical, roads, safe drinking water, sanitation, employment, skill development, training institute etc. should be developed to alleviate the quality of life of the people of the region, (ii) Land outees and land losers/affected people, if any, should be compensated and rehabilitated as per the national/state policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation, (iii) The socioeconomic development in the region should be focused and aligned with the guidelines/initiatives of Govt, of India/ NITI Aayog / Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision centring around prosperity, equality, justice, cleanliness, transparency, employment, respect to women, hope etc. This can be achieved by providing adequate and quality facilities for education, medical and developing skills in the people of the region. District administration in association with mine lease holders should plan for "Samagra Vikas" of these blocks well as other blocks of the district. While planning for different schemes in the region, the activities should be prioritized as per Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY), notified by Ministry of Mines, Govt, of India, vide letter no. 16/7/2017-M.VI (Part), dated September 16, 2015. Responsibility: District Administration and Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 28. **Road Transport Related:** (i) All the mine lease holders should follow the suggested ore transport mode (SOTM\ based on its EC capacity within next 5 years, (ii) The mine lease holders should ensure construction of cement road of appropriate width from and to the entry and exit gate of the miner as suggested in Chapter 10. Further, maintenance of all the roads should be carried out as per the requirement to ensure dust free road transport, (iii) Transportation of ore should be

done by covering the trucks with tarpaulin or other suitable mechanism so that no spillage of ore/dust takes place. Further, air quality in terms of dust, PMin should be monitored near the roads towards entry & exit gate on regular basis, and be maintained within the acceptable limits. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Flolders and Dept, of Steel & Mines.

- 29. Occupational Health Related: (i) Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects periodically, (ii) Occupational health surveillance program for all the employees/workers (including casual workers) should be undertaken periodically (on annual basis) to observe any changes due to exposure to dust, and corrective measures should be taken immediately, if needed, (iii) Occupational health and safety measures related awareness programs including identification of work related health hazard, training on malaria eradication, HIV and health effects on exposure to mineral dust etc., should be carried out for all the workers on regular basis. A full time qualified doctor should be engaged for the purpose. Periodic monitoring (on 6 monthly basis) for exposure to respirable minerals dust on the workers should be conducted, and record should be maintained including health record of all the workers. Review of impact of various health measures undertaken (at an interval of 3 years or less) should be conducted followed by follow-up of actions, wherever required. Occupational health centre should be established near mine site itself. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and District Administration (District Medical Officer),
- 30. Reporting of Environmental Sustainability Achievement: All the mines should prepare annual environmental sustainability report (ESR), highlighting the efforts made towards environmental protection with respect to different environmental components vis-avis production performance of the mine on monthly basis. The data collected as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions should be utilized to prepare the annual sustainability report. The mines performing high with effective environmental safeguards may be suitably recognized/rewarded. "Star Rating Format" formulated by the Ministry of Mines along with environmental sustainability report may be used,
- 31. Environmental Monitoring Requirements at Regional Level: Apart from strict compliance and monitoring by individual mine lease holder, there is a need for simultaneous monitoring in each of the regions by competent expert agencies under the guidance/ supervision of concerned regulatory agency. Details of the studies required to be done on regular basis (continuously for 5 years) through responsible agency (organization of national/state repute) and time frame are suggested in Table.

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
1.	Environmental Quality Monitoring with respect to Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality in each region (Joda, Koira and Baripada/Rairangpur) as per specified frequency shall be done by a third party (preferably Govt.) and/or	SPCB	Continuous Annually

Table: Suggested Environmental Monitoring Requirements and Action Plans at

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
	laboratory approved/ recognized by NABET/ CPCB/ SPCB/ MoEF&CC. All the water bodies (rivers, nallas, ponds etc.) shall be monitored. National/State level research/ academic institutes may be involved initially for couple of years to streamline the activity. The report shall be brought out annually by June each year. The study shall be conducted in consultation with		
	MoEF&CC-RO. Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM1 0. PMP.S, SOx and NOx within the mine havina more than 3 MTPA EC Caoacitv	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous Annually
	Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SOx and NOx in the Joda and Koira Region (total 11 locations.	SPCB	Continuous Annually
2.	Status of flora and fauna in each of the regions shall be assessed on annual basis. Changes, if any, taking place in the region shall be brought out clearly. The study shall be conducted in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department.	State Forest & Wildlife Dept.	Annually in mining zone and once in 3 years in the region
3.	Socio-economic study incorporating developments taking place in each of the region, CSR initiatives made by the mining companies shall be conducted on annual basis. Further, micro level developmental needs shall be clearly brought out in the report for each region. The study shall be conducted in consultation with district administration.	Respective District Administration	Annually
4.	A detailed hydro-geological study in each of the regions shall be conducted in an integrated manner in consultation with Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board. Accordingly, all project proponents shall implement suitable conservation	SPCB	Once in 2 years

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
	measures to augment ground water resources in the area.		
5.	The State Govt. shall ensure construction and maintenance of dust free common roads/ appropriate rail network for transport of ore from mines to the consumer end.	Dept. of Steel & Mines	12 months for road network and 5-7 years for rail network
6.	Construction and maintenance of dust free roads from respective mine to the main road	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous 6 months
7.	Traffic/road inspection study addressing the condition of traffic/roads leading to different mines and connecting to different railway sidings shall be undertaken on annual basis. Further, detailed traffic study shall be undertaken on every 5 yearly basis to ensure adequacy of road/rail infrastructure in each of the regions. The study can be undertaken through national/ state level research/ academic institute (such as CSIR- CRRI, New Delhi).	Dept. of Steel & Mines	Continuous 6 months
8.	Assessment of land use/ land cover changes in each of the regions, with particular focus on mining areas, afforestation activities, variation in flow path of various water bodies etc. using remote sensing data	ORSAC	Annually
9.	R&.D Studies for utilization of low- grade iron ore	Dept. of Steel & Mines through R&D / Academic Institutes	Upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025

The data so generated for the region should be made available on the website of Department of Steel & Mines and also at MoEF&CC website, so that it can be effectively utilized by Individual Mine Lease Holders for preparing EIA/ EMP reports. This will meet the requirement for separate one season baseline environmental quality data collection by the individual proponents, if the mine proposed is in the same study region. <u>Further. MoEF&CC through EAC1 can also utilize the data base available in evaluating the proposals for expansion of existing mines or new mines while granting ToR or EC to the mine, taking an holistic view of the region. State Govt, of Odisha should bring out an integrated environmental sustainability report for each of the regions (mainly for Joda and Koia region) incorporating ESR of individual mines and data collected in the region through various agencies, once in 5 years, to plan level of scientific and sustainable mining for the next 5</u>

years.

32. Institutional Mechanism for Implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Mining: The present study is not a one-time study, but a process to ensure environmentally sustainable mining activities in the region on long term basis. Looking into the large-scale mining activities and long term perspective for mining vis-a-vis environmentally sustainable mining and upliftment of people of the region, there is a need to create an agency, who will integrate all the aspects relating to sustainable mining in the region on long term basis. It could be a SPV of Govt, of Odisha or a cell within the overall control and supervision of Dept, of Steel & Mines, with members from

IBM, GSI, OSPCB, MoEF&CC-RO and other concerned Departments and Mine Owners (EZMA), District Administration. It is found that the strong database available for the region needs to be taken into account to map and establish environmental quality of the region on daily, monthly, seasonal and annual basis. Further, the efforts and initiatives of the mines towards environmental protection as well as upliftment of the people of the region are required to be integrated, and a systematic plan at the block/regional level needs to be framed for the overall benefit of the local society, region, district, state and the country as a whole. It will be desirable to have proper environmental quality data management and analysis by NEERI or any other agency for next 5 years (six monthly compliance reports followed by field verification) ensuring sustainable mining practices in the region leading to an overall development of the region. District Mineral Funds should be utilized appropriately for various developmental activities/needs of the region. Further, an environmental sustainability report incorporating environmental status of region coupled with social upliftment may be brought out by SPCB or any other authorized agency on annual basis. This report can be used for supporting the regional EIA study, and also need for environmental quality monitoring by individual mine seeking environmental clearance for new mine/ expansion of mine, including public hearing. Since, outcome of the above study reports shall be in the overall interest of all the stakeholders (including local population) of the region, further planning for the region shall warrant cooperation and assistance of all the stakeholders (mine operators, industries, transporters, State & Centra! Government Offices, MoEF&CC, CPCB, SPCB, Dept, of Steel & Mines, IBM, IMD, NGOs and local people) in sharing the relevant data/information/ reports/documents etc. to continuously improve upon the environmentally sustainable development plan for economic growth in mining sector as well as for improvement in quality of life of the people of the region.

- C. Besides the above, the below mentioned genera! points are also to be followed:
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TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY AND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT FOR PAIKADAKULGUDA SEMI PRECIOUS STONE CAT 'S EYE MINES OVER AN AREA OF 38.316 HA OR 94.68 ACRES IN VILLAGE- PAIKADAKULGUDA, KANDHADAKULGUDA AND BADOLIMA, TAHASIL/PS - BISSAM CUTTACK, DISTRICT - RAYAGADA OF SRI BAJRANG LAL GUPTA – TOR.

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Directors of the Company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large, may also be detailed in the proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.

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project cost.

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- 22. R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine (ease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.
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- 26. Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.
- 27. Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided,

- 28. Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided.
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- 31. Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and BGL. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.
- 32. A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame) and submitted, keeping in mind, the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given. The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.
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- 34. Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.
- 35. Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans and with adequate number of sections) should be given in the EIA report.
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- 22. R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need-based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine (ease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.
- 23. One season (non-monsoon) [i.e. March May (Summer Season); October December (post monsoon season); December February (winter season)] primary baseline data on ambient air quality as per CPCB Notification of 2009, water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna shall be collected and the AAQ and other data so compiled presented datewise in the EIA and EMP Report. Site-specific meteorological data should also be collected. The location of the monitoring stations should be such as to represent whole of the study area and justified keeping in view the pre-dominant downwind direction and location of sensitive receptors. There should be at least one monitoring station within 500 m of the mine lease in the pre-dominant downwind direction. The mineralogical composition of PM<sub>10</sub>, particularly for free silica, should be given.
- 24. Air quality modelling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area. It should also take into account the impact of movement of vehicles for transportation of mineral. The details of the model used and input parameters used for modelling should be provided. The air quality contours may be shown on a location map clearly indicating the location of the site, location of sensitive receptors, if any, and the habitation. The wind roses showing pre-dominant wind direction may also be indicated on the map.
- 25. The water requirement for the Project, its availability and source should be furnished. A detailed water balance should also be provided. Fresh water requirement for the Project should be indicated.
- 26. Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.

- 27. Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided,
- 28. Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided.
- 29. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater, Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided. In case the working will intersect groundwater table, a detailed Hydro Geological Study should be undertaken and Report furnished. The Report inter- alia, shall include details of the aquifers present and impact of mining activities on these aquifers. Necessary permission from Central Ground Water Authority for working below ground water and for pumping of ground water should also be obtained and copy furnished.
- 30. Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the tease area and modification / diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be.
- 31. Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and BGL. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.
- 32. A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame) and submitted, keeping in mind, the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given. The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.
- 33. Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated. Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the Project in the present road network (including those outside the Project area) should be worked out, indicating whether it is capable of handling the incremental load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated (including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government) should be covered. Project Proponent shall conduct Impact of Transportation study as per Indian Road Congress Guidelines.
- 34. Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.
- 35. Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans and with adequate number of sections) should be given in the EIA report.
- 36. Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.
- 37. Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures

should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.

- 38. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.
- 39. Detailed environmental management plan (EMP) to mitigate the environmental impacts which, should inter-alia include the impacts of change of land use, loss of agricultural and grazing land, if any, occupational health impacts besides other impacts specific to the proposed Project.
- 40. Public Hearing points raised and commitment of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project.
- 41. Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.
- 42. The cost of the Project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should be clearly spelt out.
- 43. A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- 44. Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.
- 45. The activities and budget earmarked for Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) shall be as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India O.M No 22-65/2017-IA. II (M) dated 01.05.2018 and the action plan on the activities proposed under CER shall be submitted at the time of appraisal of the project included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- 46. The Action Plan on the compliance of the recommendations of the CAG as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Circular No. J-11013/71/2016-IA.I (M), dated 25,10.2017 needs to be submitted at the time of appraisal of the project and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
- Compliance of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Office Memorandum No. F: 3-50/2017-IA.III (Pt.), dated 30.05.2018 on the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated the 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India needs to be submitted and included in the EIA/EMP Report.

## **B.** <u>Specific TOR:</u> Recommendation of CSIR-NEERI Report on "Carrying Capacity Study for Environmentally Sustainable Iron and Manganese Ore Mining Activity in Keonjhar, Sundargarh and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha State"

- Department of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha <u>should prepare 5 years regional plan for</u> <u>annual iron ore requirement from the state, which in turn shall be</u> <u>met from different</u> <u>mines/zones (e.g. Joda, Koira.') in the state.</u> Accordingly, sustainable annual production (SAP) for each zone/mine may be followed adopting necessary environmental protection measures.
- 2. The expansion or opening of new manganese ore mines may be considered only when the actual production of about 80% is achieved. Further, the mines that have not produced Mn ore for last two years and have no commitment in the current year as well: EC capacity in such cases may be reviewed. The Department of Steel & Mines. Govt, of Odisha shall submit the Annual Report on this issue to the MoEF&CC for further necessary action.

- 3. Analysis of baseline environmental quality data for the year 2014 and 2016 indicates that existing mining activities appear to have little / no potential impact on environmental quality, except on air environment, which was mainly due to re-suspension of road dust. Therefore, all the working mines can continue to operate with strict compliance to monitoring of environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions of the respective mine, and implementation of suggested measures for control of road dust and air pollution. Odisha State Pollution Control Board has to ensure the compliance of CTE/CTO. Regional office of the MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar shall monitor the compliance of the EC conditions. Regional office of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) shall monitor the compliance of mining plan and progressive mine closure plan. Any violation by mine lease holder may invite actions per the provisions of applicable acts.
- 4. Considering the existing environmental quality, EC capacity, production rate, iron ore resources availability and transport infrastructure availability, the share of Joda and Koira sector works out to be 70% and 30% respectively for the existing scenario for the year 2015-16. However, for additional EC capacity, it can be 50:50 subject to commensurate infrastructure improvement (viz. SOTM. pollution free road transport, enhancement of rail network etc.) in the respective regions.
- 5. Continuous monitoring of different environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions with respect to air, noise, water (surface and ground water) and soil quality in each region shall be done. The environmental quality parameters should not indicate any adverse impact on the environment. Monitoring within the mines should be done by individual mine lease holders, whereas outside the mine lease area, monitoring should be done by the Govt, of Odisha through various concerned departments/ authorized agencies. Various monitoring/ studies should be conducted through national reputed institutes, NABET/ MoEF&CC accredited laboratories/organizations. The reports submitted by individual mine lease holders and study reports prepared by other concerned departments/agency for each of the regions should be evaluated and examined by SPCB/ MoEF&CC.
- 6. Construction of cement concrete road from mine entrance and exit to the main road with proper drainage system and green belt development along the roads and also construction of road minimum 300 m inside the mine should be done. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mine should have since beginning. The concerned departments should extend full support; wherever the land does not belong to the respective mine lease holders. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha should ensure the compliance and should not issue the Mining Permits, if mine lease holder has not constructed proper cement concrete road as suggested above.
- 7. In view of high dust pollution and noise generation due to road transport, it is proposed to regulate/guide the movement of iron and manganese ore material based on the EC capacity of the mines. Accordingly, ore transport mode has been suggested, as given below in Table.

Code	EC	Suggested Ore Transport Mode	
SOTM 1	> 5 MTPA	100% by private railway siding or conveyor belt up to public railway siding or pipeline for captive mines and 70% for non- captive mines	

## Table : EC Capacity based Suggested Ore Transport Mode (SQTM)

Code	EC	Suggested Ore Transport Mode
SOTM 2	Between 3 and <5 MTPA	Minimum 70% by public railway siding, through conveyor belt and maximum 30% by road - direct to destination or other public railway siding or above option
SOTM 3	Between 1 and < 3 MTPA	Minimum 70% by public railway siding and maximum 30% by road - direct to destination or by other public railway siding or above options
SOTM 4	<1 MTPA	100 % by 10/17 Ton Trucks or above options

It is mentioned by State Govt, of Odisha that currently about 45% of the iron ore is despatched using rail network and progressively it will be increased to about 60% by rail/slurry over a period of 5 years, taking into account time required to set up more railway sidings.

In view of present ore transport practices and practical limitations, all the existing mines should ensure adoption of SQTM within next 5 years. New mines or mines seeking expansion should incorporate provision of SOTM in the beginning itself, and should have system in place within next 5 years. However, the State Govt, of Odisha shall ensure dust free roads in mining areas wherever the road transportation of mineral is involved. The road shoulders shall be paved with fence besides compliance with IRC guidelines. All the roads should have proper drainage system and apart from paving of entire carriage width the remaining right of way should have native plantation (dust capturing species). Further, regular maintenance should also be ensured by the Govt. of Odisha.

Transportation of iron & manganese ore through river (jetty) to nearest Sea port (Sea cargo option) may be explored or connecting Sea ports with Railway network from the mines to be improved further so that burden on existing road and rail network and also pollution thereof can be minimized.

Progress on development of dust free roads, implementation of SOTM, increased use of existing rail network, development of additional railway network/conveyor belt/ pipelines etc. shall be submitted periodically to MoEF&CC and SEIAA, Odisha. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha; Time Period: 5 Years for developing railway/ conveyor belt facilities

- 8. Development of parking plazas for trucks with proper basic amenities/ facilities should be done inside mine. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mines should have since beginning. Small capacity mines (in terms of lease area or production) not having enough space within the mine lease areas should develop parking plaza at a common place within the region with requisite facilities. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders; Time Period: 1 Year
- 9. Construction of NH 215 as minimum 4 lane road with proper drainage system and plantation and subsequent regular maintenance of the road as per IRC guidelines. Construction of other mineral carrying roads with proper width and drainage system along with road side plantation to be carried out. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines with PWD / NHAI Time Period: 2 Years.
- Regular vacuum cleaning of all mineral carrying roads aiming at "Zero Dust Resuspension" may be considered. Responsibility: PWD / NHAI/ Mine Lease Holders; Time Period: 3 months for existing roads.

- 11. Expansion of existing mines and new mines should be considered after conducting recent EIA Study fas per the provisions of EIA Notification 2QQ6, as amended time to time1) with proper justification on demand scenario for iron ore requirement and availability of pollution free transport network in the region. Responsibility: IBM, Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- 12. **Mine-wise Allocation of Annual Production:** In case the total requirement of iron ore exceeds the suggested limit for that year, permission for annual production by an individual mine may be decided depending on approved EC capacity (for total actual dispatch) and actual production rate of individual mine during last year or any other criteria set by the State Govt., i.e. Dept, of Steel & Mines. Department of Steel and Mines in consultation with Indian Bureau of Mines-RO should prepare in advance mine-wise annual production scenario as suggested in Table, so that demand for iron ore can be anticipated, and actual production/dispatch does not exceed the suggested annual production.

Mine	EC		Suggested Annual Production (MT)				
Lease	Capacity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
	(MTPA)	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	
Mine 1	XI						
Mine 2	X2						
Mine 3	X3						
Mine n	Xn						
Total	160 +	105	129	153	177	201	

# Table: Allocation of Production to Different Mines for 5 Years(as per approved Mining Plan)

Next year allocation = Average of EC Capacity and Last year production

13. Expansion of Existing Mines having Validity up to 2020: In view of implementation of MMDR Act 2015, wherein many non-captive mines are expected to be closed by March 2020, total iron ore production scenario has been. It is expected that the non-captive mines having validity till 2020 shall try to maximize their production (limited to EC capacity) in the remaining period. Further, depending upon availability of iron ore resources, these mines may also seek expansion of EC capacity. It may be noted here that total EC capacity of existing 25 working mines having validity upto 2020 is about 85 MTPA, whereas actual production from these mines has been only 44.677 MT (52.6%) during 2015-16 and 57.07 MT (67.1%) during 2016-17. Also, it is expected that these mines would not even be able to achieve ore production as per existing EC capacity till March 2020. Therefore, these existing mines should go for production to the fullest extent to meet the requisite demand from the State. However, where EC limit is exhausted, application for expansion may be considered. Further, the EC process (i.e. Grant of TOR, Baseline data collection, Mining plan/ scheme approval, Public hearing, preparation of EIA/EMP Report. Appraisal by the EAC and grant of EC) takes about one year time. Under such circumstances, it is suggested that further applications for grant of TOR or grant of EC for expansion of production capacity of the mine should be considered for those existing mines, which have exhausted their capacity subject to consideration of all environmental aspects. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

- 14. **Sustained Iron Ore Production beyond 2020:** Considering the implementation of MMDR Act 2015, total production of iron ore in Odisha State is anticipated to be about 111 MT during 2016-17 (actual production was 102.663 MT), 136 MT during 2017-18, 146 MT during 2018-19 and 146 MT during 2019-20. Then there will be substantial drop in total production (to the tune of 73 MT during 2020-21 onwards) due to closure of mines, which are valid up to 2020. Therefore, in order to maintain operation/sustained growth of downstream industries, iron ore mining in the region needs to be continued at a sustainable rate. The State Govt. through Department of Steel and Mines should initiate appropriate action to ensure continued availability of iron ore from the region, as per suggested sustainable annual production
- 15. Reserves Estimation-Mining Plan and Exploration; Appropriate actions (geo- technical investigation for qualitative and quantitative resource estimation & other preparations for auction of mines), may be initiated taken into account the existing working mines, and the mines which were operational at some point of time (but closed presently due to various reasons). The total iron ore reserves/ resources available within the total lease area of each mine should be estimated by State Govt./NMET/ GSI (or any other approved agency) with respect to: (i) Total lease area of mine (surface), (ii) Maximum depth to which resources could be available, (iii) Resources below the ground water table (if intersected), (iv) Reserves are to be estimated as per UNFC code with respect to quantity and quality (% Fe content), (v) Maximum mining rate and area for auction (after 2020) will be calculated based on total resources available and proposed life of mine leading to closure of mine in a stipulated time period. Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, IBM and GSI; Time frame: 1 year for the mines to be auctioned for next 2 years. The above mentioned organizations shall ensure the compliance with respect to timelines for implementations.
- 16. Depending upon availability of extractable iron ore resources within a mine, mining below the ground water table may be permitted after conducting necessary geological and hydro-geological study by GSI and requisite approval from the CGWB/CGWA (Central Ground Water Board/Authority). This can be explored at least in few mines on trial/pilot basis. Further, within a mine, it will be desirable to operate one pit at a time, and next pit should be opened after extracting maximum possible resources from the first pit, so that the exhausted pit can be used for back filling/ storing of low grade iron ore. However, depending upon the quantity and/or quality of iron/ manganese ore, other mine pits in the same mine lease may also be opened for sustainable scientific mining, as per approved mining plan/scheme of mining by IBM. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should initiate the pilot project so that minerals are fully utilized.
- 17. Commercial Utilization of Low Grade Ore: R&D studies towards utilization of low-grade iron ore should be conducted through research/academic institutes like IMMT, Bhubaneswar, NML, Jamshedpur, and concerned metallurgical departments in IITs, NITs etc., targeting full utilization of low-grade iron ore (Fe content upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025). In fact, life cycle assessment of whole process including environmental considerations should be done for techno-economic and environmental viability. R&D studies on utilization of mine wastewater having high concentration of Fe content for different commercial applications in industries such as cosmetics, pharmaceutical, paint industry should also be explored. Responsibility: IBM, Dept, of Steel & Mines, Individual Mine Lease Holders.

- 18. The mining activity in Joda-Koira sector is expected to continue for another 100 years, therefore, it will be desirable to develop proper rail network in the region. Rail transport shall not only be pollution free mode but also will be much economical option for iron ore transport. The rail network and/or conveyor belt system upto public railway siding needs to be created. The total length of the conveyor belt system/ rail network to be developed from mines to nearest railway sidings by 11 mines in Joda region is estimated to be about 64 km. Similarly, in Koira region, total length of rail network/ conveyor system for 8 mines (under SOTM 1 & 2) is estimated to be around 95 km. Further, it is suggested to develop a rail network connecting Banspani (Joda region) and Roxy railway sidings in Koira region. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha and Concerned Mines along with Indian Railways. Time Period: Maximum 7 years (by 2025). The Department of Steel & Mines. Govt, of Odisha should follow-up with the concerned Departments and railways so that proposed proper rail network is in place by 2025.
- 19. State Govt, of Odisha shall make all efforts to ensure exhausting all the iron & manganese ore resources in the existing working mines and from disturbed mining leases/zones in Joda and Koira region. The criteria suggested shall be applicable while suggesting appropriate lease area and sustainable mining rate. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha.
- 20. Large and medium mine leases contribute to better implementation of reclamation and rehabilitation plans to sustain the ecology for scientific and sustainable mining. The small leases do not possess scientific capability of environmentally sustainable mining. Therefore, new mine leases having more than 50 ha area should be encouraged, as far as possible. This will ensure inter-generational resource availability to some extent. Responsibility: Dept, of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha.
- 21. Mining Operations/Process Related: (i) Appropriate mining process and machinery (viz. right capacity, fuel efficient) should be selected to carry out various mining operations that generate minimal dust/air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste, e.g. drills should either be operated with dust extractors or equipped with water injection system, (ii) After commencement of mining operation, a study should be conducted to assess and Quantify emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, waste water and solid wasted from each of the mining activity (Including transportation) on annual basis. Efforts should be made to further eliminate/ minimize generation of air pollution/dust, noise, wastewater, solid waste generation in successive years through use of better technology. This shall be ensured by the respective mine lease holders, (iii) Various machineries/equipment selected (viz. dumpers, excavators, crushers, screen plants etc.) and transport means should have optimum fuel/power consumption, and their fuel/power consumption should be recorded on monthly basis. Further, inspection and maintenance of all the machineries/ equipment/ transport vehicles should be followed as per manufacturer's instructions/ recommended time schedule and record should be maintained by the respective mine lease holders, (iv) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be carried out regularly once in 3 years for monitoring land use pattern and mining activity taken place. Further, the extent of pit area excavated should also be demarcated based on remote sensing analysis. This should be done by ORSAC (Odisha Space Applications Centre, Bhubaneswar) or an agency of national repute or if done by a private agency, the report shall be vetted/ authenticated by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar. Expenses towards the same shall be borne by

the respective mine lease holders. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.

- 22. Air Environment Related: (i) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly on daily basis. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at other transfer points should be provided and properly maintained. Further, it will be desirable to use water fogging system to minimize water consumption. It should be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the GPCB in this regard, (ii) The core zone of mining activity should be monitored on daily basis. Minimum four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the core zone for SPM, PM10. PM2.5, SQ2, NCb<sup>^</sup> and CO monitoring. Location of air quality monitoring stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (based on Emission Load Assessment Study). The number of monitoring locations may be more for larger capacity mines and working in larger area. Out of four stations, one should be online monitoring station in the mines having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity, (iii) Monitoring in buffer zone should be carried out by SPCB or through NABET accredited agency. In addition, air quality parameters (SPM, PMiO, PM2.5, S02, NOx and CO) shall be regularly monitored at locations of nearest human habitation including schools and other public amenities located nearest to source of the dust generation as applicable. Further, 11 continuous air quality monitoring systems may be installed in Joida and Koira regions and one in Baripada/ Rairangpur region, (iv) Emissions from vehicles as well as heavy machinery should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures should be taken for regular maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral, (v) The vehicles shall be covered with a tarpaulin and should not be overloaded. Further, possibility of 3 using closed container trucks should be explored for direct to destination movement of iron ore. Air quality monitoring at one location should also be carried out along the transport route within the mine (periodically, near truck entry and exit gate). Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and SPCB.
- 23. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Blasting operation should be carried out only during daytime. Controlled blasting such as Nonel, should be practiced. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented, (ii) Appropriate measures (detailed in Section 5.4) should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone. Further, date, time and distance of measurement should also be indicated with the noise levels in the report. The data should be used to map the noise generation from different activities and efforts should be made to maintain the noise levels with the acceptable limits of CPCB (CPCB, 2000) (iv) Similarly, vibration at various sensitive locations should be monitored atleast once in month, and mapped for any significant changes due to successive mining operations. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 24. Water/Wastewater Related : (i) In general, the mining operations should be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect groundwater table.

However, if enough resources are estimated below the ground water table, the same may be explored after conducting detailed geological studies by GSI and hydro- geological studies by CGWB or NIH or institute of national repute, and ensuring that no damage to the land stability/ water aquifer system shall happen. The details/ outcome of such study may be reflected/incorporated in the EIA/EMP report of the mine appropriately, (ii) Natural watercourse and/or water resources should not be obstructed due to any mining operations. Regular monitoring of the flow rate of the springs and perennial nallas should be carried out and records should be maintained. Further, regular monitoring of water quality of nallas and river passing thorough the mine lease area (upstream and downstream locations) should be carried out on monthly basis, (iii) Regular monitoring of ground water level and its guality should be carried out within the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring should be carried out on monthly basis, (iv) In order to optimize water requirement, suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area should be undertaken in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). (v) Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis should be planned and implemented in consultation with CGWB, to recharge the ground water source. Further, CGWB can prepare a comprehensive plan for the whole region, (vi) Appropriate mitigation measures (viz. ETP, STP, garland drains, retaining walls, collection of runoff etc.) should be taken to prevent pollution of nearby river/other water bodies. Water quality monitoring study should be conducted by State Pollution Control Board to ensure quality of surface and ground water sources on regular basis. The study can be conducted through NABL/ NABET approved water testing laboratory. However, the report should be vetted by SPCB. (vii) Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated in ETP so as to conform to the discharge standards applicable, (viii) Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents. Further, sewage treatment plant should be installed for the employees/colony, wherever applicable, (ix) Mine lease holder should ensure that no silt originating due to mining activity is transported in the surface water course or any other water body. Appropriate measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt should be undertaken. Quantity of silt/soil generated should be measured on regular basis for its better utilization, (x) Erosion from dumps site should be protected by providing geotextile matting or other suitable material, and thick plantation of native trees and shrubs should be carried out at the dump slopes. Further, dumps should be protected by retaining walls.(xi) Trenches / garland drain should be constructed at the foot of dumps to arrest silt from being carried to water bodies. Adequate number of check dams should be constructed across seasonal/perennial nallas (if any) flowing through the mine lease areas and silt be arrested. De-silting at regular intervals should be carried out and quantity should be recorded for its better utilization, after proper soil quality analysis, (xii) The water so collected in the reservoir within the mine should be utilized for the sprinkling on hauls roads, green belt development etc. (xiii) There should be zero waste water discharge from the mine. Based on actual water withdrawal and consumption/ utilization in different activities, water balance diagram should be prepared on monthly basis, and efforts should be made to optimize consumption of water per ton of ore production in successive years. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders, SPCB and CGWB.

25. Land/ Soil/ Overburden Related : (i) The top soil should temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long (not more than 3 years

or as per provisions mentioned in the mine plan/ scheme). The topsoil should be used for land reclamation and plantation appropriately, (ii) Fodder plots should be developed in the non-mineralised area in lieu of use of grazing land, if any. (iii) Over burden/ low grade ore should be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only and should not be kept active for longperiod. The dump height should be decided on case to case basis, depending on the size of mine and quantity of waste material generated. However, slope stability study should be conducted for larger heights, as per IBM approved mine plan and DGMS guidelines. The OB dump should be scientifically vegetated with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. In critical areas, use of geo textiles should be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Proper records should be maintained regarding species, their growth, area coverage etc, (iv) Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from mine operation, soil, OB and mineral dumps. The water so collected can be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted, particularly after monsoon and should be maintained properly. Appropriate documents should be maintained. Garland drain of appropriate size, gradient and length should be constructed for mine pit, soil. OB and mineral dumps and sump capacity should be designed with appropriate safety margin based on long term rainfall data. Sump capacity should be provided for adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits should be constructed at the corners of the garland drains and de-silted at regular intervals, (v) Backfilling should be done as per approved mining plan/scheme. There should be no OB dumps outside the mine lease area. The backfilled area should be afforested, aiming to restore the normal ground level. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue till the vegetation is established and becomes self-generating, (vi) Hazardous waste such as, waste oil, lubricants, resin, and coal tar etc. should be disposed off as per provisions of Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.

26. Ecology/Biodiversity (Flora-Fauna) Related: (i) As per the Red List of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), six floral species and 21 faunal species have been reported to be under threatened, vulnerable & endangered category. Protection of these floral and faunal species should be taken by the State Forest & Wildlife Department on priority, particularly in the mining zones, if any, (ii) The mines falling within 5-10 km of the Karo- Karampada Elephant corridor buffer need to take precautionary measures during mining activities. The forest and existing elephant corridor routes are to be protected and conserved. Improvement of habitat by providing food, water and space for the elephants is required to be ensured to avoid Man- Elephant conflicts. Though as per the records of State Forest Department, movement of elephants in the Karo-Karampada elephant corridor within 10 km distance from the mines in Joda and Koira is not observed, the Forest Department shall further record and ensure that elephant's movement is not affected due to mining activities, (iii) All precautionary measures should be taken during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, sloth bear etc. spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna should be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department within the mine lease area, whereas outside the mine lease area, the same should be maintained by State Forest Department, (iv) Afforestation is to be done by using local and mixed species saplings within and outside the mining lease area. The

reclamation and afforestation is to be done in such a manner like exploring the growth of fruit bearing trees which will attract the fauna and thus maintaining the biodiversity of the area. As afforestation done so far is very less, forest department needs to identify adequate land and do afforestation by involving local people in a time bound manner, (v) Green belt development carried out by mines should be monitored regularly in every season and parameters like area under vegetation/plantation, type of plantation, type of tree species /grass species/scrubs etc., distance between the plants and survival rate should be recorded, (vi) Green belt is an important sink of air pollutants including noise. Development of green cover in mining area will not only help reducing air and noise pollution but also will improve the ecological conditions and prevent soil erosion to a greater extent. Further, selection of tree species for green belt should constitute dust removal/dust capturing plants since plants can act as efficient biological filters removing significant amounts of particulate pollution. Thus, the identified native trees in the mine area may be encouraged for plantation. Tree species having small leaf area, dense hair on leaf surface (rough surface), deep channels on leaves should be included for plantation, (vii) Vetiver plantation on inactive dumps may be encouraged as the grass species has high strength of anchoring besides medicinal value, (viii) Details of compensatory afforestation done should be recorded and documented by respective forest divisions, and State Forest Department should present mine-wise annual status, along with expenditure details, (ix) Similarly, Wildlife Department is also required to record and document annual status of wildlife in the region and should identify the need for wildlife management on regional level, (x) Maintenance of the ecology of the region is prime responsibility of the State Forest and Wildlife Department. They need to periodically review the status and identify the need for further improvement in the region. The required expenditure may be met from the funds already collected in the form of compensatory afforestation and wildlife management. Further, additional fund, if required can be sought from DMF. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and State Forest & Wildlife Department.

- 27. Socio-Economic Related: (i) Public interaction should be done on regular basis and social welfare activities should be done to meet the requirements of the local communities. Further, basic amenities and infrastructure facilities like education, medical, roads, safe drinking water, sanitation, employment, skill development, training institute etc. should be developed to alleviate the quality of life of the people of the region, (ii) Land outees and land losers/affected people, if any, should be compensated and rehabilitated as per the national/state policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation, (iii) The socioeconomic development in the region should be focused and aligned with the guidelines/initiatives of Govt, of India/ NITI Aayog / Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision centring around prosperity, equality, justice, cleanliness, transparency, employment, respect to women, hope etc. This can be achieved by providing adequate and quality facilities for education, medical and developing skills in the people of the region. District administration in association with mine lease holders should plan for "Samagra Vikas" of these blocks well as other blocks of the district. While planning for different schemes in the region, the activities should be prioritized as per Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY), notified by Ministry of Mines, Govt, of India, vide letter no. 16/7/2017-M.VI (Part), dated September 16, 2015. Responsibility: District Administration and Individual Mine Lease Holders.
- 28. **Road Transport Related:** (i) All the mine lease holders should follow thesuggested ore transport mode (SOTM\ based on its EC capacity within next 5 years, (ii) The

mine lease holders should ensure construction of cement road of appropriate width from and to the entry and exit gate of the miner as suggested in Chapter 10. Further, maintenance of all the roads should be carried out as per the requirement to ensure dust free road transport, (iii) Transportation of ore should be done by covering the trucks with tarpaulin or other suitable mechanism so that no spillage of ore/dust takes place. Further, air quality in terms of dust, PMin should be monitored near the roads towards entry & exit gate on regular basis, and be maintained within the acceptable limits. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Flolders and Dept, of Steel & Mines.

- 29. Occupational Health Related: (i) Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects periodically, (ii) Occupational health surveillance program for all the employees/workers (including casual workers) should be undertaken periodically (on annual basis) to observe any changes due to exposure to dust, and corrective measures should be taken immediately, if needed, (iii) Occupational health and safety measures related awareness programs including identification of work related health hazard, training on malaria eradication, HIV and health effects on exposure to mineral dust etc., should be carried out for all the workers on regular basis. A full time qualified doctor should be engaged for the purpose. Periodic monitoring (on 6 monthly basis) for exposure to respirable minerals dust on the workers should be conducted, and record should be maintained including health record of all the workers. Review of impact of various health measures undertaken (at an interval of 3 years or less) should be conducted followed by follow-up of actions, wherever required. Occupational health centre should be established near mine site itself. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and District Administration (District Medical Officer),
- 30. **Reporting of Environmental Sustainability Achievement:** All the mines should prepare annual environmental sustainability report (ESR), highlighting the efforts made towards environmental protection with respect to different environmental components vis-a-vis production performance of the mine on monthly basis. The data collected as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions should be utilized to prepare the annual sustainability report. The mines performing high with effective environmental safeguards may be suitably recognized/rewarded. "Star Rating Format" formulated by the Ministry of Mines along with environmental sustainability report may be used,
- 31. Environmental Monitoring Requirements at Regional Level: Apart from strict compliance and monitoring by individual mine lease holder, there is a need for simultaneous monitoring in each of the regions by competent expert agencies under the guidance/ supervision of concerned regulatory agency. Details of the studies required to be done on regular basis (continuously for 5 years) through responsible agency (organization of national/state repute) and time frame are suggested in Table.

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
1.	Environmental Quality Monitoring with	SPCB	Continuous
	respect to Air, Water, Noise and Soil		Annually

## Table: Suggested Environmental Monitoring Requirements and Action Plans at

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
	Quality in each region (Joda, Koira and Baripada/Rairangpur) as per specified frequency shall be done by a third party (preferably Govt.) and/or laboratory approved/ recognized by NABET/ CPCB/ SPCB/ MoEF&CC. All the water bodies (rivers, nalias, ponds etc.) shall be monitored. National/State level research/ academic institutes may be involved initially for couple of years to streamline the activity. The report shall be brought out annually by June each year. The study shall be conducted in consultation with		
	MoEF&CC-RO. Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM1 0. PMP.S, SOx and NOx within the mine havina more than 3 MTPA EC Caoacitv Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SOx	Respective Mine Lease Holders SPCB	Continuous Annually Continuous Annually
2.	and NOx in the Joda and Koira Region (total 11 locations. Status of flora and fauna in each of	State Forest &	Annually in mining
	the regions shall be assessed on annual basis. Changes, if any, taking place in the region shall be brought out clearly. The study shall be conducted in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department.	Wildlife Dept.	zone and once in 3 years in the region
3.	Socio-economic study incorporating developments taking place in each of the region, CSR initiatives made by the mining companies shall be conducted on annual basis. Further, micro level developmental needs shall be clearly brought out in the report for each region. The study shall be conducted in consultation with district administration.	Respective District Administration	Annually
4.	A detailed hydro-geological study in each of the regions shall be	SPCB	Once in 2 years

SI. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
	conducted in an integrated manner in consultation with Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board. Accordingly, all project proponents shall implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area.		
5.	The State Govt. shall ensure construction and maintenance of dust free common roads/ appropriate rail network for transport of ore from mines to the consumer end.	Dept. of Steel & Mines	12 months for road network and 5-7 years for rail network
6.	Construction and maintenance of dust free roads from respective mine to the main road	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous 6 months
7.	Traffic/road inspection study addressing the condition of traffic/roads leading to different mines and connecting to different railway sidings shall be undertaken on annual basis. Further, detailed traffic study shall be undertaken on every 5 yearly basis to ensure adequacy of road/rail infrastructure in each of the regions. The study can be undertaken through national/ state level research/ academic institute (such as CSIR-CRRI, New Delhi).	Dept. of Steel & Mines	Continuous 6 months
8.	Assessment of land use/ land cover changes in each of the regions, with particular focus on mining areas, afforestation activities, variation in flow path of various water bodies etc. using remote sensing data	ORSAC	Annually
9.	R&.D Studies for utilization of low- grade iron ore	Dept. of Steel & Mines through R&D / Academic Institutes	Upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025

The data so generated for the region should be made available on the website of Department of Steel & Mines and also at MoEF&CC website, so that it can be effectively utilized by Individual Mine Lease Holders for preparing EIA/ EMP reports. This will meet the requirement for separate one season baseline environmental quality data collection by the individual proponents, if the mine proposed is in the same study region. <u>Further. MoEF&CC</u> <u>fthrouah EAC1 can also utilize the data base available in evaluating the proposals for</u>

expansion of existing mines or new mines while granting ToR or EC to the mine, taking an holistic view of the region. State Govt, of Odisha should bring out an integrated environmental sustainability report for each of the regions (mainly for Joda and Koia region) incorporating ESR of individual mines and data collected in the region through various agencies, once in 5 years, to plan level of scientific and sustainable mining for the next 5 years.

32. Institutional Mechanism for Implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Mining: The present study is not a one-time study, but a process to ensure environmentally sustainable mining activities in the region on long term basis. Looking into the large-scale mining activities and long term perspective for mining vis-a-vis environmentally sustainable mining and upiiftment of people of the region, there is a need to create an agency, who will integrate all the aspects relating to sustainable mining in the region on long term basis. It could be a SPV of Govt, of Odisha or a cell within the overall control and supervision of Dept, of Steel & Mines, with members from

IBM, GSI, OSPCB, MoEF&CC-RO and other concerned Departments and Mine Owners (EZMA), District Administration. It is found that the strong database available for the region needs to be taken into account to map and establish environmental quality of the region on daily, monthly, seasonal and annual basis. Further, the efforts and initiatives of the mines towards environmental protection as well as upliftment of the people of the region are required to be integrated, and a systematic plan at the block/regional level needs to be framed for the overall benefit of the local society, region, district, state and the country as a whole. It will be desirable to have proper environmental quality data management and analysis by NEERI or any other agency for next 5 years (six monthly compliance reports followed by field verification) ensuring sustainable mining practices in the region leading to an overall development of the region. District Mineral Funds should be utilized appropriately for various developmental activities/needs of the region. Further, an environmental sustainability report incorporating environmental status of region coupled with social upliftment may be brought out by SPCB or any other authorized agency on annual basis. This report can be used for supporting the regional EIA study, and also need for environmental quality monitoring by individual mine seeking environmental clearance for new mine/ expansion of mine, including public hearing. Since, outcome of the above study reports shall be in the overall interest of all the stakeholders (including local population) of the region, further planning for the region shall warrant cooperation and assistance of all the stakeholders (mine operators, industries, transporters, State & Centra! Government Offices, MoEF&CC, CPCB, SPCB, Dept, of Steel & Mines, IBM, IMD, NGOs and local people) in sharing the relevant data/information/ reports/documents etc. to continuously improve upon the environmentally sustainable development plan for economic growth in mining sector as well as for improvement in guality of life of the people of the region.

- C. Besides the above, the below mentioned genera! points are also to be followed:
  - a) All documents to be properly referenced with index and continuous page numbering.
  - b) Where data are presented in the Report especially in Tables, the period in which the data were collected and the sources should be indicated.
  - c) Project Proponent shall enclose all the analysis/testing reports of water, air, soil, noise etc. using the MoEF&CC/NABL accredited laboratories. All the original

analysis/testing reports should be available during appraisal of the Project.

- d) Where the documents provided are in a language other than English, an English translation should be provided.
- e) The Questionnaire for environmental appraisal of mining projects as devised earlier by the Ministry shall also be filled and submitted.
- f) While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the Proponents and instructions for the Consultants issued by MoEF vide O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006- IA.II (I) dated 4th August, 2009, which are available on the website of this Ministry, should be followed.
- g) Changes, if any made in the basic scope and project parameters (as submitted in Form-I and the PFR for securing the TOR) should be brought to the attention of MoEF&CC with reasons for such changes and permission should be sought, as the TOR may also have to be altered. Post Public Hearing changes in structure and content of the draft EIA/EMP (other than modifications arising out of the P.H. process) will entail conducting the PH again with the revised documentation.
- h) As per the circular no. J-11011/618/2010-IA.II (I) dated 30.5.2012, certified report of the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the environment clearance for the existing operations of the project, should be obtained from the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as may be applicable.
- i) The EIA report should also include (i) surface plan of the area indicating contours of main topographic features, drainage and mining area, (ii) geological maps and sections and (iii) Sections of the mine pit and external dumps, if any, clearly showing the land features of the adjoining area.
- **D.** The prescribed TOR would be valid for a period of four years for submission of the EIA/EMP report.