

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL
COMMITTEE, ODISHA HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER, 2018**

The SEAC met on 25th October, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Hall of Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.K. Patnaik. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. B. K. Patnaik	-	Chairman
2. Dr. D. K. Rout	-	Member
3. Sri B.C. Prusty	-	Member
4. Dr. S. C. Nayak	-	Member
5. Dr. R.C Mohanty	-	Member
6. Sri A. C. Mohanty	-	Member
7. Dr. S.K. Biswal	-	Member
8. Sri S. Behera	-	Member
9. Dr. D. Swain	-	Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Mohanty	-	Member

The agenda-wise proceedings and recommendations of the committee are detailed below:

ITEM NO. 01

PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE GRANTED EARLIER FOR PROPOSED (B+G+4) STORIED RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING, "DHPL AFFORDABLE" AT GOHAL, TEHSIL-BALIANATA, DIST-KHURDA, ODISHA OF M/S DEVBRAT HOMES PVT. LTD WITH REVISED BUILT UP AREA OF 27,944.29 M² (EC).

1. The proposed construction project of M/s Devavrat Homes Pvt. Ltd, located at Gohal village, P.S. - Phula Nakhara in Khurda District, Odisha. Project site is located at 20° 20' 0.67" N Latitude and 85° 54' 25.31" E Longitude. The site is accessible by Gohal Village road, which is connected to SH-60 passing at a distance of 1.5 Km. NH-5 is at a distance of 5.5 km from the SH-60.
2. The project obtained Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Odisha vide letter no. SEIAA/4019, dated 17.08.2015 for total built-up area of 39,494.54 m² and land area of 15,216.18 m².
3. The proponent has proposed for the revision in building plan approved earlier as follows due to (i) change in plan, (ii) part addition as well as part deletion in land area.

Item	Approved Plan	Revised Plan
Land area	15,216.18 m ²	17,563.37 m ²
Built up area	39,494.54 m ²	27,944.29 m ²

4. The proponent has applied for modification of Environmental Clearance granted earlier for revised proposal.
5. The building details of the revised project are as follows:

Total Plot Area	17,563.37 m ²
Total Built up Area	27,944.29 m ²
Ground Coverage	7,909.00 m ²
Total Greenbelt Area	3,430.00 m ² (20.1 %)
Total Road Area	4,914.00 m ²
Total Parking	6,977.94 m ²

6. Requirement for the revised project are as follows:

Power requirement:

The daily power requirement for the proposed Housing Project is preliminarily assessed as 1685 KW and source is from CESU. In order to meet emergency power requirements during the grid failure, there is provision of 2 nos. of DG sets having 500 KVA capacities for power back up in the proposed project.

For energy conservation, there will be 60 nos. of Solar Lighting poles (@72 Watt) has been proposed for Street & common area solar lighting, so, energy conservation by using Solar Street Lighting = $60 \times 72 = 4320$ watt = 4.3 KW

Energy conservation by using Solar lighting for common area = 30 KW

Total Energy Conservation = $(30 + 4.3)$ KW = 34.3 KW

Total Energy saving = $34.3/1685 = 0.0203 \times 100 = 2.03 \%$

Water requirement:

Fresh make up of 144 m³/day will be required for the project which will be sourced from Ground Water Supply. Waste water of 177.9 KLD will be treated in a STP of 200 KLD capacity, which includes primary, secondary and tertiary treatment. After treatment the treated water will be discharge to the Drain. Rain Water will be harvested through 8 nos. of recharging pits.

Fire fighting Installations:

Fire fighting system will be installed as per recommendation of the Firefighting Officer, Odisha and as per the guideline of NBC (part-4).

Green Belt Development:

Green belt will be developed over an area of 3,430.0 m² which is 20.1 % of the plot area; by using the local species like Radhachuda, Nageswar, AkashNeem, Ashok, Polanga, Karang, Bela, Pijilu, Kaniara, Tagar, Hena, etc.

Solid Waste Management:

From the residential complex solid waste in form of food waste from kitchen and miscellaneous waste will be generated @ 0.45 kg/capita/day, which will be about $1427 \times 0.45 = 642.2$ kg/day. The generated solid waste from the residential complex will be segregated as biodegradable and non-biodegradable. This will be collected in separate coloured beans. Proper waste management practices will be adopted during the collection, storing and disposal of the generated solid waste.

Waste generated from Floating people will be @ 0.15 kg/capita/day, which will be about $299 \times 0.15 = 44.8$ kg/day. Solid waste from sweeping and Dry Garbage containing non-biodegradable wastes like polythene bags, metal, ceramic Waste, glass etc. shall be stored in separate garbage bin and send to approved agency for final disposal. The biodegradable waste will be converted to manure by an organic waste convertor, which will be used for landscaping.

Sl. No.	Category	Counts (heads)	Waste generated
1.	Residents	1427 @ 0.45 kg/day	642.2 kg/day
2.	Floating Population	299 @ 0.15 kg/day	44.8 kg/day
3.	STP sludge		18.0 kg/day
Total Solid Waste Generated			705.0 kg/day

7. Estimated Project cost:

Total Capital Cost = ₹ 60.0 Crores

Environment Management Cost = ₹ 11.2 Lakhs

8. The consultant **M/s Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., N5/305, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar** made a detailed presentation on the revised project before the SEAC.

Considering the information / documents furnished and presentation made by the **Consultant M/s Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., N5/305, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar** on behalf of the proponent, the SEAC recommended for grant of modified Environmental Clearance for revised project with stipulated conditions as per **Annexure-I**. The SEIAA, Odisha may consider to issue modified Environmental Clearance for revised project in supersession of Environmental Clearance granted earlier. The SEIAA, Odisha may also consider to request the project proponent to return the original Environmental Clearance granted earlier for issue of modified Environmental Clearance.

ITEM NO. 02

PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR SARUMUHAN & CHUNAGHUTI LIMESTONE AND DOLOMITE MINES FOR PRODUCTIN OF 0.25 MTPA LIMESTONE OVER AN AREA OF 44.742 HA AT VILLAGE – SARUMUHAN AND CHUNAGHUTI, TAHASIL-RAJANGPUR, DIST-SUNDARGARH OF M/S B. D. PATNAIK MINERALS PVT. LTD. (TOR- VIOLATION CASE)

1. Sarumuhan-Chunaghuti Limestone & Dolomite Mines of M/s B.D. Pattnaik Minerals (P) LTD. has proposed for production of 0.25 MTPA of limestone over an area of 44.742 ha. at Villages: - Sarumuhan and Chunaghuti , P.S- Rajgangpur, Dist: Sundergarh, Odisha.
2. The mine is situated at Sarumuhan and Chunaghuti Villages, P.S. Rajgangpur in Sundergarh District of Odisha. The latitude is 22° 17' 25" to 22° 18' 10" N and longitude is 84° 36' 01" to 84° 36' 13" E. Mandira reservoir is situated at a distance of 0.3 km north side of the ML area.
3. The Mining Lease of 173.087 ha was first granted in favour of M/s B. D. Patnaik on 02.09.2075 for a period of 20 years, which had expired on 01.09.1995. The Lessee submitted his application for 1st renewal of Mining Lease over a reduced area of 44.742 hectares which was granted by the collector, Sundargarh of Odisha vide letter no.7974/M dated on 16.8.1996 for a period of another 20 years i.e 02.09.1995 to 01.09.2015. In the meantime, the said mining lease over an area of 44.742 hectares in village Sarumuhan and Chunaghuti was transferred from M/s B. D. Patnaik to M/s B. D. Patnaik Minerals (P) Ltd on 25.07.2000. The Mining Lease area involves Non Forest Govt. waste land.
4. As per amendment of MMDR Act 2015, the mining lease is now deemed to have been extended for a period of fifty years i.e. up to 01.09.2025. The total surface right granted to the lessee is to the tune of 27.22 acres and was available to the lessee in two phases.

5. The mine is closed by Deputy Director of Mines, Rourkela since November'2009 vide letter no - 14247 (25) on dated 07.11.2009 due to want of Environmental Clearance (EC) and noticed as violation.
6. The Application for Environmental Clearance was submitted by the proponent to SELAA, Odisha on 24.01.2013 and accordingly, the ToR was issued on 27.11.2013. Base line data were generated from Dec' 2013 to Feb' 2014. Accordingly, draft EIA/EMP report has been prepared. The Public Hearing for the proposal has already been conducted on 24.06.2015.
7. Accordingly, the final EIA report submitted to SEIAA, Odisha for Environmental Clearance on 24.11.2016. But, in the meantime, a Notification was issued by the MoEF&CC on 14.03.2017 to apply the violation case at Central level and accordingly they had applied to the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi within the stipulated time.
8. Again on 16.03.2018, an OM was issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India mentioning "All the proposals of category 'B' projects/activities pertaining to different sectors, received within six months only i.e. up to 13th September, 2017 on the Ministry's portal, but yet not considered by the EAC in the Ministry, shall be transferred online to the SEAC/SEIAAs in the respective States/UTs' and accordingly, the proposal was transferred to SELAA, Odisha for consideration.
9. This is a case of violation due to production of 637 MT of limestone during 2008-09 and 2009-10 without Environmental Clearance.
10. Deputy Director of Mines, Rourkela vide letter no-2992 on dated 15.11.2017, noticed to show cause for payment of ₹ 1,78,020/- towards compensation under section 21 (5) for production in violation of Act.
11. The project falls under Category " B" as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Notification as the Mining Lease Area is less than 100 ha (as per S.O. 3977, dt.14.08.2018).
12. The consultant **M/s Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar** made a detailed presentation on the revised project before the SEAC on behalf of the project proponent.

The SEAC after detailed presentation by the project proponent along with consultant noted that the proponent has gone for production of 637 MT of limestone during 2008-09 and 2009-10 without prior Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006. 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-II along with the following specific Term of Reference and additional specific conditions as recommended by CSIR-NEERI on carrying capacity study as per Annexure III** 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. 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 already been conducted for the proposal earlier on 24.06.2015, a copy of which is also furnished with EIA/EMP. For this reason, conducting a fresh Public Hearing has been exempted.
- (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 1st 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) Recent compliance report from the regional office of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar for the existing Environmental Clearance, if any.

ITEM NO. 03

PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSE WELFARE HOUSING PROJECT OF AIR FORCE NAVAL HOUSING BOARD BHUBANESWAR PROJECT AT CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA (CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF THE PROPONENT).

The Committee observed the following:

1. Air Force Naval Housing Board had obtained Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Odisha vide letter no. SEIAA-190/10, dated 07.02.2011 for construction of 256 residential units housing.
2. BDA had approved the building plan on 12.10.2010.




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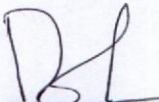
3. Air Force Naval Housing Board had constructed 256 nos. of flats over plot no. 321(p) Niladri Vihar, under Defense Welfare Housing Scheme, intended for war widows, retired Air Force, Naval officer and as well as serving defense persons after obtaining Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Odisha and completed all civil work on 30.12.2017.
4. They had applied to BDA for occupancy certificate on 31.05.2017.
5. BDA in-return issued a letter for obtaining all final clearances on 15.01.2018.
6. They had applied to SEIAA, Odisha for issue of Environmental Clearance conditions compliance certificate on 06.03.2018.
7. As validity of Environmental Clearance expired, the SEIAA, Odisha requested the proponent to apply for revalidation of Environmental Clearance.
8. They had applied for revalidation of Environmental Clearance to SEIAA, Odisha on 13.04.2018.
9. Environmental Clearance was revalidated up to 7 years from original date issued on 09.05.2017.
10. The SEIAA, Odisha vide letter no. 5085/SEIAA, date 07.06.2018 requested to the Chief Conservator of Forests, MoEF, Bhubaneswar to visit the site and submit the inspection report within a month.
11. Site inspection was done by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar on 14th June 2018.
12. The MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar instructed them to obtain amended NOC incorporating the modification as per Revised Bhubaneswar Development Authority approval drawing.
13. They had applied for Environmental Clearance as per revised approved drawing on 16. 07.2018.
14. The MoEF&CC, Govt. of India submitted the inspection report to SEIAA, Odisha on 03.08.2018.
15. They had made a detailed presentation on 24th August 2018 on their project incorporating compliances for initial Environmental Clearance and deficiencies raised by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar.
16. The SEIAA, Odisha vide letter no. 5905/SEIAA on 03.09.2018 requested them to submit a report on the status of compliance of the original Environmental Clearance conditions.
17. They had submitted status of compliance of the original Environmental Clearance conditions and compliance on MoEF&CC inspection report and final completion status on 11.09.2018.
18. The SEIAA, Odisha forwarded the file to SEAC stating ground water rain harvesting pit sizes to be decided by SEAC for the ground water used during construction phase.
19. They have already constructed recharging pits of 3 nos of sizes 40mx2mx2m (1no.) and 19mx2mx2m (2nos) for roof run off calculated as per norms (6 m³ of recharging pit for every 100 m² roof area).

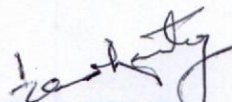
20. As ground water source has collapsed and not working due to rock strata, PHD water supply has been obtained on 08.12.2017. Since then only PHD water is being used for all purposes. Presently, ground water supply has been abandoned.
21. They have submitted undertaking for ground water source abundance.

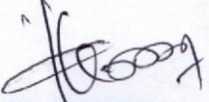
Considering the information / undertaking furnished by the proponent, the SEAC opined that the nos. of recharge pits provided by the proponent is adequate as they will not use ground water at any time. The SEAC also recommended to consider the appeal of the proponent.

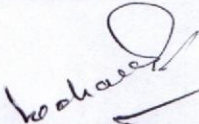

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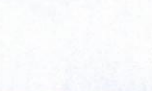

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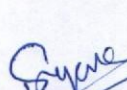

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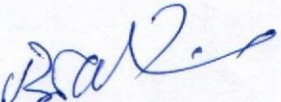

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CONDITIONS TO BE STIPULATED IN MODIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF M/S DEVABRAT HOMES PVT. LTD FOR PROPOSED (B+G+4) STORIED RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING, "DHPL AFFORDABLE" AT GOHAL, TEHSIL-BALIANATA, DIST-KHURDA, ODISHA OF M/S DEVABRAT HOMES PVT. LTD WITH REVISED BUILT UP AREA OF 27,944.29 M².

PART A - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:


1. Consent to Establish / Operate for the project shall be obtained from the State Pollution Control Board as required under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
2. The approval of the Competent Authority shall be obtained for structural safety of buildings due to earthquakes, adequacy of fire fighting equipment etc. as per National Building Code including protection measures from lightening etc.
3. The project proponent shall obtain all necessary clearance/ permission from all relevant agencies including town planning authority before commencement of work. All the construction shall be done in accordance with the local building byelaws.

TOPOGRAPHY AND NATURAL DRAINAGE

4. The natural drain system should be maintained for ensuring unrestricted flow of water. No construction shall be allowed to obstruct the natural drainage through the site, on wetland and water bodies. Check dams, bio-swales, landscape and other Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) are allowed for maintaining the drainage pattern and to harvest rain water. Buildings shall be designed to follow the natural topography as much as possible. Minimum cutting and filling should be done.

WATER REQUIREMENT, CONSERVATION, RAIN WATER HARVESTING, AND GROUND WATER RECHARGE

5. As proposed, fresh water requirement from ground water source shall not exceed 144 KLD.
6. A certificate shall be obtained from the local body supplying water, specifying the total annual water availability with the local authority, the quantity of water already committed, the quantity of water allotted to the project under consideration and the balance water available. This should be specified separately for ground water and surface water sources, ensuring that there is no impact on other users.
7. The quantity of fresh water usage, water recycling and rainwater harvesting shall be measured and recorded to monitor the water balance as projected by the project proponent. The record shall be submitted to the Regional Office, MoEF&CC and SEIAA, Odisha along with six monthly Monitoring reports.
8. Installation of dual pipe plumbing for supplying fresh water for drinking, cooking and bathing etc. and other for supply of recycled water for flushing, landscape irrigation, car washing, thermal cooling, conditioning etc. shall be done.


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9. Use of water saving devices/ fixtures (viz. low flow flushing systems; use of low flow faucets tap aerators etc.) for water conservation shall be incorporated in the building plan.
10. Separation of grey and black water should be done by the use of dual plumbing system. In case of single stack system separate recirculation lines for flushing by giving dual plumbing system be done.
11. Water demand during construction should be reduced by use of pre-mixed concrete, curing agents and other best practices referred.
12. The local bye-law provisions on rain water harvesting should be followed. If local bye-law provision is not available, adequate provision for storage and recharge should be followed as per the Ministry of Urban Development Model Building Byelaws, 2016. As proposed 08 (eight) nos. of rain water harvesting recharge pits shall be provided.
13. Any ground water dewatering should be properly managed and shall conform to the approvals and the guidelines of the CGWA in the matter. Formal approval shall be taken from the CGWA for any ground water abstraction or dewatering. The proponent shall also obtain permission from Water Resources Department, Govt. of Odisha for drawal of water.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

14. The provisions of the Solid Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, and the Plastics Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 shall be followed.
15. Disposal of muck during construction phase shall not create any adverse effect on the neighbouring communities and be disposed taking the necessary precautions for general safety and health aspects of people, only in approved sites with the approval of competent authority.
16. Separate wet and dry bins must be provided in each unit and at the ground level for facilitating segregation of waste. Solid waste shall be segregated into wet garbage and inert materials. Wet garbage shall be composted in Organic Waste Converter. Adequate area shall be provided for solid waste management within the premises which will include area for segregation, composting. The inert waste from group housing project will be sent to dumping site.
17. Any hazardous waste generated during construction phase, shall be disposed off as per applicable rules and norms with necessary approvals of the State Pollution Control Board.
18. A certificate from the competent authority handling municipal solid wastes, indicating the existing civic capacities of handling and their adequacy to cater to the Municipal Solid Waste generated from project shall be obtained.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

19. Sewage shall be treated in the STP of capacity 200 KLD with tertiary treatment. The treated effluent from STP shall be recycled/re-used for flushing, gardening and DG Cooling. As proposed, excess treated water shall be used for nearby construction site or will discharge to municipal sewer with prior permission of competent authority.
20. A certificate from the competent authority shall be obtained for discharging treated




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effluent/ untreated effluents into the Public sewer/ disposal/drainage systems along with the final disposal point.

21. No sewage or untreated effluent water would be discharged through storm water drains.
22. The installation of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) shall be certified by an independent expert and a report in this regard shall be submitted to the SEIAA, Odisha before the project is commissioned for operation. Periodical monitoring of water quality of treated sewage shall be conducted. Necessary measures should be made to mitigate the odour problem from STP.
23. Sludge from the onsite sewage treatment, including septic tanks, shall be collected, conveyed and disposed as per the Ministry of Urban Development, Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems, 2013.

ENERGY

24. Compliance with the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency shall be ensured. Buildings in the States which have notified their own ECBC, shall comply with the State ECBC. Outdoor and common area lighting shall be LED. Concept of passive solar design that minimize energy consumption in buildings by using design elements, such as building orientation, landscaping, efficient building envelope, appropriate fenestration, increased day lighting design and thermal mass etc. shall be incorporated in the building design. Wall, window, and roof u-values shall be as per ECBC specifications.
25. Energy conservation measures like installation of CFLs / LED for the lighting the area outside the building should be integral part of the project design and should be in place before project commissioning. Used CFLs, TFL and LED shall be properly collected and disposed off/sent for recycling as per the prevailing guidelines/rules of the regulatory authority to avoid mercury contamination.
26. Solar, wind or other Renewable Energy shall be installed to meet electricity generation equivalent to 2.03 % of the demand load or as per the state level/ local building bye-laws requirement, whichever is higher. Follow super ECBC requirement of ECBC 2017 and provide compliance report.
27. Solar power shall be used for lighting in the apartment to reduce the power load on grid. Separate electric meter shall be installed for solar power. Solar water heating shall be provided to meet 20% of the hot water demand of the commercial and institutional building or as per the requirement of the local building bye-laws, whichever is higher. Residential buildings are also recommended to meet its hot water demand from solar water heaters, as far as possible.
28. Use of environment friendly materials in bricks, blocks and other construction materials, shall be required for at least 20% of the construction material quantity. These include Fly Ash bricks, hollow bricks, AACs, Fly Ash Lime Gypsum blocks, Compressed earth blocks, and other environment friendly materials. Fly ash should be used as building material in the construction as per the provision of Fly Ash Notification of September, 1999 and amended as on 27th August, 2003 and 25th January, 2016. Ready mixed concrete must be used in building construction.


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29. A certificate of adequacy of available power from the agency supplying power to the project along with the load allowed for the project shall be submitted.

AIR QUALITY AND NOISE

30. Construction site shall be adequately barricaded before the construction begins. Dust, smoke & other air pollution prevention measures shall be provided for the building as well as the site. These measures shall include screens for the building under construction, continuous dust/ wind breaking walls all around the site (at least 3 meter height). Plastic/tarpaulin sheet covers shall be provided for vehicles bringing in sand, cement, murrum and other construction materials prone to causing dust pollution at the site as well as taking out debris from the site. Sand, murrum, loose soil, cement, stored on site shall be covered adequately so as to prevent dust pollution. Wet jet shall be provided for grinding and stone cutting. Unpaved surfaces and loose soil shall be adequately sprinkled with water to suppress dust.
31. All construction and demolition debris shall be stored at the site (and not dumped on the roads or open spaces outside) before they are properly disposed. All demolition and construction waste shall be managed as per the provisions of the Construction and Demolition Waste Rules, 2016. All workers working at the construction site and involved in loading, unloading, carriage of construction material and construction debris or working in any area with dust pollution shall be provided with dust mask.
32. **Notification GSR 94(E) dated 25.01.2018 of MoEF&CC regarding Mandatory Implementation of Dust Mitigation Measures for Construction and Demolition Activities for projects requiring Environmental Clearance shall be complied with.**
33. The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB standards. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to the DG sets to mitigate the noise pollution. Low sulphur diesel shall be used. The location of the DG set and exhaust pipe height shall be as per the provisions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) norms.
34. For indoor air quality the ventilation provisions as per National Building Code of India shall be provided.
35. Ambient noise levels shall conform to residential standard both during day and night as per Noise Pollution (Control and Regulation) Rules, 2000. Incremental pollution loads on the ambient air and noise quality shall be closely monitored during construction phase. Adequate measures shall be made to reduce ambient air and noise level during construction phase, so as to conform to the stipulated standards by CPCB / SPCB.

GREEN COVER

36. No tree cutting/transplantation of existing trees has been proposed in the instant project. A minimum of 1 tree for every 80 m² of land should be planted and maintained. The existing trees will be counted for this purpose. The landscape planning should include plantation of native species. The species with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy cover are desirable. Water intensive and/or invasive species should not be used for landscaping. As proposed 3,430.0 m² area (20.1% of plot area) shall be provided for green area development.

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TOP SOIL PRESERVATION AND REUSE

37. Topsoil should be stripped to a depth of 20 cm from the areas proposed for buildings, roads, paved areas, and external services. It should be stockpiled appropriately in designated areas and reapplied during plantation of the proposed vegetation on site.

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
38. A comprehensive mobility plan, as per Ministry of Urban Development best practices guidelines (URDPFI), shall be prepared to include motorized, non-motorized, public, and private networks. Road should be designed with due consideration for environment, and safety of users. The road system can be designed with these basic criteria.
- Hierarchy of roads with proper segregation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
 - Traffic calming measures
 - Proper design of entry and exit points.
 - Parking norms as per local regulation
39. A detailed traffic management and traffic decongestion plan shall be drawn up to ensure that the current level of service of the roads within a 05 kms radius of the project is maintained and improved upon after the implementation of the project.
40. This plan should be based on cumulative impact of all development and increased habitation being carried out or proposed to be carried out by the project or other agencies in this 05 Kms radius of the site in different scenarios of space and time and the traffic management plan shall be duly validated and certified by the State Urban Development department and the P.W.D./ competent authority for road augmentation and shall also have their consent to the implementation of components of the plan which involve the participation of these departments.
41. Vehicles hired for bringing construction material to the site should be in good condition and should have a pollution check certificate and should conform to applicable air and noise emission standards be operated only during non-peak hours.

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

42. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) shall be prepared and implemented to ensure compliance with the environmental conditions specified above. A dedicated Environment Monitoring Cell with defined functions and responsibility shall be put in place to implement the EMP. The environmental cell shall ensure that the environment infrastructure like Sewage Treatment Plant, Landscaping, Rain Water Harvesting, Energy efficiency and conservation, water efficiency and conservation, solid waste management, renewable energy etc. are kept operational and meet the required standards. The environmental cell shall also keep the record of environment monitoring and those related to the environment infrastructure.

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43. Provisions shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, creche etc. The housing may be in the



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form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.

44. A First Aid Room shall be provided in the project both during construction and operations of the project.
45. The company shall draw up and implement corporate social Responsibility plan as per the Company's Act of 2013.
46. As per the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India Office Memorandum F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 1st May 2018, the project proponent is required to prepare and implement Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Plan. As per para 6(II) of the said O.M. appropriate funds shall be earmarked for the activities such as infrastructure creation for drinking water supply, sanitation, health, education, skill development, roads, cross drains, electrification including solar power, solid waste management facilities, scientific support and awareness to local farmers to increase yield of crop and fodder, rain water harvesting, soil moisture conservation works, avenue plantation, plantation in community areas etc. The activities proposed under CER shall be restricted to the affected area around the project. The entire activities proposed under the CER shall be treated as project and shall be monitored. The monitoring report shall be submitted to the regional office as a part of half yearly compliance report, and to the District Collector. It should be posted on the website of the project proponent.

PART B – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. A copy of the Environmental Clearance letter shall also be displayed on the website of the concerned State Pollution Control Board. The EC letter shall also be displayed at the Regional Office, District Industries centre and Collector's Office/ Tehsildar's office for 30 days.
2. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and shall not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure shall be reported to the SEIAA, Odisha and MoEF&CC, Govt. of India and its concerned Regional Office.
3. Officials from the Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar who would be monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards should be given full cooperation, facilities and documents/data by the project proponents during their inspection.
4. In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, the project would require a fresh appraisal by the SEIAA, Odisha.
5. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary, and to take action including revoking of the environment clearance under the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time bound and satisfactory manner.
6. All other statutory clearances such as the approvals for storage of diesel from Chief Controller of Explosives, Fire Department, Civil Aviation Department, the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 etc. shall be obtained, as applicable by project proponents from the respective competent authorities.
7. These stipulations would be enforced among others under the provisions of the


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Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and the EIA Notification, 2006.

8. The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local Newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded Environmental Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the SEIAA, Odisha. The advertisement shall be made within Seven days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar.
9. Any appeal against this 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.
10. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parisad / Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.
11. The proponent shall submit/upload six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of MoEF&CC, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; SPM, RSPM, SO₂, NO_x (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) or critical sectoral parameters, indicated for the project shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.
12. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF&CC by E-mail.

STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY AND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT FOR SARUMUHAN & CHUNAGHUTI LIMESTONE AND DOLOMITE MINES FOR PRODUCTIN OF 0.25 MTPA LIMESTONE OVER AN AREA OF 44.742 HA AT VILLAGE – SARUMUHAN AND CHUNAGHUTI, TAHASIL-RAJANGPUR, DIST-SUNDARGARH OF M/S B. D. PATNAIK MINERALS PVT. LTD. (TOR-VIOLATION CASE)


1. The TOR 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 1993-94 should be given, clearly stating the highest production achieved in any one year prior to 1993-94. 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. The production details need to submit since inception of mine duly authenticated by Department of Mines & Geology, State Government.
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. Certificate from Mining Officer that mining pits which are existing within lease area have been done illegally prior to sanction of lease in favour of lessee.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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


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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.

11. Issues relating to Mine Safety, including subsidence study in case of underground mining and slope study in case of open cast mining, blasting study etc. should be detailed. The proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The vegetation in the RF / PF areas in the study area, with necessary details, should be given.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 falling under CRZ would also need to obtain approval of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority).
24. 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 lease 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.
25. 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 date-wise 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 PM10, particularly for free silica, should be given.
26. 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.
27. 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.



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28. Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the lease area and modification/ diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.
37. 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.
38. 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.
39. 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.



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
40. 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.
41. 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.
42. 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.
43. Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.
44. The cost of the Project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should be clearly spelt out.
45. A Disaster Management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
46. 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.
47. The activities and budget earmarked for Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) shall be as per Ministry's 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.
48. The Action Plan on the compliance of the recommendations of the CAG as per Ministry's 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.
49. Compliance of the Ministry's Office Memorandum No. F: 3-50/2017-IA.III (Pt.), dated 30.05.2018 on the 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 needs to be submitted and included in the EIA/EMP Report.
50. Mitigation measures as per the Ministry's OM no Z-11013/57/2014-IA.II(M) dated 29.10.2014-Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area.
51. Besides the above, the below mentioned general 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.


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- f) While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the Proponents and instructions for the Consultants issued by MoEF&CC 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) The consultants involved in the preparation of EIA/EMP report should be an accredited with Quality Council of India (QCI) / National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET) and a certificate in this regard should be annexed in the EIA/EMP reports. Data provided by other organization/Laboratories including their status of approvals etc. should be specified. The consultant, while presenting the project should be equipped with relevant data and information relating to the project and make a qualitative presentation.
 - h) 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.
 - i) 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.
 - j) 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
52. **The prescribed TOR would be valid for a period of three years for submission of the EIA/EMP report, as per the O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II (I) (Part) dated 29.08.2017.**

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"

1. Department of Steel & Mines, Govt, of Odisha should prepare 5 years regional plan for annual iron ore requirement from the state, which in turn shall be met from different mines/zones (e.g. Joda, Koira.) in the state. 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.


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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.

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

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 < 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 SOTM 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.

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

Mine Lease	EC Capacity (MTPA)	Suggested Annual Production (MT)				
		2016-17 Yr 1	2017- 18 Yr 2	2018-19 Yr 3	2019-20 Yr 4	2020-21 Yr 5
Mine 1	X1					
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						

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


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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.

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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,

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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, SO₂, NO_x 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, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x 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 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 geo-textile 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



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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



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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 outtees 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 mine 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, PM₁₀ should be monitored near the roads towards entry & exit gate on regular basis, and be maintained within the acceptable limits. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders 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 mineral 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.

Table: Suggested Environmental Monitoring Requirements and Action Plans at



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Sl. No.	Study component / Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
1.	<p>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 laboratory approved/ recognized by NABET/ CPCB/ SPCB/ MoEF&CC.</p> <p>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.</p>	SPCB	Continuous Annually
	Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM10, PMP.S, SOx and NOx within the mine having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous Annually
	Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , 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	SPCB	Once in 2 years


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Sl. 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. 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



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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 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 & Central 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.