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(OPPOSITE TO S.B.I., JHANJIRIMANGALA)  
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To  
Dr.S.Kerketta,  
Joint Director (S),  
Govt.of india,  
Ministry of Environment & Forest,  
Eastern Regional Office,  
A/3,Chandrasekharpur,  
Bhubaneswar- 751023

Ref : File No. J-1105/418/2006-IA.II(M) and Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

Sub :- Submission of six monthly progress report (April to November) on the Status of compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India to the project "Expansion of Kamarda opencast mine"

Sir,

We furnish herewith the six monthly report (April to November) on the status of the implementation of the environmental safeguards stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi in their approval letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 :-

A. Specific Conditions :-

- i. We have implemented effectively all the conditions stipulated by the State Pollution Control Board in their consent to establish.
- ii. The necessary Forest clearance under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 has already been obtained vide Letter dated 28.03.2008 of M.O.E.F, New Delhi. The said copy was transmitted to you on dated.10.01.2009 during submission of six monthly progress report.
- iii. We store the top soil at earmarked sites only and it is not keeping un-utilized for a period more than 3 years. The topsoil being used for land reclamation and plantation.
- iv. We hereby ensure that no natural watercourse/water bodies are obstructed due to any our mining operations.

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v. We stack the overburden generated at earmarked dump site only and it will not be kept active for a longer period of time. The total height of the dump is not more than 30m, in three terraces making the overall slope of dump below  $28^{\circ}$ . The slope stability measures are being taken as suggested by expert personnel deployed in the mines for this purposes. The O.B. dumps are being vegetated with suitable native species as per the State Forest Department officials. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas is being continued by us till the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. We are submitting the compliance status report to the Ministry of Environment & Forest on every six monthly basis.

vi. We have constructed catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size for working pit, soil, OB and mineral dumps to arrest flow of silt and sediment going directly into Damshal Nallah. The drains would be desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly. So that, Water does not go to directly to other areas.

Garland drains and check dams have been constructed, settling dams in appropriate sizes, gradient and lengths will be constructed soon to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the Damasal nallah and other water bodies. Sump capacity is designed keeping more than 50% safety margin over and above peak sudden rainfall.

Storm water return system has been taken,. So that Storm water will not allowed to E.T.P during high rainfall/super cyclone period. Meanwhile a storm water sump has also been constructed for this purposes. And also rain-harvesting report has been prepared and measures has been implemented accordingly. (Copy is enclosed)

vii. Dimension of retaining wall at the toe of over burden dump and OB benches within the mine to check run off and siltation has been completed based on the rainfall data.

viii. Treatment is given to effluents containing Cr+6 to meet the prescribed standards before reuse/discharge. One E.T.P has been functioning in our mines for treatment of mine discharge water.

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Run off from OB and other surface run off is analyzed regularly to see whether its concentration is within permissible limit or not. In our mines the same is under permissible standard.

- ix. Separate impervious concrete pits fed to COBP for disposal of sludge have been made for the safe disposal from our mining operation.
- x. We hereby ensure that the quality of decanted effluents are within prescribed standard.
- xi. Concentration of Cr+6 in the tailing is under control and remains below the standards as prescribed.
- xii. Plantation is carried out in consultation with local DFO in course of time.
- xiii. We are Regularly using water sprinkler of twelve thousand litres (12000 litres), capacity in our mines for effective dust suppression & ensure that the A-A-Q parameters remains within the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
- xiv. We are trying to implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in our mines area at best with due consultation with the concerned department.
- xv. The monitoring reports of ground water level and quality data are being sent regularly to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, its regional office at Bhubaneswar, Central Ground Water Authority and Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.
- xvi. The same will be obtained as and when required.
- xvii. Requisite Initiation measures has been taken for rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis on consultation with Regional Director, Central Ground Board and will be implemented effectively in our mines field very soon.
- xviii. Vehicle emissions are under control and is being monitored regularly. Vehicles are covered with tarpaulin and overloading is being totally prohibited.

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- xix. Blasting operation is done only during the day time. Since minimum blasting is required at our mines area, so we conducting controlled blasting practiced for controlling of ground vibrations as well as fly rocks.
- xx. Drills are being operated with dust extractors.
- xxi. We have been granted Consent to operate from SPCB in enhance quantity.
- xxii. Sewage treatment plant for the colony is effectively undertaken and E.T.P has also been running successfully in our mines area.
- xxiii. Final Mine Closure plan along with details of corpus fund will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests (05) years in advance of final mine closure for approval.

### B. General Conditions:-

- i. No change has been made in mining technology & working plan.
- ii. There has been no change in calandar plan in excavation, quantum of Chromite ore and waste.
- iii. Conservation measures for protection of flora and fauna in the core & buffer zone are being undertaken by consulting with the concerned local Forest and wildlife department.
- iv. Periodic monitoring of ambient Air quality is being carried out for RPM, SPM, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. The stations are located basing on meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and all these being undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. The data so collected is being submitted to the Ministry's Regional office, Bhubaneswar as well as State Pollution Control Board once in every six months.
- v. We are taking adequate measures for control of noise levels below 85 dB in the work environment. We provide Ear plugs/muffs to the Staff & the labourers.
- vi. There is no workshop inside the lease area which are taken to nearby garage in JK Road nearest town for repairing. An effluent treatment plant has been installed for Ferrous Sulphate treatment to mine discharge water for

