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No. J-11015/346/2007-IA.II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: 11th August, 2014

To,

M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd.
IMFA Building,
B-4/147, Safdarjung Enclave,
New Delhi-110029

Subject: **Sukinda Mines of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd located at village kaliapani, Tahasil - Sukinda, District - Jajpur, Odisha(116.76ha)(3.51 LTPA ROM Chromite) Extension of Environmental clearance regarding.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. IMFA/MPC/13/207 dated 17.10.2013 on the subject mentioned above. The proposal was considered by Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held during February 24-25, 2014. The Committee recommended the proposal for extension of environmental clearance.

2. The proposal of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd is for extension of environmental clearance from 01.04.2014 to 03.09.2029 for 3.51 LTPA Chrome Ore (116.76 Ha), keeping the same level of Production and Mine Lease area as there is no increase in area, production capacity & also no change in technology.

3. The Mine is located at village Kaliapani, Sukinda Taluk, Jajpur District, Odisha. The point-wise compliance of prior EC was submitted to MoEF, vide Letter. No: IMFA/SMC/13/2321, Dated 19.11.2013. The mining lease area is 116.76 ha which is Govt waste land. The lease has been granted up to 03.09.2029. The scheme of mining for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 has been approved by IBM vide letter no: 314(3)/2012-MCCM(CZ)/MS-56, dated: 31st July 2013. IBM has estimated life of opencast mine up to year 2025-26.

4. Environmental Clearance for production of 3.51 LTPA by opencast method was accorded vide letter of even no. dated 18th June 2008 for a period up to March 2012 with a special condition for submission of approved Mining Plan for working beyond March 2012. The Ministry of Environment & Forests had accorded extension of Environmental Clearance vide letter of even no. dated 22nd May 2012, for continuation of production of 3.51 Lakh Tonnes Per Annum (LTPA) of Chromite ore by opencast method for captive use up to 31st March 2014.

5. For considering grant of Environmental Clearance beyond March 2014, MoEF had sought firmed up proposals for management of overburden / waste and

which is to be reflected in the Mine Plan / Mine Scheme. Project Proponent has informed that common boundary dumping along with firmed up proposal of management of OB/waste for whole life of opencast mine has been incorporated in the 3rd Scheme of Mining (2014-15 to 2018-19) along with PMCP and has been approved by IBM on 31st July 2013. Permission for dumping of overburden within 7.5 meter of common boundary between Kaliapani Chromite Mine of M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. (BAL) and Sukinda Mines (Chromite) of M/s IMFA has been accorded by DGMS on 13.02.2013. This would facilitate increase of dump capacity by another 14.5 L CuM.

6. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006 and hereby accords extension of environmental clearance already granted vide letter no. J-11015/346/2007-IA.II(M) dated 18.06.2008 upto 31.03.2026 under the provisions thereof to the above mentioned proposal of M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. for production of 3.51 LTPA Chrome Ore over mining lease area of (116.76 Ha).

7. In addition, the following additional conditions are stipulated:
   (i) Monitoring of dump with reference to safety and stability shall be done on six monthly basis and report submitted to the Regional Office of MoEF.
   (ii) All precautions as recommended by DGMS should be implemented.
   (iii) Reclamation plan for dead dump areas should be periodically implemented and report submitted to the Regional Office.

8. All the other conditions contained in the EC letter of J-11015/346/2007-IA.II(M) dated 18.06.2008 shall remain same.

9. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

10. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Dr. V.P. Upadhyay)
Director

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(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
(ii) The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Odhisa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
(iii) The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
(iv) The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

(v) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.

(vi) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (EZ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, A-3 Chandrashekharpur, Bhubaneshwar-751023.

(vii) The Chairman, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneshwar-751012.

(viii) The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.

(ix) The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.

(x) The District Collector, Jaipur District, Government of Odhisa.

(xi) Record File.

(xii) MoEF Website

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M/s IMFA LTD
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