

**No. J-11015/273/2009-IA.II(M)**

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi - 110 003

Dated the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011

To

M/s Indrani Patnaik  
A/6 Commercial Estate,  
Civil Township,  
Rourkela-769 004

**Subject: Unchabali Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of Smt. Indrani Patnaik, located in Village Unchabali, Tehsil Barbil, District Keonjhar, Orissa -environmental clearance regarding.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. UIMM/BF/MOEF/EC/2010/10 dated 30.10.2010 and subsequent letters dated 31.12.2010 and 21.01.2011 on the subject mentioned above. The project was earlier prescribed Terms of Reference (TORs) by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on 16.11.2009 for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance. The proposal is for setting up of a iron ore beneficiation plant with a capacity of 2.0million tonnes per annum (million TPA) throughput within the existing mining lease area. The Unchaballi Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mining Project of M/s Indrani Patnaik located in Village(s) Unchaballi & Balda, Tehsil Champua, District Keonjhar, Orissa was accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry vide letter No. J-11015/214/2008-IA.II(M) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 for production capacity of 4million TPA of iron ore involving mining lease area 106.1127ha.

2. The proposed beneficiation plant will be located within the existing mine lease area for which environment clearance has already been obtained for a rated capacity of 4million TPA. Out of the total mine lease area of 106.1127ha (including 103.432ha of forestland); the land requirement for the beneficiation plant will be 2.35ha. Out of 2.35ha land requirement for beneficiation plant, an area of 1.05ha is kept for plant facilities, 1.1ha for water storage and 0.2ha for approach roads. The Baitarni River is flowing in the buffer zone of the project at a distance of 2.5km from the mine lease boundary. In addition, eight water bodies namely the Jalpa Nadi(1.5km), the Kasi Nallah(3.5km), the Dolko Nallah(7km), the Dalki Nallah(7.5km), the Ghagra Nallah and the Jagdhara Nadi(8km), the Gahirajala Nallah(8.5km) and the Mithida Spring(9km) are located in the buffer zone of the project.

  
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3. No national park/wildlife sanctuary/biosphere reserve/tiger reserve/elephant reserve etc. are reported to be located in the core and buffer zone of the project. The Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) approved site specific wildlife conservation plan for the mine on 15.02.2010.

4. The beneficiation plant will adopt wet process with the latest State of Art Technology comprising of drum scrubbers, double deck wet screens, jigs, dewatering and rinsing screens, thickening cyclones, high frequency screens, filter press etc. The throughput capacity of the beneficiation plant will be two million TPA. The life of the beneficiation plant is reported to be 10years only based on the mineral available from this mine and accordingly proponent have sought for clearance only for 10years. Selection of filter press eliminates the necessity of tailing pond and the final sludge comes in the form of cake. The project is based on zero discharge. The effluent generated will be recycled and reused and there will be no effluent discharge outside the plant area. The cake generated from the filter press will be dumped initially for two years along with the overburden as inter mixed layers and thereafter it will be filled back into the mined out area. The peak water requirement of the project is estimated as 1025m<sup>3</sup> per day, which will be obtained from the groundwater.

5. The public hearing of the project was held on 05.10.2010 for establishment of 2million TPA iron ore beneficiation plant within the mining lease hold area of Unchaballi Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mining Project of M/s Indrani Patnaik located in Village(s) Unchaballi & Balda, Tehsil Champua, District Keonjhar, Orissa. The Ministry of Environment and Forests conveyed its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 35.275 ha forestland (34.675ha for mining and 0.6ha for road) on 03.05.2007. The capital cost of the project is Rs.3000Lakhs and the capital cost for the environmental protection measures is proposed as Rs.320Lakhs. The annual recurring cost towards the environmental protection measures is proposed as Rs.25Lakhs. It has been stated that there is no court case to the project or related activity.

6. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006 and hereby accords environmental clearance under the provisions thereof to the above mentioned Unchabali Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of Smt. Indrani Patnaik for an annual production capacity of Two(2)million tonnes throughput involving project area of 2.35ha, within the existing mining lease area of 106.1127ha of the applicant for a period of ten years only, subject to implementation of the following conditions and environmental safeguards.

**A. Specific Conditions**

- (i) No activity relating to the project shall be undertaken in the forestland for which forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not been obtained. The environmental clearance is subject to grant of forestry clearance.

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- (ii) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board, Orissa and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
- (iii) The water recovery and spill way system shall be so designed that the natural water resources are not affected and that no spill water goes into the nearby rivers.
- (iv) The project proponent shall carry out conditioning of the ore with water to mitigate fugitive dust emission.
- (v) The cake generated from the filter press shall be dumped initially for two years along with the overburden as inter mixed layers and thereafter it shall be filled back into the mined out area. Compliance status shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and its Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar on six monthly basis.
- (vi) Necessary safeguard measures shall be taken for effective control of particulate levels ( $PM_{10}$ ) in the area. The safeguard measures shall be implemented within first three months and their effectiveness shown with supporting data of actual air quality monitoring.
- (vii) A green belt of adequate width shall be developed all around the plant by planting the native species in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department within first five years.
- (viii) Effective safeguard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as around crushing and screening plant, loading and unloading point and transfer points. Extensive water sprinkling shall be carried out on haul roads. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
- (ix) The project authority should implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.
- (x) Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out in and around the project area by establishing a network of existing wells and installing new piezometers during the operation. The periodic monitoring [(at least four times in a year- pre-monsoon (April-May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January); once in each season)] shall be carried out in consultation with the State

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Ground Water Board/Central Ground Water Authority and the data thus collected may be sent regularly to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its Regional Office Bhubneswar, the Central Ground Water Authority and the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board. If at any stage, it is observed that the groundwater table is getting depleted due to the mining activity, necessary corrective measures shall be carried out.

- (xi) The project proponent shall obtain necessary prior permission of the competent authorities for drawl of requisite quantity of water (surface water and groundwater) required for the project.
- (xii) Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis shall be planned and implemented in consultation with the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.
- (xiii) Appropriate mitigative measures shall be taken to prevent pollution of the Baitarni River in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xiv) Pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project shall be carried out and records maintained. For the purpose, schedule of health examination of the workers should be drawn and followed accordingly.
- (xv) Occupational health surveillance program of the workers shall be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed. Health records of the workers shall be maintained.
- (xvi) Provision 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, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- (xvii) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, sloth bear etc. spotted in the study area. All the safeguard measures brought out in the approved site specific wildlife conservation plan shall be effectively implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. Necessary allocation of funds for implementation of the conservation plan shall be made and the funds so allocated shall be included in the project cost. A copy of approved conservation plan shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

**B. General conditions**

- (i) No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (ii) Atleast four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for RSPM (Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM<sub>10</sub>) and NO<sub>x</sub> monitoring. Location of the 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.
- (iii) Data on ambient air quality [(RSPM(Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM<sub>10</sub>) and NO<sub>x</sub>] should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional office located at Bhubaneswar and the State Pollution Control Board / Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.
- (iv) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at transfer points should be provided and properly maintained.
- (v) Measures 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.
- (vi) Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1993 and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.
- (vii) 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.

Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.

- (viii) A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.

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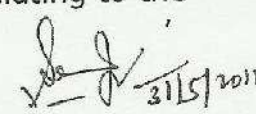
- (ix) The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry and its Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar.
- (x) The project authorities should inform to the Regional Office located at Bhubaneswar regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (xi) The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneswar shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- (xii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office Bhubneswar, the respective Zonal Office of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance 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 the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubneswar, the respective Zonal Officer of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xiii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila 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.
- (xiv) The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and the Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- (xv) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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 environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubneswar by e-mail.

(xvi) The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers of the District or State in which the project is located and widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at web site of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in> and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneswar.

7. The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.

8. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

9. The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made thereunder and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Court of Orissa and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.

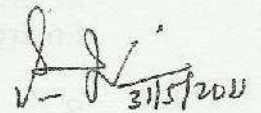
  
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**Copy to:**

- (i) The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (ii) The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (iii) The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (iv) The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- (v) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.

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- (vi) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (EZ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, A-3 Chandrashekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
- (vii) The Chairman, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012.
- (viii) The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
- (ix) The District Collector, District Keonjhar, Government of Orissa.
- (x) EI Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, EI Division, New Delhi.
- (xi) Monitoring File.
- (xii) Guard File.
- (xiii) Record File.

  
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