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[DEPARTMENT OF FOREST & ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA]

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Bhubaneswar – 751 012, INDIA

No. 9456 / IND-II-CTE-Misc. - Date 13.07.2021 /

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DECISION TO ALLOW OPERATION OF MINERAL HANDLING PLANT SUCH AS CRUSHER /SCREENS WITHIN MINING LEASE AREA ROUND THE CLOCK.

The Board has stipulated specific condition in Consent to Establish for mining projects not to operate mineral handling plants (i.e. crusher / screens etc.) within the mining lease area during night hours i.e. 6.00 PM to 6.00 AM. This decision might be taken in past due to non-availability of surveillance by Board for monitoring of Air Pollution during night hours and impact on wildlife.

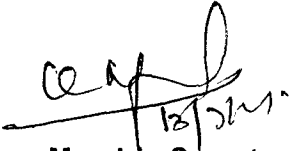
Some of the user agencies having high production capacity have approached to the Board at the time of Consent to operate that the mining operation except certain activities like blasting, transportation is allowed beyond day time by some Regulatory Agencies like DGMS and IBM subject to certain conditions. Further, these user agencies have submitted that the high or the approved production as per the mining plan / Environmental Clearance /Consent to Establish cannot be achieved in the reduced working hour as the mining operation is planned for 24 hours in approved mining plan or scheme. The mining operation or ore production is mainly governed by the mining plan / scheme.

The request of the user agencies were discussed in the Consent Committee meeting and it was decided to take decision for exemption of such condition after an Inter Departmental meeting consisting of officers of concerned Departments. An Inter Departmental meeting was held on 10.3.2021 at 3.30 PM under the Chairmanship of the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha with the Senior Officers from State Pollution Control Board, Forest & Env. Department, Govt. of Odisha, Office of IBM, Office of PCCF (Wildlife) and Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha. It was decided in the Inter Departmental meeting that the operation of mineral handling plant (crushing and screening) can be allowed with adequate pollution control measures such as providing noise barrier around crushing and screening plant, protective barrier for the lights to prevent illumination towards the forest area and installation online noise monitoring system to monitor noise level during night hours (06:00 PM to 06:00 AM) as the mining operation is allowed beyond day time by some regulatory agencies like DGMS and IBM.

Considering the request of the user agencies and decision taken in the Inter Departmental meeting, the Board is pleased to lift the restriction imposed for operation of mineral handling plants (i.e., crusher / screens etc.) within the mining lease area during night hours i.e., 6.00 PM to 6.00 AM and allow them to run for 24 hours to achieve the Consented capacity subject to following conditions:

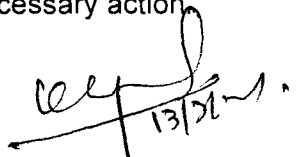
- i) Adequate noise barriers shall be provided surrounding the crushing and screening plants to control noise pollution and avoid impact on wildlife due to operation of crushing and screening plants during night hours.
- ii) Online noise monitoring system shall be installed to monitor noise level during night hours.
- iii) Protective barriers shall be provided for the lights to prevent illumination towards the forest area during night hours.
- iv) The proponent shall abide by the Wildlife Management Plan wherever applicable.

By Order of the Chairman


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Member Secretary

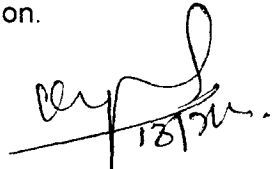
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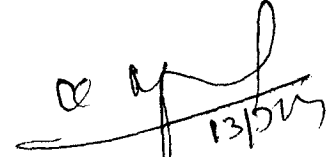
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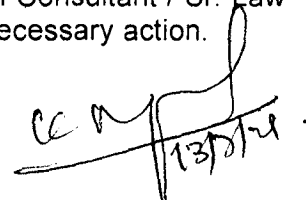
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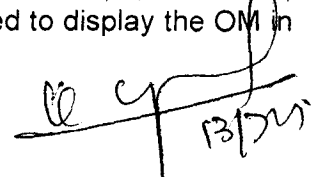
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