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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests

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To

M/s TATA Steel Limited  
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**Subject: Expansion of Katamati Iron Ore Mining Project of M/s Tata Steel Limited located in Village Katamati, Tehsil Barbil, District Keonjhar, Orissa-environmental clearance regarding.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. TSLDEL/128/2010 dated 14.06.2010 and subsequent letters dated 09.08.2010 and 16.08.2010 on the subject mentioned above. The project was earlier prescribed Terms of Reference (TORs) by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on 23.09.2008 for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance. The proposal is for enhancement of production of iron ore from 2.0 million tonnes per annum (million TPA) to 8.0 million TPA. The project was earlier accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry on 06.05.2005 for production of 2.0million TPA of iron ore. No beneficiation plant is proposed as part of this project; however, tailings from the beneficiation plant located in Noamundi Mine will be disposed in the worked out pit of this mine.

2. The total mine lease area of the project is 403.3238ha, out of which 199.172ha is forestland and 204.1518ha is others (non forestland). Area proposed for mining is 297.8835ha, an area of 31.7ha is kept for over burden dumps, 2ha for mineral storage, 19.1546ha for infrastructure 10.1534ha for roads and pipeline, 6.48ha for railways, 26.9575ha for tailing pond, 3.6599ha for mineral separation plant and 5.3349ha is unutilized area. The Baitarani river is flowing in the buffer zone of the mine at a distance of 9km (SSE) from the mine lease boundary. In addition, the Mahadev Nallah and the Betlata Nallah are flowing in the buffer zone of the mine at a distance of 0.4km (NW) and 7km (S) respectively from the mine lease boundary. Modification/diversion in the existing natural drainage pattern at any stage has not been envisaged.

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 mine and that the area does not report to form corridor for

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