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**Ministry of Environment and Forests**  
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To

**M/s Serajuddin & Co.**  
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**Subject: Balda Block Iron Mines of M/s Serajuddin & Co. Village Balda, Bada Kalimati & Nayagarh, Tehsil Barbil, Distt. Keonjhar, Orissa - Environmental Clearance regarding.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. BBIM-SC/MoEF/EC/2011/133 dated 13.12.2011 on the subject mentioned above and subsequent letter dated 13.06.2013. The terms of reference to the proposal for undertaking detailed EIA study were prescribed on 06.07.2012. The proponent submitted the EIA/EMP and public hearing documents which was considered by Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held during August 21-23, 2013 wherein Committee recommended the proposal for grant of environmental clearance.

2. The proposal is for expansion of iron ore production from 4.50 MTPA to 15.15 MTPA (ROM) along with crusher & screen plant. The project is located between Latitudes 21°51'49.6" to 21°53'28.8" N - 85°23'40.8" to 85°25'04.8" E. The earlier EC was granted to the project vide no. J-11015/193/2008-IA.II(M) dated 27.04.2012 for enhancement of production from 1.4823 MTPA of iron ore 4.5 MTPA. Betjhari Nalla is passing through the eastern boundary of the lease area. Jalpa River is adjacent to South West of the lease area. Baitarani river is 4.00 km SE from mining lease boundary. Other water bodies viz. Kashi Nalla is 3.70 km NE, Dalaki nala is 6.00 km S, Suna nadi is 7.8 km NW and Teherei nala is 8.90 km NW of the mine lease boundary. The Baitarani Reserve Forest is 4.5 Km NW from the mine lease boundary.

3. The mine lease area is 335.594 Ha out of which 258.133 ha is forest land (Village forest: 38.182 Ha + DLC forest: 219.951 ha) and 77.461 ha is non-forest land. Forest clearance obtained for 24.446 Ha of village forest on dated 11.12.1998. Working permission for broken-up DLC forest area has been obtained from MoEF on dated 12.03.2012. The existing 2<sup>nd</sup> RML is valid up to 02.12.2017.