

**Government of Odisha  
Steel & Mines Department**

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No. **III(A)SM-04/2010** 1072 /SM, Bhubaneswar, the 3.2.2020

**Sub: Extension of validity period of Mining Lease for Iron and Manganese ore over an area of 1276.79 hecets in village Nalda, Karakolha, Belkundi etc. under Champua sub-division of Keonjhar District of M/s Orissa Minerals Development Co. Ltd.**

**ORDER**

Whereas, the above area was held under mining lease by M/s OMDC Ltd. for iron ore w.e.f. 01.01.1941 to 15.08.1956. The 1<sup>st</sup> RML for iron ore over an area of 1276.79 hecets expired on 16.08.1986. During the renewal period, supplementary lease deed was executed for inclusion of manganese ore with original lease deed for iron ore. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RML was executed on 12.11.2002 for a period of 20 years w.e.f. 16.08.1986 to 15.08.2006.

Whereas, the 3<sup>rd</sup> RML application was filed by OMDC on 12.08.2005 for iron and manganese ore within the prescribed period u/r 24A(1) of MC Rules, 1960.

Whereas, the said lease has been allowed revival vide proceeding No-10235 SM dated 20.12.2019.

Whereas, the Mineral (Mining by Government Company) Rules, 2015 have been notified by Ministry of Mines, Government of India on 03.12.2015 and further amended on 27.09.2019.

Whereas, the rule 3(1) of the said Rules, 2015 provides that all mining leases for minerals granted to a Government Company or Corporation before the date of commencement of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 viz 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 shall be deemed to have been granted for a period of fifty Years and rule 3(2) of the said Rules, 2015 provides that the State Government upon an application made by the Government company or corporation at least twelve months prior to the expiry of the mining lease, shall, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period of the mining lease for further periods up to twenty years at a time.

Whereas, rule 3(3) of the said Rules, 2015 provides that subject to rule 3(1), all applications made by a Government company or corporation for renewal of mining leases and which were pending as on the date of

commencement of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 shall be deemed to be applications for extension of the period of the mining lease and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of rule 3(2).

Whereas, the 3<sup>rd</sup> RML application filed by M/s OMDC Ltd. on 12.08.2005 was pending as on 12.01.2015 and thus, as provided u/r 3(3) of the said Rules 2015, this application is deemed to be an application for extension of the period of mining lease.

Whereas, the lessee has held the mining lease under M.L and R.M.L from 01.01.1941 to 15.08.2006 which is more than 50 years being completed prior to the date of commencement of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 viz 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

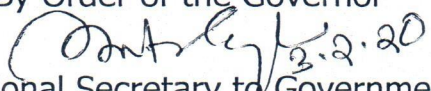
Now, therefore, in view of the above, the State Government have been pleased to order in terms of rule 3(2) read with rule 3(3) of said Rules, extension of the validity period of the lease for a further period of 20 years from 16.08.2006 to 15.08.2026 and that the lessee shall execute the supplementary lease deed for such lease extension period within a period of three months from the date of issue of this order subject to availability of the requisite forest clearance.

The above extension of lease period is also subject to following further conditions.

- 1.** The lessee will furnish an undertaking that he will make the payment for the demand raised or to be raised under section 21(5) of the MMDR Act in accordance with the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in W.P.(C) No.114/2014. This undertaking will also form part of the supplementary mining lease deed as a Special condition.
- 2.** The extension of validity is without prejudice to ongoing proceedings, if any, for lapsing or determination of lease which have been initiated or may be initiated in accordance to the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 or Rules framed there under.
- 3.** The extension of validity is without prejudice to any action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, Odisha Forest Act or any other law for the time being in force in respect of any violations committed by the lessee during the original period of lease or the period of deemed extension till the date of extension of validity period of lease.

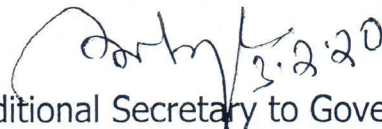
4. The extension of validity period of lease is subject to the final result/ outcome of Writ Petition (Civil) No.114/2014 (Common Cause -vrs- Union of India and others) pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
5. The extension is subject to condition that any terms and conditions of the original lease, if not complied so far, shall be complied by the lessee within such period as may be specified by a competent authority and the lessee shall furnish an undertaking to such effect.
6. The lease is subject to condition that the lessee shall not enter upon any forest of any category to which the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable without previous sanction of the competent authority, not fell, cut and use any timber or trees without obtaining the sanction of that authority nor otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as the State Government may prescribe.
7. The lessee/lessees shall not undertake mining operations except under and in accordance to the approvals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules framed there under.
8. The lessee shall complete the prospecting operations in accordance with the provisions contained in letter dated 23.12.2010 of Ministry of Mines, Government of India within the time period specified therein and subsequent instructions, rules and regulations if any issued or that may be issued prescribing the timeline.
9. The OMDC will sell at least 50% of the production to the end users in the State.
10. The lessee shall carryout "*regressing in mining area after closure of mines*", pursuant to the order dt. 14.01.2020 passed by the MoM, GoI, consequent up on the order dt. 08.01.2020 of the Hon'ble Apex Court passed in W.P.(C) No. 114/2014.
11. The lessee shall execute the supplementary lease deed(s) for the extended period within three months from date of issue of this order subject to availability of the requisite forest clearance and the above conditions and undertakings shall form part of such deed.

By Order of the Governor

  
Additional Secretary to Government

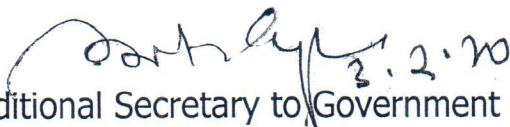
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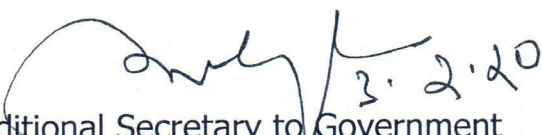
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