By-Email

Ref.No.: MGM/P&E/215

Date:29/05/2025

To,
Dy. Director General,
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Region Office,
A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023

Subject: Submission of half-yearly compliance report on the stipulated environmental clearance terms and conditions in respect of Tiringpahar Iron and Manganese Mine of M/s TATA Steel Ltd., for the period from October'2024 to March'2025.

Reference:

1) MoEFCC's Letter Ref No: J-11015/87/2004-IA. II(M) dated 17th November 2005.
2) MoEFCC's notification vide S.O-5845 (E), dated 28th November 2018.

Respected Sir,

We are herewith submitting the six-monthly compliance report on the status of the implementation of the conditions stipulated in environmental clearance awarded to us vide MoEFCC's Letter Ref No: J-11015/85/2003-IA. II(M) dated 17th November 2005 in respect of Tiringpahar Iron and Manganese Mine of M/s TATA Steel Ltd. for the period from October'2024 to March'2025 for your kind perusal.

This is in reference to the above referred MoEFCC's notification, the six-monthly compliance report is being submitted only in soft copy mode, shared with your good office at e-mail @ roez.bsr-mef@nic.in.

We believe the above submission is in order.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,

F: TATA STEEL LTD.

Head (Mine Planning),
Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines,
Ferro Alloys Mineral Division

Encl: As above.

Copy To:

1) Zonal Office Kolkata, Central Pollution Control Board, South end Conclave, Block 502, 5th and 6th Floors, 1582 Rajdanga Main Road, Kolkata, West Bengal 700107.
2) The Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751012.
3) The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Baniapat, DD College Road, Keonjhar, Odisha-758001.

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Your (Half Yearly Compliance Report) has been Submitted with following details	
Proposal No	IA/OR/MIN/11666/2005
Compliance ID	128532059
Compliance Number(For Tracking)	EC/M/COMPLIANCE/128532059/2025
Reporting Year	2025
Reporting Period	01 Jun(01 Oct - 31 Mar)
Submission Date	30-05-2025
RO/SRO Name	Shri Senthil Kumar Sampath
RO/SRO Email	agmu156@ifs.nic.in
State	ODISHA
RO/SRO Office Address	Integrated Regional Offices, Bhubaneswar
Note:- SMS and E-Mail has been sent to Shri Senthil Kumar Sampath, ODISHA with Notification to Project Proponent.	

Half Yearly Compliance Report
2025
01 Jun(01 Oct - 31 Mar)

Acknowledgement

Proposal Name	Tiringpahar Manganese Ore Mine of M/s Tata Steel, Dist. Keonjhar, State Odisha (Expansion in the Production of Manganese Ore from 0.43 LTPA to 0.85 LTPA)
Name of Entity / Corporate Office	Tata Steel
Village(s)	N/A
District	KENDUJHAR

Proposal No.	IA/OR/MIN/11666/2005
Plot / Survey / Khasra No.	N/A
State	ODISHA
MoEF File No.	J-11015/87/2004-IA.II(M)

Category	Non-Coal Mining
Sub-District	N/A
Entity's PAN	*****2803M
Entity name as per PAN	UTSAV KASHYAP

Compliance Reporting Details

Reporting Year	2025
Remarks (if any)	Six Monthly EC Compliance in respect of Tiringpahar iron and Mn Mine Project: Metal Mining (Open Cast) Project Proponent: Tata Steel Limited.
Reporting Period	01 Jun(01 Oct - 31 Mar)

Details of Production and Project Area

Name of Entity / Corporate Office Tata Steel

	Project Area as per EC Granted	Actual Project Area in Possession
Private	0	1.311
Revenue Land	98.486	34.515
Forest	70.514	133.17
Others	0	0
Total	169	168.99599999999998

Production Capacity

Sr. no	Product Name	units	Valid Upto	Capacity	Production last year	Capacity as per CTO
1	Manganese Ore	Tons per Annum (TPA)	31/03/2030	85000	57997	85000

Conditions

Specific Conditions

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1	Statutory compliance	Mining shall not be undertaken in areas of forestland within the lease for which forestry clearance has not been obtained.

PPs Submission: Complied The present leasehold area of Tiringpahar Iron and Manganese Mine is 169.0 ha. Out of which, forest land and non-forest land prevails over 133.174 ha and 35.826 ha respectively. Stage-II Forest clearance has been accorded vide letter no F. No. 8-80/2004-FC dated 28.03.2007 for 52.348 ha of forest land. FC for balance forest area of 80.826 ha has been applied. Presently mining is restricted to only 52.348 ha diverted forest land, non-forestland of 15.605 ha and some portions of the broken-up SABIK forestland.	Date: 29/05/2025

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PPs Submission: Complied Mining and all its associated operational activities are ensured in line with the provisions of approved mining plan. Dedicated sites have been earmarked for storing overburden (OB) and other waste and/or minerals/ mineral rejects. The status thereof is updated in the surface plan on quarterly basis. All matured dumps are stabilized by bio-reclamation with the plantation of Vetiver grass on the slopes and native varieties of forestry saplings. The dump is terraced at every 5-6 mtrs and overall slope is maintained well within 28 degree. Environmental Protection Measures ensured at site especially for the dump management aspects are as follows: 1. Network of Garland Drains and/or Toe Walls 2. Intermittent Sedimentation tanks/settling pits 3. Slope stabilization by means of coir matting and/or vetiver grass plantation 4. Final rehabilitation measures by means of native varieties of forestry saplings both on the slope and benches of the dump.	Date: 29/05/2025

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		Storm water return system should be provided. Storm water should not be allowed to go to the effluent treatment plant during high rainfall/super cyclone period. A separate storm water sump for this purpose should be created.
PPs Submission: Complied Existing catch drains and garland drains have been constructed all along the periphery of dump at the toe, so that silt/sediments in the surface runoff can be arrested. Size, gradient and length of the drains and the ponds are adequately made with respect to the size of the same to take care of the peak flow during the rainy season. The garland drain, catch drains and sedimentation pits are periodically de-silted and maintained properly every year before the onset of monsoon. The storm water which gets collected in the lower most areas of the leasehold, during rains, is connected to a series of drains which lead to mine pit to store the water and also recharge the ground water table.		Date: 29/05/2025
5	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Dimension of retaining wall at the toe of OB dumps and benches within the mine to check run-off and siltation should be based on the rainfall data.
PPs Submission: Complied While designing network of garland drains, check dams, retention walls and rain passes for slope protection as well as arresting silt and sediment during monsoon season, following factors are considered such as Rainfall (peak scenarios), catchment area, gradient slope and retention hours.		Date: 29/05/2025
6	AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Trace Metals such as Ni, Co, As and Hg should be analyzed in dust fall and soil samples for at least one year during summer, monsoon and winter seasons. If concentrations of these metals are found below the standards then with prior approval of MOEF this specific monitoring could be discontinued.
PPs Submission: Complied Yearly monitoring of trace metals both in dust fall and soil samples for parameters like Ni, Co, As and Hg is being carried out. So far, no such trace mineral has been detected in the collected samples.		Date: 29/05/2025
7	AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Mineral and OB transportation shall be in trucks/dumpers covered with tarpaulins. Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Suitable measures should be taken to check fugitive emissions from haulage roads & transfer points, etc.
PPs Submission: Complied Mineral Transportation is ensured by tippers and all the trucks are covered with tarpaulins before issuance of transit permits for their onward transportation. All the dispatch vehicles are mandatorily required to have Pollution under Check (PUC) certificate to enter the mine. To restrict the fugitive emissions form haul roads, the following measures have been taken up,1. Fixed Sprinkling System for the Haul Roads 2. Mist Canons at sorting yards 3. Automatic Wheel wash facility at the exit point of the mines 4. Dust suppression by means of mobile water tanker (capacity 12Kl) deployed for Haul Roads and other locations. 5. Fixed sprinkling arrangement at railway siding		Date: 29/05/2025
8	GREENBELT	A green belt of adequate width and area of 1.9 ha should be raised by planting the native species around ML area, and in addition plantation should also be carried out along roads, OB dump sites (21.996 ha) and in other areas within the lease (47.774 ha) covering a total area of 71.67 ha in consultation with the local DFO/ Agriculture Department. The density of the trees should be not less than 2500 plants per ha.
PPs Submission: Complied Plantation activities are ensured in accordance with the provisions of Progressive Mine Closure Plan (PMCP). Tata Steel Limited has developed a site-specific biodiversity management plan for implementation of measures for protection and conservation of biodiversity in and around the mine. Accordingly, emphasis on the principles of restoration is ensured by following scientific plantation		Date: 29/05/2025

strategies with the help of mixed varieties of native (non-exotic) forestry saplings in the scheme of plantation. So far, around 34.677 hectares of area (including waste dump, safety zone, back filled area and avenue plantation zones) have been covered under plantation with 1,86,756 nos of saplings (approx.). In the process of afforestation, the mine has ensured rehabilitation of around 17.36 hectares over OB dump, 14.77 ha of Avenue Planation and 2.547 ha of Safety zone plantation where the saplings have attained self-sustaining stage. Apart from above we have planted 2300 numbers of sapling in FY-2024-25 within area of 0.99 Ha.		
9	Statutory compliance	Groundwater shall not be used for mine operations. Prior approval of CGWA shall be obtained for using groundwater.
PPs Submission: Complied There is no ground water interaction for the mine. Neither any borewell water is being used; nor there is any mine associated ground water seepage. There is no interception of the ground water table. Water required for operations is sourced from the adjacent mine i.e. Bamebari Manganese Mine (another mine of the company).		Date: 29/05/2025
10	MINING PLAN	Mining will not intersect groundwater. Prior permission of the MOEF and CGWA shall be taken to mine below water table.
PPs Submission: Complied As per the approved mining plan and status thereof, it is conclusive that ultimate pit depth of the mine at the end of mine plan period will not intercept the regional ground water table.		Date: 29/05/2025
11	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers. The monitoring should be done for quantity four times a year in pre-monsoon (April / May), monsoon (August). Post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus collected should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the Central Ground Water Authority quarterly.
PPs Submission: Complied A network of open dug wells and bore wells have been identified for monitoring of GW levels and quality in and around the mine areas.		Date: 29/05/2025
12	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Trace metals such as Fe, Cr+6, Cu, Se, As, Cd, Hg, Pb, Zn and Mn at specific locations for both surface water downstream and in ground water at lower elevations from mine area, shall be periodically monitored in consultation with the OSPCB and State Ground Water Board. Suitable treatment measures shall be undertaken in case levels are found to be higher than permissible limits.
PPs Submission: Complied Water Quality parameters are regularly tested for both surface water and ground water. Monitoring reports are submitted to SPCB from time to time. So far from the water quality analysis result of both surface and ground water attributes, no such adverse impacts have been observed when compared with applicable permissible limits/standards prescribed		Date: 29/05/2025
13	Statutory compliance	"Consent to Operate" should be obtained from SPCB before expanding mining activities.
PPs Submission: Complied Consent to Operate for Production of Mn Ore for 85000 TPA and Operation of Mobile Screening Plant of 1X392 TPD and a mobile crushing plant of 1X50TPH has been accorded by SPCB, Odisha vide letter No. 6657/IND/I/CON/190 dated 29-03-2025 which is valid up to 31/03/2030.		Date: 29/05/2025
14	Statutory compliance	A Conservation Plan for conservation of endangered fauna including the Indian Elephant found in and around the mine area shall

		be prepared and implemented in consultation with identified agencies/institutions and with the State Forest Department. The Plan should be dovetailed with that prepared/under implementation/proposed for the endangered fauna found in the Reserve Forest in the buffer zone of the project site. The costs for the specific activities/tasks should be earmarked in the Conservation Plan and shall not be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise status of the implementation of the Plan and the expenditure thereon should be reported to the Ministry of Environment & forests, RO, Bhubaneshwar.

PPs Submission: Complied A site-specific wildlife conservation plan has been approved by PCCF, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Chief Wildlife Warden Odisha vide memo no. 7724/1WL-SSP-94/2015 dated 03.08.2015. Following funds have been deposited by PP to State Forest Dept till date for Rs. 240.47 lakhs for the implementation of various provisions of site-Specific wildlife conservation plan like avifauna monitoring, solar fencing and other Rs 35.7 Lakhs by user agency Rs 7267000/- for the implementation of regional wildlife conservation as per the demand notices.	Date: 29/05/2025

15	MINING PLAN	A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.

PPs Submission: Complied A Final Mine Closure Plan (FMCP) shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions laid down under the "GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLANS" as prescribed by Indian Bureau of Mines. As per the said guideline, FMCP is required to be prepared 2 years in advance from the date of closure/life of the mine. However presently during the approval of Mine Plan, a progressive mine closure plan (PMCP) is being submitted for approval. During the process of such approval, based on the area put to use for excavation and allied activities, we have deposited a sum of Rs. 5.6042 Cr to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in the form of Bank Guarantees towards financial assurance for the implementation of measures of PMCP provisions. This approval was communicated to the Regional office , MoEF and CC, Bhubaneswar	Date: 29/05/2025

General Conditions

Sr.No.	Condition Type	Condition Details
1	MINING PLAN	No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

PPs Submission: Complied There is no change in the mining technology and scope of working of the mines. Mining is carried out as proposed by using shovel-dumper combination. Dry mobile screening is carried out with the help of a 1X392 TPD screen plant.	Date: 29/05/2025

2	MINING PLAN	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of manganese ore and waste should be made.

PPs Submission: Complied Production and excavation quantum is regulated by the Mine Plan approved by Indian bureau of Mines (IBM). No change in the calendar plan has been made. Total annual production achieved from the mine is well within the EC limit of 0.85 Lakh tonnes per annum.	Date: 29/05/2025

3	AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for RPM. SPM, SO2, NOx. monitoring. Location of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features, and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State

		Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality (RPM, SPM, SO2 & NOx.) should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional office at Bhubaneshwar and the State Pollution Control Board I Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.

PPs Submission: Complied In consultation with Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board (Keonjhar Region), 04 numbers of dedicated Ambient Air Quality monitoring station have been established and regular monitoring is being carried out twice a week. Photographs of fixed type platforms properly geotagged with the spatial coordinates have been shared with State Pollution Control Board and the same was accepted to SPCB during renewal of CTO. In addition to this, 12 nos of locations have also been identified in the buffer zone for regular monitoring. Abstract of Ambient Air Quality monitoring result for the period during October 2024 to March 2025 is enclosed as Annexure-01.	Date: 30/05/2025

4	AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Drills should be wet operated or with dust extractors and controlled blasting should be practiced.

PPs Submission: Complied Wet drilling concept is already in place and practiced. Exploratory drills have been provided with inbuilt DE system. Controlled blasting technique with NONEL is in practice. Ground vibrations are being checked for every blasts done in the mine. Blasting parameters are assessed periodically by engaging agency like CIMFR, Dhanbad. Based on the recommendation of such assessments, the blasting rounds are designed and fired.	Date: 29/05/2025

5	AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly monitored and data recorded properly. Water spraying arrangements on haul roads, wagon loading, dumpers/ trucks, loading & unloading points should be provided and properly maintained.

PPs Submission: Complied Following measures are ensured for containment of fugitive dust emission: 1. Mobile water tanker for Haul Roads, Dump yards and other locations) 2. Mist Canons for sorting yards and screening plants 3. Fixed Sprinkling system for static haul roads 4. Automatic Wheel wash facility at Railway Siding and exit point of the mines.	Date: 29/05/2025

6	Noise Monitoring & Prevention	Adequate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/ muffs.

PPs Submission: Complied Ear plugs and Earmuffs are provided to the workers working in mining operation and DG operations and other high noise generating equipment's. Provision of acoustic enclosures are invariably ensured before the installation of such noise generating instruments. Following monitoring measures are ensured for the regulation of noise pollution associated impacts: 1. Monitoring of Noise level (both ambient noise survey) and workplace noise survey is carried out on monthly basis using an integrated sound level meter. 2. Occupational Noise Exposure assessment is also carried out for the persons engaged in high noise generating areas on quarterly basis by sampling individual workers over eight-hour durations.	Date: 29/05/2025

7	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PRESERVATION	In 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 th May, 1993 and 31 st December 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.

PPs Submission: Complied For effective management of effluent following mitigative measures are ensured at the mine level: 1.	Date: 29/05/2025

Effluents from Workshop/Garage: Vehicle washing system and associated operational activities are provided with separate catchment drains and finally the effluents are collected in Oil-Water Separation system having skimming arrangements for oil and grease. 2. Wastewater/runoff collected from the mine pits: Since there is no wet process thus no wastewater is generated at any stage from any process. 3. Surface runoff is channelized and accumulated in the mine pit. After adequate retention period, the same is pumped to water storage tank for sprinkling purposes. 4. Periodically water samples from mine pits and oil-water separation system are collected and analyzed by an NABL accredited agency for checking compliance w.r.t applicable standards.		
8	MISCELLANEOUS	Environmental laboratory should be established with adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
PPs Submission: Complied Environmental Monitoring services are carried out by engaging an NABL Accredited agency having it's laboratory recognized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.		Date: 29/05/2025
9	Human Health Environment	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.
PPs Submission: Complied Personnel Protective Equipments (PPEs) are being mandatorily used by all the workers as per applicability. It is regularly ensured at the entry points. Safe Operating Procedure based training is imparted to all the workers apart from the initial VT training. Periodical Medical Examination of employees (departmental and contractual) are conducted as per prescribed norms of Mines Rule, 1955. Besides, Occupational health surveillance assessment as mentioned below are also carried out.		Date: 29/05/2025
10	Corporate Environmental Responsibility	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.
PPs Submission: Complied The company has made a robust arrangement for reviewing and monitoring the implementation of Environment management plan. A Centralized Environmental Management Department has been set up headed by the Chief (Environment) and supporting staff. The operation and legal sections at mine level include Head (Mine and Production Planning), Head (Environment), Senior Manager - Mine Planning, Area Manager (RM Environment), Environment Engineer, Chemists, etc.		Date: 29/05/2025
11	Corporate Environmental Responsibility	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 Bhubaneshwar.
PPs Submission: Complied A dedicated cost Centre for maintaining all environmental expenditure is maintained in a separate GL account having a unique cost centre mapped in the SAP system. All sorts of environmental protection related expenditures are booked in the said cost centre for accounting purpose. The details of expenditure incurred during the last 3 financial years is as under: FY-2022-23: Rs. 163.75 Lakhs FY-2023-24: Rs. 227.00 Lakhs FY-2024-25: Rs. 223.55 Lakhs		Date: 29/05/2025
12	MISCELLANEOUS	The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneshwar 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.

PPs Submission: Complied The company has been extending full co-operation to the officers of the Regional Office and other statutory agencies by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports as and when required. The same shall be continued in future as well.		Date: 29/05/2025
13	PUBLIC HEARING	A copy of clearance letter will be marked to the concerned Panchayat/local NGO, if any, from whom suggestion/ representation has been received while processing the proposal.
PPs Submission: Complied The clearance letter has been uploaded on the website of the Company. Copy of the clearance letter marked to Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Jajang on 12.01.2006.		Date: 29/05/2025
14	Statutory compliance	The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industry Centre and Collector's Office/Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
PPs Submission: Complied The EC documents was displayed in the office of Regional Office, District Industry Centre, and Collector's Office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.		Date: 29/05/2025
15	Statutory compliance	The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular of the locality concerned within seven 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 may also be seen at Web Site of the Ministry of Environment & 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.
PPs Submission: Complied A copy of Environmental Clearance with regard to Tiringpahar Manganese Mine was published in Oriya News Papers Anupam Bharat and Aam Khabar dated 10.01.2006.		Date: 29/05/2025

Visit Remarks

Last Site Visit Report Date:	N/A
Additional Remarks:	

Note: This acknowledgement is as per the details submitted by project proponent. In no way is this document to be considered as conclusion on any action on the compliance of the project. This is strictly for the project proponent's reference purpose.

Compliance to the Environment Clearance Letter No: J-11015/87/2004-IA.II(M) dated 17th November 2005 in respect of "*Expansion of Tiringpahar Manganese Mines (0.43 LTPA to 0.85 LTPA) of M/s Tata Steel Limited located in villages Guruda, Palsha, Khonbond and Jaribahal, Tehsil-Barbil, District-Keonjhar, Odisha*."

Table A:- Specific Conditions

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(v)	Dimension of retaining wall at the toe of OB dumps and benches within the mine to check run-off and siltation should be based on the rainfall data.	While designing network of garland drains, check dams, retention walls and rain passes for slope protection as well as arresting silt and sediment during monsoon season, following factors are considered such as Rainfall (peak scenarios), catchment area, gradient slope and retention hours.
(vi)	Trace Metals such as Ni, Co, As and Hg should be analyzed in dust fall and soil samples for at least one year during summer, monsoon and winter seasons. If concentrations of these metals are found below the standards then with prior approval of MOEF this specific monitoring could be discontinued.	Yearly monitoring of trace metals both in dust fall and soil samples for parameters like Ni, Co, As and Hg is being carried out. So far, no such trace mineral has been detected in the collected samples.
(vii)	Mineral and OB transportation shall be done in trucks/dumpers covered with tarpaulins. Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Suitable measures should be taken to check fugitive emissions from haulage roads & transfer points, etc.	Mineral Transportation is ensured by tippers and all the trucks are covered with tarpaulins before issuance of transit permits for their onward transportation. All the despatch vehicles are mandatorily required to have "Pollution under Check (PuC)" certificate to enter the mine. To restrict the fugitive emissions form haul roads, the following measures have been taken up: -1. Fixed Sprinkling System for the Haul Roads 2. Mist Canons at sorting yards 3. Automatic Wheel wash facility at the exit point of the mines 4. Dust suppression by means of mobile water tanker (capacity 12Kl) deployed for Haul Roads and other locations. 5. Fixed sprinkling arrangement at railway siding
(viii)	A green belt of adequate width and area of 1.9 ha should be raised by planting native species around ML	Plantation activities are ensured in accordance with the provisions of Progressive Mine Closure Plan (PMCP). Tata Steel Limited has developed a site-specific biodiversity management plan for

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	area, and in addition plantation should also be carried around roads, OB dump sites (21.996 ha) and in other areas within the lease (47.774 ha) covering a total area of 71.67 ha in consultation with local DFO/Agriculture department. The density of the trees should be around 2500 plants per ha.	implementation of measures for protection and conservation of biodiversity in and around the mine. Accordingly, emphasis on the principles of restoration is ensured by following scientific plantation strategies with the help of mixed varieties of native (non-exotic) forestry saplings in the scheme of plantation. So far, around 34.677 hectares of area (including waste dump, safety zone, back filled area and avenue plantation zones) have been covered under plantation with 1,86,756 nos of saplings (approx.). In the process of afforestation, the mine has ensured rehabilitation of around 17.36 hectares over OB dump, 14.77 ha of Avenue Planation and 2.547 ha of Safety zone plantation where the saplings have attained self-sustaining stage. Apart from above we have planted 2300 no's of sapling in FY-2024-25 within area of 0.99 Ha.
(ix)	Groundwater shall not be used for mine operations. Prior approval of CGWA shall be obtained for using groundwater.	There is no ground water interaction for the mine. Neither any borewell water is being used; nor there is any mine associated ground water seepage. There is no interception of the ground water table. Water required for operations is sourced from the adjacent mine i.e. Bamebari Iron & Mn Mine (another mine of the company).
(x)	Mining will not intersect groundwater. Prior permission of the MOEF and CGWA shall be taken to mine below water table.	As per the approved mining plan and status thereof, it is conclusive that ultimate pit depth of the mine at the end of mine plan period will not intercept the regional ground water table.
(xi)	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers. The monitoring should be done for quantity four times a year in pre-monsoon (April / May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus collected should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest and the Central Ground Water Authority quarterly.	A network of open dug wells and bore wells have been identified for monitoring of GW levels and quality in and around the mine areas.
(xii)	Trace metals such as Fe, Cr^{+6}, Cu, Se, As, Cd, Hg, Pb, Zn and Mn shall be periodically monitored at specific locations in both surface water downstream and in ground water at lower elevations from mine area, in consultation with the OSPCB and State Ground Water Board. Suitable treatment measures shall be	Water Quality parameters are regularly tested for both surface water and ground water. Monitoring reports are submitted to SPCB from time to time. So far from the water quality analysis result of both surface and ground water attributes, no such adverse impacts have been observed when compared with applicable permissible limits/standards prescribed.

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	undertaken in case levels are found to be higher than permissible limits.	
(xiii)	"Consent to Operate" should be obtained from SPCB before expanding mining activities.	Consent to Operate for Production of Mn Ore for 85000 TPA and Operation of Mobile Screening Plant of 1X392 TPD and a mobile crushing plant of 1X50TPH has been accorded by SPCB, Odisha vide letter No. 6657/IND/I/CON/190 dated 29-03-2025 which is valid up to 31/03/2030. A copy of the valid CTO is enclosed as **Annexure 6**.
(xiv)	A plan for conservation Plan for conservation of endangered fauna including the Indian Elephant found in and around the mine area shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with identified agencies/institutions and with the State Forest Department. The Plan should be dovetailed with that prepared/under implementation/ proposed for the endangered fauna found in the Reserve Forest in the buffer zone of the project site. The costs for the specific activities/tasks should be earmarked in the Conservation Plan and shall not be diverted for any other purpose. Year-wise status of the implementation of the Plan and the expenditure thereon should be reported to the Ministry of Environment & forests, RO, Bhubaneshwar.	A site-specific wildlife conservation plan has been approved by PCCF, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Chief Wildlife Warden Odisha vide memo no. 7724/1WL-SSP-94/2015 dated 03.08.2015. Following funds have been deposited by PP to State Forest Dept till date for – • Rs. 240.47 lakhs for the implementation of various provisions of site-Specific wildlife conservation plan like avifauna monitoring, solar fencing and other • Rs 35.7 Lakhs by user agency • Rs 7267000/- for the implementation of regional wildlife conservation as per the demand notices.
(xv)	A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.	A Final Mine Closure Plan (FMCP) shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions laid down under the "GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLANS" as prescribed by Indian Bureau of Mines. As per the said guideline, FMCP is required to be prepared 2 years in advance from the date of closure/life of the mine. However presently during the approval of Mine Plan, a progressive mine closure plan (PMCP) is being submitted for approval. During the process of such approval, based on the "area put to use" for excavation and allied activities, we have deposited a sum of Rs. 5.6042 Cr to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in the form of Bank Guarantees towards financial assurance for the implementation of measures of PMCP provisions. This approval was communicated to the Regional office , MoEF & CC, Bhubaneswar.

Table B:- General Conditions

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(i)	No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.	There is no change in the mining technology and scope of working of the mines. Mining is carried out as proposed by using shovel-dumper combination. Dry mobile screening is carried out with the help of a 1X392 TPD screen plant with 1X50TPH crushing plant.
(ii)	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of manganese ore and waste should be made.	Production and excavation quantum is regulated by the Mine Plan approved by Indian bureau of Mines (IBM). No change in the calendar plan has been made. Total annual production achieved from the mine is well within the EC limit of 0.85 Lakh tonnes per annum.
(iii)	Four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for RPM, SPM, SO2, NOx & CO monitoring. Location of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features, and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality (RPM, SPM, SO2, NOx & CO) should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its regional office at Bhubaneshwar and the State Pollution Control Board / Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.	In consultation with Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board (Keonjhar Region), 04 nos of dedicated Ambient Air Quality monitoring station have been established and regular monitoring is being carried out twice a week. Photographs of fixed type platforms properly geotagged with the spatial coordinates have been shared with State Pollution Control Board and the same was accepted to SPCB during renewal of CTO. In addition to this, 12 nos of locations have also been identified in the buffer zone for regular monitoring. Abstract of Ambient Air Quality monitoring result for the period during October 2024 to March 2025 is enclosed as **Annexure 01**.
(iv)	Drills should be wet operated or with dust extractors and controlled blasting should be practiced.	Wet drilling concept is already in place and practiced. Exploratory drills have been provided with inbuilt DE system. Controlled blasting technique with NONEL is in practice. Ground vibrations are being checked for every blasts done in the mine. Blasting parameters are assessed periodically by engaging agency like CIMFR, Dhanbad. Based on the recommendation of such assessments, the blasting rounds are designed and fired.
(v)	Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly monitored and data recorded properly. Water spraying arrangements on haul roads, wagon loading, dumpers/ trucks, loading &	Following measures are ensured for containment of fugitive dust emission: 1. Mobile water tanker for Haul Roads, Dump yards and other locations) 2. Mist Canons for sorting yards and screening plants 3. Fixed Sprinkling system for static haul roads 4. Automatic Wheel wash facility at Railway Siding and exit point of the mines..

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	unloading points should be provided and properly maintained.	
(vi)	Adequate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/ muffs.	Ear plugs & Earmuffs are provided to the workers working in mining operation & DG operations and other high noise generating equipment's. Provision of acoustic enclosures are invariably ensured before the installation of such noise generating instruments. Following monitoring measures are ensured for the regulation of noise pollution associated impacts: 1. Monitoring of Noise level (both ambient noise survey) and workplace noise survey is carried out on monthly basis using an integrated sound level meter. 2. Occupational Noise Exposure assessment is also carried out for the persons engaged in high noise generating areas on quarterly basis by sampling individual workers over eight-hour durations.
(vii)	Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th May 1993 and 31st December 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.	For effective management of effluent following mitigative measures are ensured at the mine level: 1. Effluents from Workshop/Garage: Vehicle washing system and associated operational activities are provided with separate catchment drains and finally the effluents are collected in Oil-Water Separation system having skimming arrangements for oil and grease. 2. Wastewater/runoff collected from the mine pits: Since there is no wet process thus no wastewater is generated at any stage from any process. 3. Surface runoff is channelized and accumulated in the mine pit. After adequate retention period, the same is pumped to water storage tank for sprinkling purposes. 4. Periodically water samples from mine pits and oil-water separation system are collected and analysed by an NABL accredited agency for checking compliance w.r.t applicable standards.
(viii)	Environmental laboratory should be established with adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.	Environmental Monitoring services are carried out by engaging an NABL Accredited agency having it's laboratory recognized by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
(ix)	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.	Personnel Protective Equipment's (PPEs) are being mandatorily used by all the workers as per applicability. It is regularly ensured at the entry points. Safe Operating Procedure based training is imparted to all the workers apart from the initial VT training. Periodical Medical Examination of employees (departmental & contractual) are conducted as per prescribed norms of Mines Rule, 1955. Besides, Occupational health surveillance assessment as

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	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.	mentioned below are also carried out.
(x)	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.	The company has made a robust arrangement for reviewing and monitoring the implementation of Environment management plan. A Centralized Environmental Management Department has been set up headed by the Chief (Environment) and supporting staff. The operation and legal sections at mine level include Head (Mine & Production Planning), Head (Environment), Senior Manager - Mine Planning, Area Manager (RM Environment), Environment Engineer, Chemists, etc.
(xi)	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.	A dedicated cost Centre for maintaining all environmental expenditure is maintained in a separate GL account having a unique cost centre mapped in the SAP system. All sorts of environmental protection related expenditures are booked in the said cost centre for accounting purpose. The details of expenditure incurred during the last 3 financial years is as under: • FY-2022-23: Rs. 163.75 Lakhs • FY-2023-24: Rs. 227.00 Lakhs • FY-2024-25: Rs. 223.55 Lakhs
(xii)	The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneshwar 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.	The company has been extending full co-operation to the officers of the Regional Office and other statutory agencies by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports as and when required. The same shall be continued in future as well.
(xiii)	A copy of clearance letter will be marked to the concerned Panchayat/local NGO, if any, from whom suggestion/ representation has been received while processing the proposal.	The clearance letter has been uploaded on the website of the Company. Copy of the clearance letter marked to Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Jajang on 12.01.2006.
(xiv)	The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industry Centre and Collector's Office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.	The EC documents was displayed in the office of Regional Office, District Industry Centre, and Collector's Office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
(xv)	The project authorities should	A copy of Environmental Clearance with regard to Tiringpahar

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	advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven 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 may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment & 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.	Manganese Mine was published in Oriya News Papers Anupam Bharat & Aam Khabar dated 10.01.2006.

Annexure-01

Tiringpahar Manganese Mines of Tata Steel Limited
Manual Ambient Air Quality Report (Core Zone)
Reporting period :- Oct-24 to Mar-25

Location	Parameter	UoM	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Near Guruda Sorting Yard	Particulate Matter (<10um	µg/m^3	50.68	161.25	113.50	141.00	154.33	134.66
	Particulate Matter (<2.5um	µg/m^3	26.02	85.60	62.68	82.75	84.33	77.66
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	µg/m^3	<6.0	<6.0	6.38	6.36	6.55	6.04
	Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	µg/m^3	15.88	17.25	21.06	20.02	19.05	16.47
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m^3	0.13	0.31	0.25	0.20	0.19	0.74
	Ozone (O3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Ammonia (NH3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Arsenic as (As)	ng/m^3	<1.0	<1.0	0.10	0.28	0.21	<1.0
	Benzo(a)Pyrene	ng/m^3	<1.0	<1.0	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36
	Benzene	µg/m^3	<2.0	<2.0	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74
	Lead (as Pb)	µg/m^3	<0.02	<0.02	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	Manganese as Mn	µg/m^3	0.07	<0.06	1.18	0.64	0.66	0.93
	Nickel as Ni	ng/m^3	<4.0	<4.0	0.14	0.64	0.18	<0.2
Near Guruda Project Office	Particulate Matter (<10um	µg/m^3	59.63	88.60	161.13	160.75	168.67	157.33
	Particulate Matter (<2.5um	µg/m^3	30.23	44.10	88.75	93.50	94.83	82
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	µg/m^3	<6.0	<6.0	6.48	6.38	6.53	6.01
	Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	µg/m^3	16.66	16.70	19.83	19.06	19.22	15.55
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m^3	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.76
	Ozone (O3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Ammonia (NH3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Arsenic as (As)	ng/m^3	<1.0	<1.0	0.04	0.21	0.32	<1.0
	Benzo(a)Pyrene	ng/m^3	<1.0	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36
	Benzene	µg/m^3	<2.0	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74
	Lead (as Pb)	µg/m^3	<0.02	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	Manganese as Mn	µg/m^3	0.06	<0.06	0.46	0.96	1.16	0.61
	Nickel as Ni	ng/m^3	5.32	<0.02	0.12	0.96	0.12	<0.2
Near Guruda View Point	Particulate Matter (<10um	µg/m^3	63.68	224.00	160.13	165.13	170.50	136.88
	Particulate Matter (<2.5um	µg/m^3	32.18	118.00	87.69	95.00	93.17	75.66
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	µg/m^3	<6.0	<6.0	6.33	6.61	6.55	6.08
	Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	µg/m^3	16.73	22.48	18.43	19.02	19.90	17.44
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m^3	0.12	0.35	0.30	0.22	0.21	0.74
	Ozone (O3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Ammonia (NH3)	µg/m^3	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0
	Arsenic as (As)	ng/m^3	<1.0	<1.0	0.05	0.04	0.04	<1.0
	Benzo(a)Pyrene	ng/m^3	<1.0	<1.0	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36	<0.36
	Benzene	µg/m^3	<2.0	<2.0	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74	<0.74
	Lead (as Pb)	µg/m^3	<0.02	<0.02	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	Manganese as Mn	µg/m^3	0.54	<0.06	0.54	0.63	0.80	0.43
	Nickel as Ni	ng/m^3	4.82	0.05	0.14	0.63	0.09	<0.2