



**The Member Secretary
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
Paribesh Bhawan
A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit - VIII
Bhubaneswar - 751012**

MD/ ENV/ 335 / 120 / 2025
Date: 22nd September 2025

Sub: Environmental Statement of Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine, Tata Steel Limited for 2024-25.

Dear Sir

Kindly find attach herewith the Environmental Statement in the prescribed format (Form V) as per "Environmental (Protection) Amendment Rules 1992" of our Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine for your kind perusal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully
f: Tata Steel Limited

Area Manager (Environment), OMQ

Encl: As above

**Copy to: The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, At: Baniapata,
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ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT 2024-25



Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine

KHONDBOND IRON & MANGANESE MINE TATA STEEL LIMITED

September 2025

FORM - V
(See Rule -14)

ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST MARCH 2025
KKHONDBOND IRON & MANGANESE MINE, TATA STEEL LIMITED

PART-A

1.	Name and address of the owner/ occupier of the industry, operation or process	:	Mr Gedela V Satyanarayana, Chief (Khondbond) Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine Tata Steel Limited, Joda Dist.- Keonjhar, Odisha – 758034 Mr Rajesh Kumar, Mines Manager (Khondbond) Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine Tata Steel Limited, Joda Dist.- Keonjhar, Odisha – 758034
	Nominated Owner	:	Mr. Atul Bhatnagar, General Manager, OMQ division, Noamundi Iron Mine, Tata Steel Limited PO.: Noamundi, Dist.-West Singhbhum Jharkhand – 833217 Mr T V Narendran, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Steel Limited, PO: Jamshedpur, Dist.: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831001
2.	Industry Category	:	Opencast Iron & Manganese Mining & Processing & Dispatch Industry (Major)
3.	Production Capacity*	:	Mine: 08 MTPA Iron Ore & Manganese :0.1MTPA Beneficiation & Dispatch: 08 MTPA Iron Ore
4.	Year of Establishment	:	1960
5.	Date of last Environmental Statement submitted.	:	27th September 2024, vide letter no. MD/ENV/1223/120/2024 for the year 2023-24.

*As per Environmental Clearance

PART-B

Water and Raw Material Consumption

(i) Water Consumption:

Consumption Head:	2023-24 (in cu.m/day) (Annual Average)	2024-25 (in cu.m/day) (Annual Average)
Process	1011.14	755.27
Spraying in mine pit, services	410.10	784.98
Domestic	506.96	554.90
Name of the product	Process water consumption per product output (m3/MT)	
Iron Ore	0.06	0.07

This is a mechanised mine producing iron ore. The iron ore processing is dry crushing and screening only. Dust suppression at C&S plant is carried out through a scientific way using dry fog system, thus reducing the requirement of water to very minimum level.

ii) Raw Material Consumption

The following items have been consumed/ utilized:

Name of Raw Materials	Consumption of Raw Material	
	Previous Year 2023-24	Current Year 2024-25
High Speed Diesel	5108413 Litre	9790533 Litre
Lubricants	88672 Litre	101430 Litre
Grease	12815 Kg	15146 kg.
Gas	6046 Cu.m	4797 Cu.m
Explosive of all types (Explosive, codex, detonator)	1754390 kg	2227147 kg
Tyres	54 nos.	88 nos.
Drill rods	237 nos.	470 nos.
Electricity Consumed	26368881 kwh	27512407 kwh
Electricity Generated		70640 kwh

PART-C
POLLUTION DISCHARGED TO ENVIROMENT/ UNIT OF OUTPUT
(Parameters as specified in the consent issued)

Pollutants	Quantity of Pollutants discharged (mass / day)	Concentration of Pollutants discharges (mass / day)	Percentage of variation from prescribed standards with reasons
a) Water	The Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine with the processing plant, the iron and manganese mine pits have separately been operated. The processing plant is under construction and shall be of zero effluent discharge unit; all the effluent generated from the processing of iron ore is collected from slime pond and recycled & reused by 100% in various activities including dust suppression and iron ore processing. One sewage treatment plant (STP) of 10 KLD is installed & in operated and entire treated water is recycled & reused for plantation and gardening purpose. The HEMM cleaning & washing unit passed through oil separation pit and water is recycled back. All the water quality results of STP & ETP are attached herewith in annexure 1.		
b) Air	The Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine is an opencast iron mine with processing plant & dispatch unit. The air quality in the form of fugitive, dust fall, ambient, respirable has been measured and monitored regularly and is well within limits. All the dust generating points such as loading -unloading devices are equipped with dust arresting system such as dry fog, fixed & mobile water sprinklers, mist spray, dust extractors -bag filters, water scrubbers etc. Three continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations with PM10, PM2.5, SOx, NOx, (NO2 & NO) & CO parameters have continuously been monitored with online data connectivity at state Pollution Control Board server.		

Pollutants	Quantity of Pollutants discharged (mass / day)	Concentration of Pollutants discharges (mass / day)	Percentage of variation from prescribed standards with reasons
b) Air	A thick & dense vegetation is also placed in all surrounding the mines area which significantly reduced the pollution load. The results of air quality monitoring are attached as Annexure 2.		

PART-D
HAZARDOUS WASTES

As specified under the Hazardous & Other Waste (Management & Trans boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and amendment thereof

Hazardous Wastes	Total Quantity	
	During previous financial year (2023-24)	During current financial year (2024-25)
(a) From Process - Used Oil - Waste containing Oil (Jute etc) - Rejected & used hosepipes - Ferrous drums	72950 litre Nil 4.87 MT -	71.57 MT Nil Nil 12.00 MT
From Pollution Control Facility - Waste oil from oil & grease separation pit - Sludge from oil and grease separation pit	Nil (Included in process) All the Hazardous waste generated are disposed as per law.	

PART-E
SOLID WASTES

Solid wastes from Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine has been categories in two parts i.e. Overburden/rejects removed during mining operations and slime/tailings generated from beneficiation / processing of Iron Ore. All the materials overburden and tailings are stocked in designated place inside the mine. However, other solid waste is also being generated from mining and processing / beneficiation activity. Currently no slime/tailings generated as the process plant is under construction.

Sources	Total Quantity	
	During previous financial year (2023-24)	During current financial year (2024-25)
From Process		
From mining as Overburden	527412.47 Tonne	741703.31 cu.m
Rejects	148160 Tonne	372754 Tonne
From OB Plant as Tailing	56545 Tonne	Nil
From Pollution Control Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
c) i. Quantity recycled or reutilized within the unit	159155.13 Tonne	

Sources	Total Quantity	
	During previous financial year (2023-24)	During current financial year (2024-25)
ii. Quantity sold		
General Office waste	Nil	Nil
iii. Quantity disposed		
Mining overburden	527412.47 tonne	741703.31 cu.m
Rejects	Nil	Nil
Canteen & colony waste		

	Organic wastes are disposed off in dumps	Organic wastes are disposed off in dumps
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PART-F

PLEASE SPECIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS (IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION AND QUANTUM) OF HAZARDOUS AS WELL AS SOLID WASTES AND INDICATE DISPOSAL PRACTICE ADOPTED FOR BOTH THESE CATEGORIES OF WASTES

The Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine and processing / beneficiation generate hazardous waste mainly in the form of used oil. The used oil is being generated from HEMM maintenance, which are used in manning operations. The used oil is disposed to authorized agency for recycling and reuse. During handling and maintenance of HEMM, the oil-soaked materials (jute etc.) has been kept and disposed in impervious pit. The hazardous waste such as used batteries is sold to authorized agency.

The other solid waste in the form of overburden and sub-grade mineral are stocked in designated place.

PART-G

IMPACT OF POLLUTION ABATEMENT MEASURES TAKEN ON CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ON THE COST OF PRODUCTION

- Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine is a star rated iron mine as per Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) has declared by Indian Bureau of Mines, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India and has adopted various mineral conservation techniques such as blending of waste / subgrade materials, use of low-grade ore etc as per customer quality requirements.
- For conservation of natural resources, high efficiency HEMM are used with adequate maintenance so as to reduce the fuel consumption. Zero effluent discharge has been maintained.
- For ground water augmentation, various rainwater harvesting structures are made, the capacity of pond ~ 47,793 m³/yr which will harvest the water through various RWH structures. Piezometers are also installed in mines.
- New Fleet Management System (FMS) for better and efficient working of the HEMM was introduced in the mines which significantly reduced diesel consumption.

PART-H

ADDITIONAL MEASURES/ INVESTMENT PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INCLUDING ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION, PREVENTION OF POLLUTION

- Coir matting was done on fine stocks to prevent any erosion that can lead to pollution. Various toe wall, garland drains are made as per progressive mine plan & mine closure plan. Bio Toilets were also installed in area.
- Bio-gas plant for adequate disposal of canteen waste & reduction of LPG are installed.
- The check dams are strengthened with two additional RWH structure.
- For biodiversity conservation, a niche -nesting project implemented at Khondbond. Plantation of local species, development of local nursery at site in area various scientific studies such as Carbon Sequestration study, ground vibration study etc. done.
- Awareness programme such as World environment day, Biodiversity Day, Swachhata pakhwada, Earth Day was organised for creating awareness of people regarding conservation of Natural resources in year 2024-2025. It incurred the cost of ₹ 2.38 lakh.

- The above abatement measures have resulted in improvement of air and water quality, reduction in noise levels, and improvement greenery within the lease. In addition, Tata Steel Rural Development Society (TSRDS) is engaged in peripheral developmental activities in villages around the mine. The projects of the Society include irrigation and agricultural extension projects, plantation programmes, creation of SAVEFOREST groups, civic amenities development, medical care and health education, rural sports and skill development, rural cultural promotion, etc.

PART-I

ANY OTHER PARTICULARS FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

- Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine of Tata Steel Ltd. is a captive mine and is certified for the Integrated Management System (ISO-9001:2015, ISO-14001:2015 & OHSAS-18001:2007 and SA:8000) from last two decades. The unit has obtained various prestigious accolades and is the only a star rated mine of Jharkhand State.
- The Company is having a full-fledged Environmental Management Department with personnel from different backgrounds to take care of all environmental aspects relating to mines of Tata Steel. This department has in house capabilities for monitoring various environmental parameters and suggesting to the management necessary abatement measures.
- Various awareness programs throughout the year conducted in the area which included celebration of World Environment Day, World Water Day, Mine Environment & Mineral Conservation Week, World Bio-diversity Week, Annual Flower & Vegetable Show etc. In which environment conservation models, current & future proposals are made, environment messages through Nukkad natak, poems, slogans, swachhata drive has been done every year.
- All above efforts make the mine clean – green and sustainable. In the year 2024-25, Rs 15.79 Cr are spent on various environmental activities from Noamundi Iron Mine.


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WATER QUALITY DATA 2024-25
Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine
(Annual Average)

Parameters	STP 10 KLD		ETP 7 KLD	
	Inlet	Outlet	Inlet	Outlet
pH	8.32	7.83	8.37	8.00
TSS (mg/l)	111.42	BLQ (LOQ-10)	579.58	BLQ (LOQ-10)
TDS (mg/l)	3329.08	1316.08	3273.58	1353.0
COD (mg/l)	287.33	163.17	1402.92	150.75
BOD 5 days (mg/l)	50.41	25.08	354.33	26.07
Oil & Grease (mg/l)	BLQ (LOQ-4)	BLQ (LOQ-4)	BLQ (LOQ-4)	BLQ (LOQ-4)

SURFACE WATER			
Parameters	Sona river Upstream	Sona river Downstream	Standard
pH	6.64	6.88	6.0-9.0
DO (mg/l)	6.56	6.23	>4.0
TSS (mg/l)	24.33	20.58	-
BOD 5 days (mg/l)	2.67	2.52	3.0
COD (mg/l)	8.05	6.83	-
Iron (mg/l)	0.43	0.39	0.5
Faecal Coliform	Absent	Absent	5000

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AIR QUALITY DATA 2024-25
Annual Average Air quality of Khondbond Iron & Manganese Mine of FY'25

Pollutants	Concentration of pollutants ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Standards ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
Near Pit-3		
1. PM10	60.41	100
2. PM2.5	22.39	60
3. SO ₂	11.31	80
4. NO _x	21.55	80
5. CO	BLQ (LOQ-0.5)	4*
Near Manganese Mine		
1. PM10	62.79	100
2. PM2.5	23.48	60
3. SO ₂	11.56	80
4. NO _x	21.95	80
5. CO	BLQ (LOQ-0.5)	4*
Near 16-D		
1. PM10	59.27	100
2. PM2.5	21.81	60
3. SO ₂	11.42	80
4. NO _x	21.67	80
5. CO	BLQ (LOQ-0.5)	4*
Near Security Barrack		
1. PM10	60.87	100
2. PM2.5	23.42	60
3. SO ₂	11.35	80
4. NO _x	21.42	80
5. CO	BLQ (LOQ-0.5)	4*

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