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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 31st July, 2019

No. 5513-IV(BX)SM-237/2015/S&M.—

Subject : Withdrawal of Notification No.2648/SM., dated the 23rd March, 2015 read with Corrigendum No.7197/SM., dated the 1st August, 2015 reserving an area of Ha.3002.497 of Bauxite deposit in Kalahandi District in favour of M/s. O.M.C Ltd.

Read : M.L. Application No.905, dated the 3rd June, 2015 over an area of 4567.052 Acres or 1848.222 Hectares & P.L. application No.2172, dated the 21st August, 2015 over an area of 1154.275 Hectares filed by M/s. O.M.C Ltd. for Bauxite in Villages- Salapanga, Karlapt, Taringpadar, Bhejeguda, Jilagan, Khandualmali, Kunga, Pollingpadar, Semelguda, Khalaguda & Borpodar etc. under Thuamul Rampur and Lanjigarh Tahasil of Bhawanipatna Subdivision in Kalahandi District and its subsequent letter No.17566, dated the 20th November, 2018.

Order:-

Whereas, the Bauxite deposit over an area of 3002.497 (Ha. 1848.222 + Ha. 1154.275) in Thuamul Rampur and Lanjigarh Tahasils of Kalahandi District was reserved, with due approval of Government of India, for a period of 50 years vide Steel & Mines Department Notification No.2648/SM., dated the 23rd March, 2015 and Corrigendum No.7197/SM., dated the 1st August, 2015 in favour of M/s. O.M.C Ltd. U/s. 17A (2) of MMDR Act, 1957.

Whereas, Mining Lease and Prospecting License applications were respectively filed by M/s. O.M.C Ltd. over an extent of Ha.1848.222 and Ha.1154.275 vide its application No. 905, dated the 3rd June, 2015 and No.2172, dated the 21st August, 2015.

And, whereas, the terms and conditions for grant of M.L. was issued in favour of M/s. O.M.C Ltd. vide Steel & Mines Department letter No.5165 dtd.20.06.2016 over an area of Ha. 1848.222. M/s. O.M.C Ltd. had also accepted the terms and conditions vide its letter dated the 11th July, 2016.

And, whereas, M/s. O.M.C Ltd. was advised vide Steel & Mines Department letter No.2048, dated the 20th March, 2018 and again vide No.6798, dated the 28th August, 2018 to expedite obtaining the statutory clearances for the blocks assigned to it for exploration/mining and that wherever progress is not satisfactory, such block should be surrendered for auction of P.L/M.L. by the State Government.

And, whereas, M/s. O.M.C Ltd. has vide its letter No.17556, dated the 20th November, 2018 requested for revocation of the terms and conditions for grant of Mining Lease and also for cancellation of M.L./P.L. applications filed in respect of the said deposit. The request of M/s. OMC Ltd. to this effect has since been considered vide this Department Proceedings No. 5498/SM., dated the 30th July, 2019 revoking the terms and conditions of the grant of M.L. issued vide letter No.5165/SM., dated the 20th June, 2016 and ordering that the corresponding M.L./P.L. applications are treated as withdrawn.

Now, therefore, after careful consideration, the State Government have been pleased to withdraw the Notification No.2648/SM., dated the 23rd March, 2015 read with Corrigendum No.7197/SM., dated the 1st August, 2015 by which an area of Ha.3002.497 of Bauxite deposit in Kalahandi District had been reserved in favour of M/s. OMC Ltd. under Section 17A of the MMDR Act.

By Order of the Governor

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