



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government Company)

Registered Office

Kothagudem Collieries (P.O.)-507 101, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, Telangana State

CIN: U10102TG1920SGC000571

Ref: - CRP/EST/F/510/ 676

Date: 26.09.2023

**The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FCA)
Telangana Forest Department
Aranya Bhavan
Hyderabad**

Sir,

Sub: - F (C) Act- Application of 2nd renewal of diversion permission for Indaram mining lease in 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use, submission of additional information basing on the minutes of meeting of the FAC conducted on 27.01.2023, request to submit these details to the MoEF&CC, Gol through State Government. - Reg.

Ref: 1- SCCL Lr. No. SRP/EST/M-3/2018/218, Dt. 19.07.2018.
2. MoEF Lr. No. FC(A)/16.1/AP/II/MIN, dtd 23.2.1996.
3. MoEF Lr. No.8-70/90-FC dtd.23.2.1998.
4. SCCL Lr. No SRP/EST/F/09/391, dated 07.05.2022
5. Govt. of Telangana Lr. No. 460/For.I(1)/2019. Dtd. 16.08.2022
6- The MoEF&CC, Gol Ref No 8-01/2000- FC(Vol) Dt.21.02.2023.
7- PCCF&HoFF, TS Lr No. FC4/FC29/3/2022, dtd.28.02.2023.

It is to bring to the kind notice that reference 1st cited, SCCL submitted application for 2nd renewal of forest diversion in Indaram mining lease over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use in Indaram RF, of Mancheri Forest Division. The MoEF&CC, Gol, vide reference 6th cited sought certain additional information. Accordingly, point wise information is submitted herewith.

Point No.(i): - There is an overlapping of the area within the various underground and open cast mines, which is required to be worked out. The State Govt. shall examine the matter and submit the detail with the respective mining plans involved/overlapping with instant proposal along with lease details

It to bring to your kind notice that the following mines are involved in the forest land of 929.29 Ha. of Forest land in Indaram Mining Lease. The details of Mines and approval of its Mining Plans are furnishing herewith

S. No	Name of the mine	Area of the mine covered in IML (ha)	Approved Mining Plan Letter & Date	Mining Lease details
1	RK NT Incline	310.59	No.13016/10/2006-CA-II, dt 25.11.2014 (Combined mining plan for both mines)	<p>The Total area of 929.29 Ha is falling in Indaram Mining Lease.</p> <p>The State Government of Telangana granted Mining Lease to an extent of 2044.34 Ha (involving 929.29 Ha Forest land) vide G.O.Ms.No.9, Energy (Power-II) department, dated 16.04.2022 valid upto 28.07.2030. (Copy of GO of Mining Lease enclosed as Annexure-I)</p>
2	RK-7 Incline			
3	RK-6 Incline	131.43	No.13016/5/2007-CA-II, dt 10.02.2016	
4	RK8 Incline	38.81	No. 38011/12/2017-PCA, dt 08.03.2018	
5	SRP OCP II Expn	106.10	No. 13016/1/2017-PCA, dt 21.08.2017	
6	Area for future exploration	342.36		
Total		929.29		

(Copies of Approved Mining Plans are enclosed as Annexure-II)

There are four underground mines and one Opencast mine involved in the said proposal of 929.29 ha. Mean while, the MoEF&CC, Gol has granted Stage-I for Srirampur Opencast Project-II (SI.No. 5) for an extent of 162.45 Ha in which 106.10 Ha is falling in Indaram Mining Lease. The Mining plan (including mine closure plan for SRP OC-II Extn (including 106 Ha) was approved by the Ministry of Coal Gol vide F.No. 13016/1/2017-PCA dtd 21.08.2017.

Point no.(ii) :- *The State Govt. shall revise the area proposed for diversion keeping in view the already approved Mines involved in the instant proposal.*

The SCCL submitted the present proposal in Form-B along with necessary documents for approval of 929.29 Ha of Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. (6.20+ 8.98) for surface rights for a further period of 20 years.

Further, the SCCL submitted another application for diversion of Forest land from underground rights to surface rights for Srirampur open cast – II Expansion Project to an extent of 162.45 ha, out of which an extent 106.10 Ha is falling in the present proposal of 929.29 ha of forest land. The MOEF &CC, GOI, vide F. No. 8-06/2019FC, dt.12.03.2022 has granted Stage-I approval for diversion of 162.45 Ha including 106.10 ha falling in Indaram Mining Lease.

To rationalise the present proposals, the extent of 106.10Ha for Srirampur Opencast project (part of 162.45 Ha) may be excluded as the extent has been granted Stage-I In principle approval. Hence, proposal may be granted for the balance area of 823.19 Ha (929.29- 106.10Ha) for a period of coterminous with mining lease. Further it is to submit that the mines falling in 823.19 Ha had individual approval mining plans.

Point No (iii):- Consolidated mining plan shall be submitted after rationalizing the overlapping area involved in the instant proposal.

It is to submit that after rationalising the overlapped area of 106.10 Ha (for which Stage-I granted by MoEF&CC, GoI vide F. No. 8-06/2019FC, dt.12.03.2022), the area becomes 823.19 Ha. (929.29-106.10).

The area of 823.19 ha is covered in which four underground Mines to an extent of 480.83 Ha. Each Mine has individual Mining plan (including Mine closure Plan) approved by the Ministry of Coal, GoI.

In the balance area of 342.36 ha, presently no mining activity is going on, Hence, No approved Mining Plan for 342.36 ha is prepared/approved. This area is proposed for further exploration and expansion of existing projects. Further, the details of Mines and its approvals of Mining Plans are as follows:

S.No	Name of the mine	Area of the mine covered in IML (ha)	Approved Mining Plan Letter & Date
1	RK NT Incline	310.59	No.13016/10/2006-CA-II, dt 25.11.2014 (Combined mining plan for both mines)
2	RK-7 Incline		
3	RK-6 Incline	131.43	No.13016/5/2007-CA-II, dt 10.02.2016
4	RK8 Incline	38.81	No. 38011/12/2017-PCA, dt 08.03.2018
5	Area for future exploration	342.36	
Total		823.19	

Hence, it is requested to kindly recommend and forward this submission to the MOEF&CC, GOI, through State Government for grant of 2nd renewal of proposed forest diversion for an extent of 823.19 Ha (including 15.18 Ha of surface rights) with co-terminus of the mining lease.

Yours faithfully,


25/9/23
General Manager (Estates)

Enclosure: as above.

General Manager (Estates)
The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. 3
Corporate Estates Department
KOTHAGUDEM-507 101
Telangana State

Copy submitted to:

The Integrated Regional Officer, MOEF &CC, GOI, Hyderabad, for favor of information.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kaleswaram Circle, for favor of information.

The District Forest Officer, Mancheri for favour of information.

Yours faithfully,

 25/7/23
General Manager (Estates)
General Manager (Estates)
The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd
Corporate Estates Department
KOTHAGUDEM-507 101
Telangana State

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
A B S T R A C T

Energy Department – SCCL - Mines & Minerals – deemed extension of Mining lease for Coal to an extent of 2044.34 Ha in Chetpally, Tekumatla and Indaram Reserve Forest Villages of Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District held by M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (M/s.SCC Ltd.) for total period of 50 Years – orders – Issued.

ENERGY (POWER. II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.9

Dated: 16.04.2022.
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.438, Ind., & Comm. (M.III) Dept. dt:28.05.1979.
2. G.O.Ms.No.15, Ind., & Comm. (M.III) Dept. dt:23.01.2006,
3. From the General Manager, Estates, SCC Ltd., Bhadrachalam District, Lr.No.CRP/EST/M/513/343, dated 08.04.2019.
4. Letter No.455038/R3-3/2019 received from the DMG, Hyderabad, Dt:23.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, Government have granted Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 29.00 Sq. Km in Chetpally, Tekumatla and Indaram R.F. Villages of Chennur Mandal, Adilabad District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited for a period of 20 years.

2. In the G.O 2nd read above, Government have granted 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 2100.00 Ha for (20) years i.e upto 28.07.2020.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the General Manager (Estates), M/s SCC Ltd., have filed application for 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 2100.00 Ha in Chetpally, Tekumatla and Indaram Reserve Forest Villages of Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad has recommended for extension of mining lease for reduced extent of 2044.34 Ha as per the DGPS maps for a total period of 50 years i.e. upto 28.07.2030 as per the Rule 24C(2) of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021, and requested for issue orders according deemed extension of the above mining lease.

5. Government after careful consideration of the matter and as per the powers conferred under the Rule 24C(2) of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021 hereby grant deemed extension of mining lease in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited for a total period of 50 years i.e. upto 28.07.2030 for the reduced extent of area 2044.34 Ha as per the DGPS maps in Chetpally, Tekumatla and Indaram Reserve Forest Villages of Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District on the terms and conditions as accorded in the G.Os. 1st and 2nd read above.

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6. The Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**SUNIL SHARMA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad.

✓ The Chairman & Managing Director,

Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Mancherial District.

The Collector, Mancherial District.

The Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Coal, New Delhi.

The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkhand.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.

The P.A to Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Energy Department, TS Secretariat.

SF/SC (C.No.1275/PR.II/2022)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//


SECTION OFFICER

No. 13016/5/2007-CA II
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, Shastri Bhawan
Dated ~~10th~~ 10th February, 2016

To

General Manager (Planning & Projects)
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries -507101,
Bhadrachalam Road Rly Station, Khammam District
Andhra Pradesh

Sub: Approval of Mine Closure Plan for Ravindra Khani No 6 Incline of
Godavari Valley Coalfield, Distt- Adilabad, State-Telangana of M/s.
Singareni Collieries Company Limited-Reg

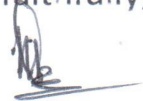
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter number CRP/PP/F/602/2014/928A dated 13.10.2014 on the subject mentioned above and to convey approval of Mine Closure Plan in respect of Ravindra Khani No 6 Incline of Godavari Valley Coalfield of SCCL subject to following conditions :-

- i. The mining company shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings, persons deployed therein.
- ii. Mining lease to be acquired shall not encroach into any other coal block.
- iii. The approval of the Mine Closure plan is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent / prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations etc.

Two copies of approve Mine Closure Plan are enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,



(Kishore Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

Encl : as above

No. 38011/12/2017-PCA

Government of India

Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, Shastri Bhawan

Dated 08th March, 2018

To

Director (Planning & Projects)
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries -507101,
Bhadrachalam Road Rly Station, Khammam District
Telangana

Sub: Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 Incline (Part of Indaram mining Lease, North Godavari Mining Lease and srirampur Mining Lease), Srirampur Area of M/s SCCL -Reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter number CRP/PP/D/394/208 dated 30.03.2017 on the subject mentioned above and to state that after due deliberation Standing Committee approved the Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 Incline (Part of Indaram mining Lease, North Godavari Mining Lease and srirampur Mining Lease), Srirampur Area of M/S Singareni Collieries Company Limited subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The mining company shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings, persons deployed therein.
- ii. Mining lease of this block shall not encroach into any other adjacent block.
- iii. The cost of abandonment for carrying out the closure activities envisaged in the Mine closure plan is indicative; the actual cost for carrying out the activities at the time of final closure may be higher. The actual cost of abandonment will have to be borne by the project proponent for carrying out the closure activities.
- iv. The approval of the Mine Closure plan is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent / prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations etc.
- v. Confirmation of Forest clearance conditions for the 33.93 Ha of forest area proposed to be left for public use after closure of the mine;

2. Two copies of approved Mining Plans & Mine Closure Plans are enclosed herewith.



Yours faithfully,



(Kishore Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

Encl : as above

Copy to :-

1. Chairman-cum-Managing-Director
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries,
Khammam District
Telangana – 507101
2. Under Secretary
CPAM Section
Ministry of Coal

No.34011- 26-2017-CPAM
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 16th February, 2017

Subject :	Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 Incline (Part of Indaram mining Lease, North Godavari Mining Lease and Srirampur Mining Lease), Srirampur Area- Reg.
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The Standing Committee meeting under MMDR Act, 1957 held on 08-02-2018 (minutes enclosed) has considered Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 Incline (Part of Indaram mining Lease, North Godavari Mining Lease and Srirampur Mining Lease), Srirampur Area of M/s SCCL.

After due deliberations, Standing Committee approved the Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 Incline with the following conditions:

- 1.I. The Mining company shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings and persons deployed therein;
- 1.II. Mining lease of this block shall not encroach into any other adjacent block;
- 1.III. The cost of abandonment for carrying out the closure activities envisaged in the Mine closure plan is indicative; the actual cost for carrying out the activities at the time of final closure may be higher. The actual cost of abandonment will have to be borne by the project proponent for carrying out the closure activities.
- 1.IV. The approval of the mine closure plan is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent /prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations etc;
- 1.V. Confirmation of Forest clearance conditions for the 33.93 Ha of forest area proposed to be left for public use after closure of the mine;

The three approved copies of Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindra Khani No. 8 are forwarded herewith for issuing necessary administrative orders.

This issue has approval of Competent Authority.

(A.K. Mandal)
Under Secretary (CPAM)

Under Secretary
PCA Section
Ministry of Coal

Signature valid

Digitally signed by ANANDA KUMAR
MANDAL
Date: 2018.02.16 18:38 IST
Reason: Approved

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee for approval of Mining Plan /
Mine Closure Plan under MMDR Act 1957, held under the Chairmanship of
Secretary (Coal) on 08.02.2018 at MoC, New Delhi.**

The meeting of the Standing Committee for approval of Mining Plan / Mine Closure Plan under MMDR Act 1957 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Coal) on 08.02.2018 at MoC, New Delhi. Standing Committee considered the following proposal in the meeting.

1. **Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindrakhani (RK) No 8 Incline (Part of Indaram, North Godavari & Srirampur Mining Lease) of RK-8 Geological Block, Godavari Valley Coalfields, Distt Mancherial, State- Telanagana of M/s. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL):**
 - 1.1. Ravindrakhani (RK)No 8 Incline is located in RK - 8 geological block of Godavari Valley coalfields, which is in command area of M/s. SCCL.
 - 1.2. RKNo 8 incline started in the year 1983-84 and have project area of 165.47 Ha. The project area is covered under three leases namely Indaram Mining lease (53.83 Ha out of 2100 Ha valid up to 28.07.2020), North Godavari Mining Lease (108.66 ha out of 4494 Ha, valid up to 21.05.2030) and Srirampur Mining lease (2.98 Ha out of 938.85 Ha, valid up to 27.06.2038).
 - 1.3. Mining plan for Indaram Mining lease covering 8 mines including RK-8 was approved on 5.12.2004. Mining plan for North Godavari Mining Lease was approved on 22.07.1988 and Mining Plan Srirampur Mining lease on 08.08.1989, but none of these mining plan envisaged the project area of RK No 8 Incline.
 - 1.4. The rated production capacity envisaged for the project in the approved mining plan of Indaram Mining lease (approved on 15.12.2004) was 0.30 Mtpa and extractable reserve envisaged in the approved mining plan was 1.63 Mt (within Indaram mining lease area)
 - 1.5. The project proponent has come up with revised mining plan for reduction in capacity from 0.30 Mtpa to 0.16 Mtpa for the block area of 165.47 Ha.
 - 1.6. The geological reserve of the block is 24.74 Mt and corresponding extractable reserve is 6.01 Mt. Till April 2016, 6.81 Mt of coal has been liquidated. The extractable reserve available for mining as on April 2016 is 0.80 Mt.
 - 1.7. The end use of the coal produced from the project is to linked consumers industries like Power, Cement, Fertilizers etc.
 - 1.8. Present proposal is for approval of Mining Plan (1st Revision) and Final Mine Closure Plan for a coal production capacity of 0.16 Mtpa with a life of 5 years (from 2016-17) by B&P underground method of mining using SDLs. The project area and lease considered in the mining plan is 165.47 Ha.
 - 1.9. Salient features of the Mining Plan

Date of allocation of block	Not Applicable
End use as per allocation	Basket Linkage
Annual Coal requirement for end use	Not Applicable
% satisfaction as per this block	Not Applicable
Status of the lease	The Lease /project area is covered under three leases namely Indaram Mining lease (53.83 Ha out of 2100 Ha valid up to 28.07.2020), North Godavari Mining Lease

	(108.66 Ha out of 4494 Ha, valid up to 21.05.2030) and Srirampur Mining lease (2.98 Ha out of 938.85 Ha, valid up to 27.06.2038).
Area of the block	RK – 8 Geological Block – 165.47 Ha
Geological Reserves	24.74 Mt
Extractable reserve	Corresponding extractable reserve – 6.81 Mt Reserve depleted – 6.01 Mt Balance Extractable reserve (April 2016) – 0.80 Mt
Production capacity	0.16 Mtpa
Life of the Mine	5 years from 2016-17
Method of Mining	B&P underground (UG) method of mining using SDLs
Scheduled Year of Rated production	1 st year.
Reason for revision	Reduction in capacity, enhanced project area, extractable coal reserve and change in mining technology
Current status of Mine	Mine under operation

1.10. Salient features of the Mine Closure Plan

Project Area		165.47 Ha			
Lease Area		165.47 Ha			
Land use pattern "Ha"					
	Pre- Mining		During Mining	Post Mining	Post Closure
Tenancy		Excavation Area			
Govt NF		Backfilled Area			
Forest		Excavated Void			
Reserve	165.47	Top Soil Dump			
Protected	--	External Dump			
C-J-B-J	--	Infrastructure	9.48	9.48	
		Green belt			
		Agricultural			
		Plantation			
		Water body			
		Public/Com Use			33.93
		Other Use	46.72	46.72	
		Forest land returned (SR)*			22.27
		Undisturbed/ MR* for UG – FL*	109.27	109.27	109.27
		Undisturbed/ MR* for UG – NFL*			
Total	165.47	Total	165.47	165.47	165.47

*- MR (Mining Right), SR (Surface Right), FL (Forest land) and NFL (Non Forest land)

Note : In regards to the land required under mining right, provision has been made for levelling & dozing of the subsided land, if any, in the mine closure activities of the MCP.

Technical Reclamation (Cumulative in "Ha")

Year/Stage	Reclaimed Area "Ha"	Technical Reclamation (Cumulative in "Ha")					
		Backfilling	Void	TS Dump	External Dump	Others	Total
Y-1	16-17	--	--	--	--	--	--
Y-3	18-19	--	--	--	--	--	--
Y-5	20-21	--	--	--	--	--	--
Post Closure							
Y-8	23-24	22.27	--	--	--	22.27	22.27

Note: Post closure, out of 56.20 Ha of land acquired under surface right, 33.93 Ha is proposed to be left for public use and remaining 22.27 Ha is proposed to be reclaimed and returned to the forest department.

Biological Reclamation (Cumulative in "Ha")

Year/Stage	Reclaimed Area "Ha"	Plantation (Cumulative in "Ha")				
		Agricultural land	Backfilling	External Dump	Green Area	Infrastructure /barren
Y-1	16-17	--	--	--	--	--
Y-3	18-19	--	--	--	--	--
Y-5	20-21	--	--	--	--	--
Post Closure						
Y-8	23-24	22.27	--	--	22.27	--

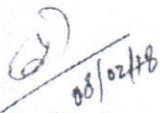
Note: Post closure, out of 56.20 Ha of land acquired under surface right, 33.93 Ha is proposed to be left for public use and remaining 22.27 Ha is proposed to be reclaimed and returned to the forest department.

Total Closure cost for carrying out the closure activities envisaged in the MCP	Rs. 2.525 Cr.
Amount to be deposited in escrow account	Rs. 2.503 Cr.
Amount Deposited in Escrow Account	Base date of calculation of Escrow Account April 2016
Net Amount to be deposited in Escrow account	NIL
	Rs. 2.503 Cr.


- 1.11. The Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindrakhani No 8 Incline (Part of Indaram, North Godavari & Srirampur Mining Lease) of RK-8 Geological Block was placed in the Standing Committee meeting for approval of Mining plan and Mine closure plan held on 30-11-2017. The committee had directed project proponent to re-submit the mining plan for consideration of the Standing committee along with a certificate issued by the State Government that the project area as proposed in the mining plan are covered under the mining lease granted to M/s SCCL.
- 1.12. Accordingly, the project proponent has come up with this mining and final mine closure plan along with a certificate as desired by the Committee.
- 1.13. Technical members of the Standing Committee considered and recommended the proposal on 08-02-2018.

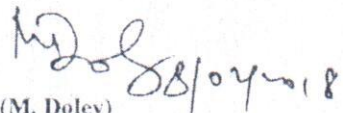
1.14. After due deliberation, the standing committee approved Mining Plan (1st Revision) & Final Mine Closure Plan of Ravindrakhani No 8 Incline (Part of Indaram, North Godavari & Srirampur Mining Lease) of RK-8 Geological Block, Godavari Valley Coalfields, Distt Mancherial, State- Telanagana of M/s. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited subject to the following conditions :-

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- 1.14.5. Confirmation of Forest clearance conditions for the 33.93 Ha of forest area proposed to be retained for public use after closure of the mine;

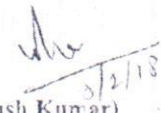

(Pushendra Gaur)
Deputy Controller of Mine
Indian Bureau of Mines

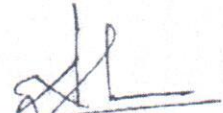
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(Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy)
Head, Dept. of Mining Engg.
Indian Institute of Technology
(Indian School of Mines)

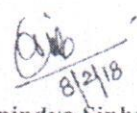

(Shekhar Saran)
CMD CMPDI

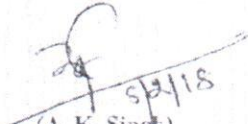

(M. Doley)
Director, DGMS


not present
Representative of
MoEF&CC


(Peeyush Kumar)
Director (Technical),
Ministry of coal


(Niranjana Kumar Sudhakar)
Joint Secretary, Ministry of
Coal


(Dr. Anindya Sinha)
Project Advisor, Ministry of Coal


(A. K. Singh)
Vice Chairman
(Standing Committee)


(Susheel Kumar)
Secretary, Ministry of Coal
Chairman of Standing Committee

No.13016/10/2006-CA-II

Government of India
Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, dated 19th November, 2014.

To

Director (Planning & Projects)
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited,
Kothagudem Collieries – 507 101.
Bhadrachalam Road Rly Station,
Khammam District (A.P.)

Sub: Approval of Mine Closure Plan (June 2014) for revised Mining Plan of Part of Indaram Mining Lease (R.K-7 & RK-NT inclines), District Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

Sir,


I am directed to refer to SCCL's letter No. CRP/PP/F/602/683 dated 19.08.2013 on the subject mentioned above and to convey approval of Mine Closure Plan (June 2014) for revised Mining Plan of Part of Indaram Mining Lease (R.K-7 & RK-NT inclines), District Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) under Section 5(2)(b) of the MMDR Act, 1957 by the Central Government with the following Conditions:

- (i) The mining company shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings, persons deployed therein.
- (ii) Mining lease to be acquired shall not encroach into any other coal block.
- (iii) The approval of the Mine Closure plan is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent/ prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations, etc.

2. Two copies of the above approved mining plan are enclosed herewith.

Encl : as above.

Yours faithfully,


(R.K.P.Dawani)
Section Officer

No. 13016/1/2017-PCA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, Shastri Bhawan
Dated 21st August , 2017

To

Director (Planning & Projects)
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries -507101,
Bhadrachalam Road Rly Station, Khammam District
Telangana

**Sub: Mining Plan (III Revision) and Mine Closure Plan of
SRP OC-II Project (SR OC II Expansion Project), Srirampur
Area of SCCL -Reg**


Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter number CRP/PP/D/394/400 dated 17.06.2016 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the competent authority has approved the Mining Plan (III Revision) and Mine Closure Plan of SRP OC-II Project (SR OC II Expansion Project), Srirampur Area of M/S Singareni Collieries Company Limited subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The mining company shall backfill the final void utilizing the OB of sequential mine, subject for fulfilling the statutory provisions of MMDR Act 1957 especially in reference to the definition under "Lease area" and other relevant provisions;
- ii. The mining company shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings, persons deployed therein.
- iii. Mining lease of this block shall not encroach into any other adjacent block.
- iv. The cost of abandonment for carrying out the closure activities envisaged in the Mine closure plan is indicative; the actual cost for carrying out the activities at the time of final closure may be higher. The actual cost of abandonment will have to be borne by the project proponent for carrying out the closure activities.
- v. The approval of the Mine Closure plan is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent / prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations etc.

2. Two copies of approved Mining Plans & Mine Closure Plans are enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

 25/8/17

(Kishore Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

Encl : as above

Copy to :-

**1. Chairman-cum-Managing-Director
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries,
Khammam District
Telangana - 507101**

**2. Under Secretary, CPAM Section, MOC wrt their letter no.
34011/25/16-CPAM dated 24.07.2017.**

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi – 110 003
Dated: 12th March, 2021

To,
The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 162.45 ha of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining Lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area Mancherial District. (Online Proposal No.FP/TG/MIN/29918/2017).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.460/For. I(1)/2019 dated 13.02.2019 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Telangana and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby accords ***stage-I / In-principle*** approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 162.45 ha of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining Lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area Mancherial District, subject to the following conditions:-

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- i. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02. 2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- ii. *From the analysis of the area through DSS it is observed that a river exists on the southern boundary of Srirampur mining lease area that flows through/alongside large forest area on the downstream at some distance of these leases. Therefore, it is essential to protect the water source for the sustainability of flora and fauna there.*

The User agency shall get a detailed plan (comprising of vegetative and SMC protection barriers, and duly approved by the competent authority in the forest department) prepared by an expert agency and implement it to protect the riverbank so that debris, etc. from mines doesn't block or reduce water flow in the river and cause adverse impact on the flora and fauna in the downstream forested area. The plan shall be implemented within 3 years of handing over of proposed forest land to the User Agency;

- iii. The area has several coal mines in the vicinity which together had/have been affecting the natural forest cover in this locality in a significant manner, and, therefore, CA over lands other than notified forest would have been ideal scenario. Therefore, keeping in view the goal of harmonious pursual of conservation and development, it was agreed to accept the proposal of Compensatory Afforestation on double the degraded notified forest area under forest department on the condition that in addition to the proposed CA, non-forest area equivalent in size to the diverted forest area shall be made available and mutated in favour of State Forest Department out of the area available immediately after the closure and rehabilitation of mines of M/S SCCL from 2027-28 (or, earlier) onwards as submitted by M/S SCCL vide their letter no.CMD/PS/H/129 dated 29.09.2020. A Board resolution in this regard shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Forest Department, and the State Forest Department will accordingly ensure the compliance of this condition in a timely manner. The land so mutated shall be notified under the relevant sections of the Forest Act as a Reserve Forest. After handing over, the State Forest Department shall protect the so transferred land and may develop it further at own cost for bringing the area under sustainable forest management. For CA on notified forest land, Nodal Officer shall give a certificate that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme on that land in the last ten years;*
- iv. The KML files of diverted area, the CA area and the areas mentioned in sub-clause (ii), (iii) and B(iii) shall be uploaded on e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage II approval;*
- v. As reported by DFO, Mancherial Division and endorsed by State Government, the User Agency (M/SSCCL) is having two operational open cast mining projects, namely SRP-1 and RKP OC, 4 underground mines and soon to be operational Indram OC mines. The two operational mines and the Indaram OC will produce about 829 million tons and about 382 million tons of overburden respectively within their lifetime. It is, therefore, crucial to undertake overburden restoration/ stabilisation as the mining progresses as per high scientific to minimise further damage to flora, fauna, soil and hydrology of the adjoining area due to such huge overburden accumulation. As this is a new area of technical expertise, the User Agency has proposed to create adequate capacity in the State Forest Department so that the Eco-restoration of the overburden and the mined out area could be monitored effectively, and for this purpose to expose a team of at least 10 forest officers to global best practice being implemented in coal mines of Australia / New Zealand, etc. at User Agency cost. The recommendation of State Government as reported in the proposal and conveyed by PCCF (HoFF), Telangana and agreed to by the representative of User Agency in the meeting may be accepted on the condition that the visit is approved by the State Government and the admissible expenditure as per norms on this account is reimbursed by the User Agency to the Forest Department;*

- vi. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department;
- vii. The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- viii. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- ix. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- x. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- xi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- xii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019;
- xiii. The KML files of diverted forest land, CA area and other areas over which plantation and any other activities are proposed to be taken up from CAMPA fund shall be uploaded on egreen watch portal

B: Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. *The validity of FC approval shall be up to 27.6.2030;*
- iii. *In addition to CA, restoration of degraded notified forests in an area equivalent to the diverted forest area will be undertaken at the cost of the User Agency in between Mancherla and Jaipur, as is being done elsewhere in Telangana State. The restoration work shall start within 6 months of handing over of proposed forest land to the User Agency;*
- iv. *The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;*
- v. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 324.9 ha. Degraded forest land (Compartment no. / Khasra No.691,693,69,687,688,689,690, Adilabad District) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;
- vi. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State

Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

- vii. *The future forest diversion proposals in the coal mining projects of the User Agency (those which have not been forwarded to the Central Government by the State Governments as yet) shall have CA undertaken on areas outside notified forests. CA on degraded notified forests in these cases shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances when:-*
 - a. *State Government has issued a certificate that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forest boundary is not available for CA purpose, and*
 - b. *The Nodal Officer has certified that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the degraded forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years*
- viii. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip shall be kept within the mining lease boundary and area of the safety zone shall be part of the total area of mining lease] shall be done at the project cost within three years and maintained thereafter as per approved working plan of the State Govt.;
- ix. The User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake afforestation on degraded forest land, at project cost, one and half time in extent to the area used for safety zone;
- x. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;
- xi. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xiii. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xv. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be cause;
- xvi. The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xviii. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xix. The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due

care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

xx. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly; and

xxi. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad.
3. The Nodal Office (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.