



# वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड/Western Coalfields Limited

मिनिरल कम्पनी (A Miniratna Company)

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की अनुषंगी कम्पनी (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

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प्रति,

वनमण्डलाधिकारी,

पश्चिम (सा.) वनमण्डल, छिन्दवाड़ा।

विषय: वनमण्डल पश्चिम छिन्दवाड़ा के परिक्षेत्र दमुआ के वन कक्ष PF-400, 401, 409, 410, 413, 414 & 422 के रकबा 206.826 हे. वनभूमि में तानसी कोल ब्लॉक भूमिगत कोयला उत्खनन के व्यवर्तन का - वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड का ऑनलाईन प्रस्ताव क्र. FP/MP/MIN/44238/2020

संदर्भ संख्या: क्रमांक/मा.चि./2872, दिनांक 18-10-2023

महोदय जी,

उपरोक्त विषयार्तगत संदर्भित पत्रों के अनुसार, चाही गई जानकारी तालिकानुसार, निम्न है:-

S.No.	Query	Compliance
1	The Ministry vide letter no. 11-164/2010-FC dated 25.03.2013 related to Forest and Environment Clearance to the coal mining project in Pench Kanhan Coalfield located in Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh regarding Tandsi- I & Tandsi-II Coal Mine decided that after exhaustion of the underground reserve no further activity in the mine site, especially conversion to open cast should be allowed and regarding <b>Tandsi-III Coal Mine decided that no mining activity may be allowed.</b> The State Government shall provide its comments regarding present proposal keeping in view the said letter dated 25.03.2013 of the Ministry.	As per letter no. 11-164/2010-FC dated 25.03.2013 Tandsi Mine have permission to operate underground mining which extends within Tandsi- I & Tandsi-II Coal Mine block . And above applied application of 206.826 Ha is lying in boundary of Tandsi- I& Tandsi-II Coal Mine block. In addition, it is to specify that it is no operation has been carried out in Tandsi-III coal block.

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2	<p>The Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-1/833/2022/10-11/3123 dated 13.07.2023 forwarded the proposal for diversion of 206.826 ha forest land for Tandsi under-ground coal mining project as a fresh diversion proposal without any reference to the renewal of the existing mine or diversion of forest area earlier, whereas, the DFO, Chhindwara (West) in his letter dated 15.06.2021 mentioned that an area of 299.44 ha was diverted earlier vide Ministry letter No. 8-145/86-FC dated 20.11.1991. The above variation needs clarification along with status of compliance of the stipulated conditions therein shall be submitted.</p>	<p>The 299.447 ha diverted FC land is under part of CBA(542.557ha) &amp; this current proposal is part of MCR lease (1756.984 ha) &amp; CBA lease(204.67 ha) in the same mine boundary.</p>
3	<p>The lease document submitted with the proposal pertains to the 3rd April 1976. The justification for submission of the proposal against the same at this belated stage needs submission. Moreover, the area mentioned in the lease document is 1756 ha. which indicates that either the instant proposal is not a standalone project, or the lease document does not pertain to the instant proposal. A detailed justification in this regard shall be submitted.</p>	<p>Earlier approved 299.447 ha FC land under CBA lease was in operation. Hence current proposal (206.826 Ha) was applied timely. Yes, this proposal is not standalone in project, proposal for remaining area can be applied after successful completion of the Current proposal.</p>
4	<p>The Conservator Forests, Chhindwara in his inspection report has mentioned that the area proposed for diversion is in seven patches and there is no clarity regarding the connectivity of the patches with each other. The justification in this regard is required to be submitted.</p>	<p>Area proposed for diversion is in seven patches and the connectivity of the patches with each other is by non forest land.</p>
5	<p>It has been reported that the total 1961.654 ha land has been acquired under the MCR, 1980 &amp; CB Act 1957 out of which 206.826 ha forest land has been proposed for diversion whereas as per the Villages wise breakup &amp; Component wise breakup given in online Part-I, the details have been given for total 373.16 ha land (Forest+ Non-Forest). The above variation needs clarification along with complete KML file of the Forest/Non-forest land involved in the project shall be submitted.</p>	<p>The details have been given for total 373.16 ha land (Forest + Non-Forest), of which the 206.826 ha land comes under forest land and 166.334 ha land is non forest land. Out of 1961 ha ( MCR 1756.984 +CBA 204.67 ) only 817 Ha area fall in the Mine Boundary. Tandsi Mine proposed in this proposal only 373.16 ha. KML file is enclosed.</p>

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6	A detailed chronology indicating the history of mining lease and its renewals along with the detail of approvals accorded under FCA, 1980 for the entire lease area shall be submitted.	(1) The MCR lease 1756.984 Ha was acquired as on dated 3rd April 1976. Then after it was renewed on dated 01.10.2021 valid upto 31-03-2030. Copy of Gazette Notification date 01-01-2021 enclosed Annexure-1. (2) Forest land 299.447 Ha Land was diverted as on 20.11.1991 vide letter no 8-145/86-FC. As annexure-2. (3) CBA land 542.557 HA was acquired as on 22.05.1999. As annexure-3. (4) CBA land 204.67 ha was acquired as on 18.03.2016. As annexure-4.
7	As per the component wise breakup, the entire area including forest and non-forest land has been proposed for mining only. The State shall submit the details as to where the other ancillary activities like mineral processing, transportation, coal handling, infrastructure etc will be located.	Ancillary activities like mineral processing, transportation, coal handling, infrastructure etc. will be located in non forest area.
8	The status of Mine lease validity for the earlier approved 299.44 ha forest land shall be examined by the State Govt. and shall submit the present status of earlier approved forest land.	Earlier approved mining lease validity is under CBA with unlimited validity period/life period of mine/ till exhaustion of resource.
9	Status of reclamation measures undertaken by the user agency in their lease area in case of earlier approvals as per the Progressive Mine Closure Plans and gaps if any, shall be intimated by the State.	This is an Underground Mine; Hence no reclamation measure is required.
10	The Cost Benefit analysis is required to be submitted as per the format prescribed in the FCA, 1980 Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019 keeping in view the revised rates of NPV dated 06.01.2022.	Revised cost benefit analysis is enclosed. As annexure-5.
11	In the part-1 of the application form, against the copy of approval of the mining plan the User Agency has submitted a letter dated 23.05.2007 communicating the salient features observed during the presentation of the Mining plan. A copy of the approval of the mining shall therefore be submitted.	Approval copy of Mining Plan is enclosed. As annexure-6.

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12	The relevance of the Mining plan under consideration in the year 2007 has to be examined in view of the technological advancement in the subsequent years. The State Govt. shall examine the matter and submit a revised Mining plan along with Progressive mine reclamation/ closure plan.	There is no change in technology .
13	3D subsidence report has been submitted in respect of Dhau North UG min, therefore 3D subsidence report for the instant project shall be uploaded/ submitted.	No subsidence record is observed during the mining operation on the 299.447 Ha land. And Dhau North UG is in nearby the Tandsi Mine. The geology of the both Mine are Similar.
14	The detail of safeguards proposed/ required in view of the location of the proposed area within a Tiger corridor shall be submitted.	As proposed diverted area is in Underground Mine no safeguard is required.
15	The distance of proposed forest area from Satpura Tiger Reserve is 6.18 km. The area has a recorded presence of Tigers as elaborated in the SIR of DFO concerned. Therefore, the applicability of NBWL/ SBWL Clearance shall be examined and intimated by the CWLW along with his comments on the proposal.	May kindly be replied by forest department.
16	The details of coal evacuation plan and involvement of forest land, if any, shall be intimated.	No forest land is involved in the coal Evacuation plan.
17	The State Govt. recommended the proposal subject to a study which is to be carried out by the WII, Dehradun and the State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur to curb the noise level arises due to mining and allied activities. However, the copy of undertaking from the user agency to bear the cost of study has not been submitted. The same needs submission.	Undertaking for bearing the cost of study is submitted. Enclosed as Annexure - 7.
18	The component wise/ purpose wise KML file/Shape file of the 299.44 ha already diverted forest land shall be submitted.	Total diverted FC land 299.447 Ha KML file is uploaded.

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19	Calculated area of Mining lease boundary through KML file is found 373.183 ha instead of 1318.283 ha as per the Mining plan whereas the State Govt. reported total area involved in the project is 1961.654 ha, further the lease document submitted mentions the area as 1756 ha. This variation needs clarification along with the KML file.	As asked, the KML file depicting the details of 1756 Ha. land (MCR lease), 542.557 Ha land (CBA), 204.67 Ha land (CBA) is prepared and enclosed. (1) The MCR lease 1756.984 Ha was acquired as on dated 3rd April 1976. Then after it was renewed on dated 01.10.2021 valid upto 31-03-2030. Copy of Gazette Notification date 01-01-2021 enclosed Annexure-1. (2) Forest land 299.447-Ha Land was diverted as on 20.11.1991 vide letter no 8-145/86-FC. As annexure-2. (3) CBA land 542.557 HA was acquired as on 22.05.1999. As annexure-3. (4) CBA land 204.67 ha was acquired as on 18.03.2016. As annexure-4.
20	Out of 373.183 ha Mining lease KML file uploaded on PARIVESH, total area of forest land present in the Mining lease is found 219.852 ha whereas the user agency has only applied for diversion of 206.826 ha. This needs clarification.	Revised KML file is uploaded.
21	High resolution satellite imagery shows the presence of Road, River (Tambiya Nadi) and plantation work in the forest land proposed for diversion. This needs clarification.	The current proposal is for underground mining only, which will have no impact on the forestry/ surface features of the area.
22	Tambiya River and its tributary are flowing through the forest land proposed for diversion. In this regard the comments of the Water Resource Department of the State/State Government on the effect of underground mining on ground water recharge and existing water tank and measures to protect river subsidence due to under-ground mining shall be submitted. The details of study carried out, if any in this regard shall also be submitted.	The request for comment has been submitted to the Water Resource Department of State. A copy of the application made to Principal/Chief Engineer (Water Resourced Department), Bhopal. As annexure - 8. Further, underground working will be done as per the condition of permissions which is imposed by Director General of Mine Safety, for the working below river/water bodies under Coal Mines Regulations-2017 under Mines Act 1952.

उपरोक्त जानकारी अग्रिम कार्यवाही हेतु आपके समक्ष सादर प्रेषित है।

धन्यवाद।

संलग्न:- यथोपरि।

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3. महाप्रबंधक (भू/राजस्व), वेकोलि मुख्यालय, नागपुर।
4. महाप्रबंधक (पर्यावरण), वेकोलि मुख्यालय, नागपुर।
5. उपक्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक, तानसी उपक्षेत्र।
6. क्षेत्रीय योजना अधिकारी, कन्हान क्षेत्र।
7. कार्यालय प्रति।

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