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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110510. Dated: 26th October 2009

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

Sub: Diversion of 28.95 ha of forest land for K.D. Hesalong Open Cast Mining project in favour of M/s. Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District of Jharkhand.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter no. Vanbhumi -63 / 2005 / 3994 / VP dated 17.08.2006 and Vanbhumi-38/2006/2970/VP dated 21.06.2006 on the subject cited above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said Mining Lease was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.09.2006 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

- 2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. Vanbhumi 63 / 2005 / 2906 / VP dated 14.08.2008, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 28.95 ha of forest land for K.D. Hesalong Open Cast Mining project in favour of M/s. Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District of Jharkhand subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:
- Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- a Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
 - Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (100 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area as recommended by the State Government) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost.
 - Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 3 Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency at the project cost:
 - Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented.
 - (ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion.

- (iii) Construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
- (iv) The areas shall be reclaimed keeping in view the international practice of stabilizing the dumps by grading / benching so that angles of repose (normally less than 28 at any given place) are maintained.
- (v) The top soil management plan should be strictly adhered to.
- 4 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 5 The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and any other requisite clearances under any Act/ Rules, etc.
- 6 The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
- 7 The period Forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 20 years subject to possession of valid lease by User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957, or coterminous with the mining lease whichever is earlier.
- 8 Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
- Mining/reclamation schedule shall be implemented by the user agency at their cost as per Environmental Management Plan / phased programme.
- 10 The user agency shall also take up study on soil erosion / soil flow from the over-burden areas with the help of GIS in consultation with the forest department.
- 11 The user agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within five km area from the mine lease boundary as a Corporate's social responsibility so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks if any.
- 12 Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneshwar may impose from time to in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests.

Yours faithfully.

(C.D. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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To

The Secretary (Forests), Government of Bihar, PATNA: "F"

Sub: Diversion of 130 ha. of forest land for coal mine in favour of C.C.L. for K.D. Hesalong Project in Ranchi District.

Sir,

I' am directed to refer to your letter No.Van/Bhu/ha/Mine 59/91-178-E dated 12.2.92 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for diversion of 101.41 ha. of forest land for coal mine in favour of C.C.L. for K.D. Hesalong Project in Ranchi District for a period of 10 years, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over equivalent non-forest land at project cost. The non-forest land identified for compensatory afforestation will be notified as protected forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and transfer of title of the same in favour of Forest Department in revenue records will be got done within a period of six months.
- (iii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area shall be carried out at the project cost. Further enrichment plantation over degraded forest land equivalent in extent to one and a half times of safety zone area will be carried out at the project cost.
- (iv) Mined over area is to be reclaimed/restored after mining/quarrying is over as per the reclamation plan.

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- (bi) Free fuelwood/alternate energy source will be provided to labourers working at project site.
- (vii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose than that specified in the proposal.
- (viii) This approval is subject to environmental clearance.
- (ix) Any other condition that the State Government may impose from time to time.

Yours faithfully,

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