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HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the _____

From: Chief Conservator of Forests, Chamba-176 310. To: Nodal Officer-Cum-APCCF(FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla.

Subject: - **Application for obtaining approval of Central Government for renewal Mining Lease for extraction of slates in Mohal Kunr over 0.4087 hectare forest land within Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba.**

Memo:-

Kindly refer to GoI, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF letter No. FC/HPB/05/43/2022 dated 17.06.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, it is submitted that the observations as raised by the GoI, IRO, MoEF&CC vide letter under reference have been attended by the user agency as well as DFO Bharmour and the point wise reply to the EDS as per submission of DFO Bharmour is given as under:-

1. (i) As per the approved Mining Plan the estimated capacity of production is 9500 MT, and average annual production is 1900MT.

The work is carried out only over the proposed land for extraction of slates and as yet slate stone/mining mineral is available and reclamation over the mining shall be carried out after the closing of mining area. A document provided by Mining Officer Chamba regarding the detail of proposed and existing mining lease in district Chamba is enclosed herewith.

(Annexure-i)

(ii) Landscape map showing the approved/proposed/existing mining projects for hill slopes mining in district is enclosed herewith. (Annexure- ii)

(iii) Copy of District Survey Report supplied by Mining Officer Chamba is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-iii)

2. DFO Bharmour submitted that, as yet no any area of proposed mining site is mined out, over the whole area extraction of mining mineral is being undertaken. The area of Dumping Site 0.4 hectare has been restored/reclaimed by providing the crates etc. as per the site requirement.
3. Post Reclamation Plan of proposed mining area prepared by State Geologist (Retd.) at the time of approval of mining plan, which to be implemented after the completion/closing of mining activities is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-iv) The reclamation of mining area shall be done by the user agency on his cost as per the direction of forest department.

4. Needful has been done on the MoEF portal by the User Agency.
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6. The proposed land for renewal on of mining lease is wasteland declared as Protected Forest as per 1952 Notification.
7. Dimension of dumping yard is 30m x 21m. , where wastes generated during/after extraction of slates shall be dumped. The same has already been mentioned in the component wise breakup in the MoEF portal. The estimated waste to be generated is 4000 MT.
8. NPV bill as per the latest guidelines have been revised by DFO Bharmour and copy of same is enclosed herewith. (**Annexure-xiii**)
9. FRA certificate along with the record of all consultations and proceedings of FRC/Gram Sabha of all affected villages are enclosed herewith. (**Annexure-v**)
10. It is submitted that the daily approximate extraction of slates (mining mineral) will be 6.3MT and these Mining mineral as detail given in the Mining Plan/ Transportation Plan shall be shifted through mule from the mining site to the nearest road site.
11. Letter of DFO (wildlife) showing the exact distance, instead of approximate distance as desired by the GoI, MoEF is enclosed herewith. (**Annexure-vi**)
12. It is submitted that this proposal is for renewal of mining lease, and the proposal earlier for diversion of above mentioned land was accorded by the GoI, MOEF on dated 02.09.2010, and during the time there was no such guidelines to add the safety zone as component part for diversion of forest land whereas, the safety zone around the site 7.5 meters has been maintained. As this proposal is for renewal of mining lease and addition/changes in the forest land could not be made, i.e. the area of safety zone could not be added/mentioned against the component wise breakup in the online part-I.
13. Geological plan prepared by State Geologist HP (retd) during the approval of Mining Plan is enclosed herewith please. (**Annexure-vii**)
14. Necessary clarification regarding the distance from the road to proposed mining site given by Revenue Officer and authenticated by Mining Officer, Chamba is enclosed herewith. (**Annexure-viii**)
15. Application for renewal of CTO along with payment has been submitted. The receipt/status application is enclosed herewith. As and when approval is received shall be submitted to your office please. (**Annexure-ix**)

16. Application of extension of Letter of Intent has been submitted. Copy enclosed herewith. (Annexure-x)
17. It is submitted that, however the area is in hilly slopes, but the strata is very hard/rock, so cause the mining is not vulnerable to soil erosion. Further, it is assured that if any soil erosion is occurred shall be protected by the user agency at the cost as per the requirement. The undertaking to pay the cost of Soil Moisture Conservation is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-xi)
18. Pertains to be attended at your level please. The undertaking to pay the cost of implementation of Wildlife management Plant is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-xii)

The documents as annexed above are sent herewith for favour of your information and necessary action under FCA-1980 please.

Encl:- As above.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Dated Chamba, the

22/10/2022

✓ Copy is forwarded to DFO Bharmour with reference to his office Memo. No. 3952 dated 15.10.2022 for information please.

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