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To,
Divisional Forest Officer,
Balrampur Forest Division,
Dist- Balrampur (CG)

Subject: Compliance report of Forest Clearance of Mahan II OCM, SECL Bhatgaon Area.

Dear Sir,

Please find the below the Compliance report of Forest Clearance (Letter no F-No.8-55/2016-FC dated 04.07.2017) of Mahan II OCM of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bhatgaon Area.

Sl. No.	Conditions of Stage-II Forest Clearance	Status of implementation
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	Agreed.
ii.	Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land, twice in extent to the area of forest land proposed be diverted, shall be raised within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of stage-2 clearance and maintained there after in accordance with the approved plan in consultation with the state forest Department the cost of the user agency;	Complied for Compensatory afforestation. 75.055 ha x 2 = 150.11 ha. x Rs. 6,00,222 = Rs. 9,00,99,324/- has been deposited to CAMPA fund Account no 15064109130952006 through RTGS ref. no. SBINR52017052400050585 dated 24/05/2017.
iii.	Following activities, as per approved plan/ schemes, shall be ensured by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department:	
	(a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be initiated to be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage -II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;	Sufficient number of saplings was planted over reclaimed land and grass beds are also provided on slope created during dumping of Over Burden for preventing soil erosion. Till date 255250 no. plantation has been done from 2010-11 to 2023-24 .as per EC total 150 HA. To be planted for which 103 HA area has been planted and in 47 HA

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		area plantation is going where 117500 no of plant to be planted . In addition 51000 unit of grass beds have also been sowed along the slope of dumps
	(b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;	Plant species are being selected in consultation with Chhattisgarh Rajya Van Vikas Nigam so as to achieve maximum probability of survival of plants. The plantation is also done by CGRVVN.
	(c) Construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;	Retaining wall along the external dump and drains all along the periphery of quarry has been made to arrest soil erosion and contamination of nearby land mass.
	(d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in any given place in less than 28 degree; and	Overburden is backfilled in to the de-coaled area. The total height does not exceed 30 above ground level. The overall slope does not exceed the prescribed limit.
	(e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.	Top soil id separately stored and spread on OB dumps before biological reclamation / plantation. Top soil is used as per MCP and EMP.
iv.	The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;	Agreed. In this regard Vachan Patra has been submitted earlier.
v.	The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;	Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 has been obtained (Letter no J-11015/209/2006-IA.II(M) dated 30 Jan 2015.
vi.	The State government ensure that the user agency shall implement the land surrender schedule in accordance with the approved mine plan and progressive mine closure plan;	Land surrender schedule is being carried out in accordance with the approved mine plan and progressive mine closure plan.
vii.	The State Govt. and the User agency shall implement the approved wildlife conservation Plan along with conservation activities for Avi-fauna ;	Implementation of wildlife conservation Plan (/van prni prabandhan 410/17/3461 dated 01/07/1917) along with conservation activities for Avi-fauna is being ensured. The plan is funded by M/s SECL, Bhatgaon Area and implementing authority is DFO, Balrampur. An amount of Rs 53645000 has been paid against this head to CAMPA fund A/c No 15064109130952006 (RTGS Ref. no SBINR52017052400050585 dated

		24/05/2017.
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 as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 27.5.2015] shall be done within three years at the project cost as per approved scheme. Beside this afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one & a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost;	double layered high quality Fencing and stone wall has been created all around the mine. Sufficient nos of saplings have been planted in the safety zone. This work has already been completed.
ix.	User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests having crown density less than (0.4) if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease; 25000 saplings were planted in external dump in the year 2011-12, 114000 saplings were planted in reclaimed area and 13000 plants were planed in safety zone in the year 2019-20. In the year 2008-09 and 2010-11, 11000 saplings were planted as avenue plantation in area other than dump area. Total 164000 saplings has so far been planted and is being nurtured.	An amount of Rs.3501648.00 has been deposited to Chhattisgarh CAMPA against the head for plantation in 24 ha. of land. A/C No. 15064109130952006, SBINR52017052400050585 dated 24/05/2017.
x.	Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period coterminous with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and minerals (Development and Regulation) Act,1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;	Agreed.
xi.	User agency either itself or through the State Forest Department shall ensure afforestation on degraded forest land, one and half times in extent to the area used for safety zone as per the approved plan/scheme at the cost of the user agency;	Agreed. For conservation plan proposed by state forest deptt. For degraded land. M/s SECL has already paid Rs. 1664666.00, deposited to CAMPA Account SBINR52017052400050585 dated 24/05/2017. The composit amount submitted is Rs. 200717787.00.
xii.	The State Govt. and the User agency shall ensure de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks /water bodies, whenever required preferably within five years;	To prevent silting of nearby water bodies, the following steps have been initiated; 1.Retaining wall at the bottom of external dump has been constructed. Plantation over and at the slope of external dump has been developed. 2. Garland drains all around the mine lease have been dug. 3.OB is backfilled within the de-coaled area, followed by its biological reclamation. So there is no probability of soil erosion and siltation of nearby water-bodies.

		All these activities are accomplished as per the provision of approved mine closure plan.
xiii.	User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labour and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;	LPG gas connection has been provided to all employees of the mine.
xiv.	The State Govt. ensure that the user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators of monitoring and expected observable milestones	Approved R&R plan MPL&R 1991 amended in 1994 vide letter No F 5-8/90/23 dated 21.12.1995 issued by Dy. Secretary, R&R Deptt. Govt, of MP (this has also been published in gazette notice duly vetted vide letter no SECL/BSP/MP/BHAT/LAND/09/484 dated 14/08/2009).
xv.	The State Govt. and the User agency shall ensure mining in a phased manner and take due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation Plan shall be executed by the User Agency as per the approved mining plan/scheme and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act,1980, Government of Chhattisgarh and the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Nagpur. 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 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;	Mining of the MAHAN II OCP has been discontinued 31.01.2022 . how ever Mining has been carried out in a phased manner and all care for reclamation has been taken care of. The concurrent reclamation Plan is has been executed as per the approved mining plan/scheme.
xvi.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	Agreed.
xvii.	Boundary of the Mining lease and safety zone shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial numbers, forward and back bearing, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS Co-ordinates;	Boundary of the Mining lease and safety zone have been demarcated on ground by erecting four feet high reinforced concrete pillars, with GPS Co-ordinates.
xviii.	Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;	Agreed.
xix.	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.	Annual self-compliance report in respect of all conditions is being submitted to DFO of concerned Division.
xx.	Any other condition that Regional Office , Nagpur of this Ministry, may stipulate, from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and	Agreed

xxi.	The State Government and User Agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any , for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Agreed.
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This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

Thank you.


Sub Area Manager,

Mahan Sub Area,

SECL, Bhatgaon Area.

Copy to;

1. General Manager, Bhatgaon Area for kind information please.
2. General Manager, (Oprn), Bhatgaon Area.
3. Area Nodal Officer (Forest), Bhatgaon Area.