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कंपनी सचिव का कार्यालय
Office of the Company Secretary

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GM (P&P) Kanhan
Date 25/08/2020

BOARD MATTER
CONFIDENTIAL
DATE: 17.08.2020

REF: WCL/Office of CS/BM-324/2020-21/333

Reproduced below is the relevant excerpt from the minutes of 324th meeting of the Board of Directors of WCL held on 04th August, 2020:

"ITEM NO.324/ C-19

SUB Approval for Project Report of Extension of Nandan-2 UG Mine in Dhau North Block in Kanhan Area.

- i) While deliberating on the subject, Shri Ajit Kumar Chowdhary, Director (Technical) P&P apprised the salient features of the Project Report for Extension of Nandan-2 UG Mine in Dhau North Block (June 2020) to the Board.
- ii) The Board, after deliberation, accorded approval to the Project Report for Extension of Nandan-2 UG Mine in Dhau North Block (June 2020) with a total capital investment of Rs. 85.7331 Crores (including WDV of Rs. 1.0521 Crores) for 0.45 MTY capacity on partial hiring option at a weighted average Price of WG-III / G-7 grade Rs. 3273.96 per tonne (98.5% of Rs. 3067.98/tonne for weighted average notified price + Rs. 67 per tonne as Processing Charge + Rs. 50 per tonne as Coal Evacuation Charge + Rs. 116/tonne as STC) yielding 20.32% IRR at 85% capacity for Power Sector as brought out in the agenda note.
- iii) GM (P&P) to take necessary action in the matter."

Ramehar
17/8/2020
COMPANY SECRETARY

✓ GENERAL MANAGER (P&P)
CC: DIRECTOR (PERSONNEL)
DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL) OP
DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL) P&P
DIRECTOR (FINANCE)

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Area General Manager
कान्हान क्षेत्र / Kanhan Area

Director Tech. Sectt.
 Recd No 963
 Date 27.7.13

13016/2/2013-CA-III
 Government of India
 Ministry of Coal

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 05/07/2013

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
 Dated the 2nd July, 2013



To,
 Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
 Coal India Ltd.,
 10, Metaji Subhash Road,
 Kolkata.

Subject:- Assigning of Dhau North Block of Kanhan Area in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh to CIL/WCL - reg.

Sir,
 I am directed to refer to WCL's letter No. CMD/WCL/SECY/2-5/78 dated 6-4-2013 addressed to Secretary (Coal) on the above mentioned subject. The matter has been examined in the Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Environment & Forests.

2. Ministry of Environment & Forests vide their Office Memorandum No. 11-164/2010-PC dated 25-3-2013 has recommended mining in 60-Dhau North block located within the migratory corridor between the Pench and Satpuda Tiger Reserves identified by MoEF, subject to the condition that, mining in the block is allowed, only if the said block is notified as CIL block and is allotted to the CIL for working through the existing incline of the Nandan-II block.

3. Keeping in view of the above, the Competent Authority has decided to assign the 60-Dhau North Block of Kanhan area in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh to Coal India Ltd.

4. All statutory clearances from the respective Ministries, departments and agencies of the Central and State governments, as may be required under prevalent law, shall be obtained before Mining is undertaken.

5. You are, therefore, advised to take necessary steps to explore/develop the coal block and start mining operations through the existing infrastructure and incline of Nandan-II Underground Mine, at the earliest.

H. Jain
 (Hemant Jain)
 Director to the Government of India
 Tel No. 23388043

- Copy to:
- i. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Secretariat, Bhopal - 462003 - for information and necessary action.
 - ii. Asstt. IG of Forests, M/o Env. & Forests, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
 - iii. CMD, WCL, Coal Estate, Civil Lines, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
 - iv. TD, NIC, MoC - for uploading in the website of this Ministry.

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Handwritten instructions:
 GM (Secy) - to fr. submil - Form I w/objty.
 GM (L&R) - (i) to p/sme lease renewal
 GM (P&P) - (ii) To apply for direction of Forest Land.
 - For project approval & Coord plan agreement

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Area General Manager
 Kanhan Area

FORM NO. 20
Sl. No. 5413

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WCL/C.M/D/15.0Y/MP.
दिनांक / Dated :- 30/03/2013

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F. No. 11-161/2010-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(FC Division)

Parvatan Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110003
Dated 25th March, 2013

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- M (L.C.R.)
- M (J.W) DTS
- M (S.H)
- M (S.H)

OFFICE-MEMORANDUM

Sub: Forest and Environment clearance to the coal mining project in Pench-Kanhan Coalfield located in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. of even number dated 17th June 2011 on the above-mentioned subject where-under a copy of note on the decision taken by this Ministry on the grant of Forest and Environment clearance to the coal mining projects in Pench-Kanhan Coalfield located in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh was sent to all concerned, and to say that matter of allowing mining in twelve coal blocks located within the migratory corridor between the Pench and Satpuda Tiger Reserves identified by this Ministry in consultation with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun was further examined by this Ministry.

Accordingly, the undersigned is directed to say that the revised decision of this Ministry on the mining in each of the twelve coal blocks located within the said migratory corridors is as below:

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56-Rakhikhol: The mine lies at a strategic location in the narrow forest belt connecting the forests under the coal blocks to the forests to the south. The underground reserves have already been exhausted. The sub-committee therefore, recommends that no further activity in the mine site, especially conversion to open cast should be allowed after the cessation of underground mining. After closure of the mine, all existing infrastructure available at the mine site shall be dismantled and the area occupied by these structures be restored scientifically.

58- Nandan-II and 60- Dhau North: The 58- Nandan-II is an already working underground mine. The mine incline is located in the non-forest land, near the boundary of the corridor. The road being utilised for evacuation of the coal does not fall within the corridor. Initially the same incline was proposed to be utilised for extraction of the reserve available in the adjoining 60-Dhau North Block. The MoC has however, recently notified the 60-Dhau North Block as the non-CIL block for allocation to private developers for captive use. It will therefore, be not available to the WCL for mining. The WCL has accordingly, planned to mine the balance reserve available in the Nandan block within the next two years and close the mine thereafter.

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Area General Manager
उपमंडल क्षेत्र / Kanhan Area

As the 60- Dhau North block has been notified as a non-CIL block, instead of using the existing incline of the Nandan-II block for its mine, as was initially planned, new incline(s) and associated infrastructure such as roads, crushers, office and residential buildings etc will be required to be created for its working. Creation of the new infrastructure will create avoidable additional disturbances in the corridor. The sub-committee, therefore, recommends that mining in the block may be allowed, only if the said block is notified as CIL Block, and is allotted to the CIL for working through the existing incline of the Nandan-II block.

Keeping in view that the mine incline of the 58- Nandan-II block is located near boundary of the corridor and the underground mining activities are not likely to have any significant impact on surface of the mines, the sub-committee is of the view that the balance reserve available in the 58- Nandan-II as well as the 60-Dhau North mine (in case it is notified as a CIL block) may be allowed to be extracted through underground mining by using the existing inclines and infrastructure of the 58-Nandan-II mine. Only minimal surface activities as required for statutory compliance under the Mines Act, 1952 and Mines Rules 1955 may be allowed.

In case 60- Dhau North block is not notified as CIL block, no mining in the block may be allowed, as it will require creation of additional infrastructure which will cause avoidable disturbance in the corridor.

After exhaustion of the underground reserves, no further activity in the mine site, especially conversion to open cast should be allowed. After closure of the mine, all existing infrastructure available at the mine site be dismantled, and the area occupied by these structures be restored by planting suitable tree species.

59 (Bansi-Harradol): The block is known to have comparatively smaller volume (0.571 million tonnes) of high grade medium coking coal. To extract the underground reserve, new inclines and associated infrastructure may have to be created. Stage-I approval for diversion of 4.85 hectares of forest land required for creation of surface infrastructure and 35.85 hectares of forest land underground mining for working of the mine has already been accorded by the MoEF. The NTCA has recommended underground mining in the block and the stage-I approval for diversion of forest land required for surface right and the underground mining have also been accorded by the MoEF.

Keeping in view the relatively smaller volume of the reserve and need to create new inclines and other associated infrastructure, the sub-committee is of the view that the WCL may reconsider their decision to undertake mining in the said block. In this connection necessary clarification from the WCL has been obtained for further consideration by this Ministry.

61-Rakhinal, 62-Dhau Extension and 63-Koelwari: These blocks are located in the middle of the corridor and are well forested. So far, these blocks have not been worked at all. No mining is proposed to be undertaken in these blocks in near future also.

To extract the underground reserve, new inclines and associated infrastructure, such as roads etc will be required to be created in these blocks. New surface activities are likely to

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result in fragmentation which in turn is likely to impair movement of wildlife. In order to maintain the continued existence of the corridor, the sub-committee is of the view that no mining of any kind be allowed in these blocks in future.

64- Tapsi-I and 65- Tapsi-II: Both blocks are having underground working mines. The mine incline is located outside the Reserve Forest. The additional forest land is proposed to be diverted to extend underground mining in these areas by using the existing inclines located outside the Reserve Forest.

As these blocks are located in almost middle of the corridor, movement of coal bearing trucks for transportation of coal to the washery or to the railways sidings, especially during night hours, is likely to cause disturbance to movement of wildlife.

Keeping in view that the mine incline is located outside the Reserve Forest and the existing as well as the proposed underground mining activities are not likely to have significant impact on surface of these blocks, the sub-committee is of the view that the balance reserve available in these blocks, may be allowed to be extracted through underground mining by using the existing inclines. Approval under the FC Act for diversion of additional forest land required for underground mining in these blocks may therefore, be allowed. However, no new surface activity including construction of any new incline for extraction of coal from these blocks may be allowed. To minimize disturbance to wildlife from the coal bearing trucks, transportation of coal raised from these blocks may be permitted only during day time.

After exhaustion of the underground reserves, no further activity in the mine site, especially conversion to open cast should be allowed. After closure of the mine, all existing infrastructure available at the mine site be dismantled and the area occupied by these structures be restored by planting suitable tree species.

66- Tambia, 67- Tandsi-III and 68-Dhanwa: These blocks have not been worked so far and are well forested. Working of these blocks will require construction of new incline(s) and associated infrastructure such as roads, crushers, office and residential buildings etc. The new surface activities required to extract coal from these blocks is likely to hinder movement of wildlife through the corridor. The sub-committee therefore, concurs the view of the NTCA that no mining activity may be allowed in these blocks.

All concerned may kindly take necessary action accordingly.

(H.C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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5. Shri Manoranjan Hota, Director, IA Division, MoEF

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