

Letter No. OCPL/ 674

Date: 01/11/2021

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO)

Sundargarh Division.

Sub: Proposal seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India for diversion of 342.87 Ha forest land for non-forestry purpose towards development of Dip-side Manoharpur Coal Mining Project of Odisha Coal and Power Limited – Submission of compliance report reg.

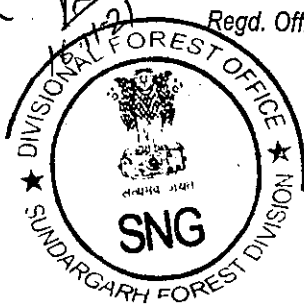
Ref: 1. DFO Letter no. 5322/4F/Misc./2021 dated 28.10.2021

Sir,

In reference to the subject mentioned above, OCPL would like to submit a compliance report as per the following:

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1.	The check lists have not been signed by the DFO.	To be complied by DFO office.
2.	In check list Sl no. 07, the extent of Revenue Forest and that of Reserve Forest have been mentioned as 166.29 ha & 176.58 ha respectively. But in the Part-II & Site Inspection Report, the extent of Revenue & RF have been mentioned as 166.28 and 176.59 ha respectively. The discrepancies, in this regard needs to be clarified / rectified.	The extent of Reserve forest (i.e. 176.59 ha) and Revenue forest (i.e. 166.28 ha) mentioned in part II and site inspection report is correct. The error in area as mentioned in checklist Sl no. 7 may please be ignored. As per Gazette notification (GoI) of land acquisition for Dip-side Manoharpur coal block, the area of Reserve forest is 176.59 ha and the remaining area is Reserve forest i.e. 166.28 ha. Thus total forest area proposed for diversion is 342.87 Ha. The copy of Gazette notification showing the Reserve

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		forest (i.e. 176.59 ha) is attached as Annexure 1 for your kind consideration (refer vol. I file).
3.	The following maps required to be submitted in the Diversion Proposal <ol style="list-style-type: none">Safety Zone mapPropose land use mapBroken area mapExisting land use mapProposed land use map	As required, the maps are attached as per following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Safety Zone map – refer Annexure 2 (refer Vol. II - Drawing/Map file)Proposed land use map – refer Annexure 3 (refer Vol. II - Drawing/Map file)Broken area map – Not ApplicableExisting land use map – refer Annexure 4 (refer Vol. II - Drawing/Map file)Proposed land use map – refer Annexure 3 as mentioned above.
4.	Justification for locating the project in Forest area to be countersigned by the DFO.	Forest land is required for mining, dumping & construction of allied infrastructure. Due to modification in Surface Master Plan as per Approved Mining Plan (Rev III), the quarry boundary has been extended upto block boundary of Dip-side coal block; resulting change in excavation area and lease area. Hence, Forest land is required for use of Non-Forest Purpose. The U/A has already submitted the proper detailed justification along with FDP for locating the project in forest area; the copy of same is again attached as Annexure 5 for your ready reference (refer vol. I file).
5.	The certificate for minimum use of forest land furnished by the UA at P/158 has not been countersigned by the DFO.	The U/A has already submitted the duly signed certificate for minimum use of forest land; the copy of same is again attached as Annexure 6 for your ready reference (refer vol. I file).



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6.	The cost benefit analysis has neither been signed by the UA nor by the DFO.	The duly signed cost benefit analysis by U/A (i.e. OCPL) is attached herewith as Annexure 7 (refer vol. I file).
7.	All the undertakings furnished in the DP should be authenticated by the DFO.	shall be complied by DFO while recommending the proposal to RCCF.
8.	Tree enumeration list both for Forest and NF land involved in the project has not been enclosed in the DP. Further, no. of trees to be felled from forest and non-forest land should be reported.	<p>The DFO Sundargarh has approved sample tree enumeration list of forest land. The total number of trees over forest land is 12562 nos. The copy of same is attached herewith as Annexure 8 for your kind consideration (refer vol. I file).</p> <p>Further, the work of sample tree enumeration over Non-Forest land is under progress as per the plan approved by DFO. An undertaking in this regard is attached herewith as Annexure 9 (refer vol. I file).</p> <p>Further, no. of trees to be felled from forest and non-forest land will be submitted to your good office only after completion of tree enumeration.</p>
9.	Suitability certificate furnished in CA scheme has not been signed by the DFO. Further, Topo maps said to have been enclosed in the CA scheme are not found to be enclosed. The DGPS maps of the CA land is also not enclosed.	<p>The duly signed suitability certificate – to be complied by DFO office</p> <p>Topo maps of CA land in villages Patheimunda (Tahasil Balisankara), Aludega, Etma & Galeibahal (Tahasil Badgaon), Bendrichuan, Raichaun & Kesrijima (Tahasil Hemgir), Kunjanala & Laxmanpa (Tahasil Leparipada) – Annexed as Annexure 10 (refer Vol. II - Drawing/Map file).</p> <p>DGPS map of the CA land in villages Patheimunda (Tahasil Balisankara), Aludega, Etma & Galeibahal (Tahasil Badgaon), Bendrichuan, Raichaun & Kesrijima (Tahasil</p>



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		Hemgir), Kunjanala & Laxmanpa (Tahasil Leparipada) – Annexed as Annexure 11 (refer Vol. II - Drawing/Map file).
10.	The proposal is for diversion of 342.870 ha of forest land comprising of 176.59 of RF & 166.28 ha of Revenue forest land. But in the site inspection report against Sl no. 8, it has been mentioned that the “proposed diversion of the revenue forest if for Dipside of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project (Expansion of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project) and enclosed as Annexure – E” which is not comprehensible.	As mentioned earlier in point 2; the proposal includes diversion of both the lands i.e. Revenue forest (166.28 Ha) and Reserve forest (176.59 Ha) for the development of Dip side Manoharpur Coal Mine Block.
11.	The information furnished against Sl. No. 12 of the Site Inspection Report is not adequate & appropriate as the no. of trees to be felled & its impact on the eco-system has not been furnished. Further, it has been mentioned therein that “ The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the cost of NPV and Coal of CA as approved” which is not understood.	The necessary correction shall be made by DFO while recommending the proposal to RCCF. The U/A has submitted the undertaking regarding the deposit of cost of NPV and CA scheme along with DP. The copy of same is again attached Annexure 12 and Annexure 13 for your ready reference (refer vol. I file). Further, an undertaking regarding the deposit of additional NPV, as would be assessed by State Government (GoO) / Hon’ble Supreme Court of India is attached herewith as Annexure 14 (refer vol. I file).
12.	The PDF file of the proposal in C.D. form has not been submitted.	The U/A has already been submitted the FDP in shape file (PDF file in CD). The same is again enclosed as Annexure 15 .
13.	In the RR Plan, it has been stated that there are 230 nos. of displaced families & 525 nos. of affected families due to the above project. But in the site inspection report against Sl. No. 14, i.e. the position of	The figure mentioned earlier as 230 nos. and 525 nos. may please be ignored. OCPL would like to submit that the Socio Economic Survey (SES) is under progress to



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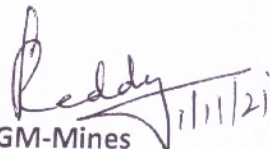
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	displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any is reported to be Nil. Needs clarification.	prepare and finalize the R&R plan for Dip-side Manoharpur coal block in accordance with the prevailing laws of Govt. of Odisha. However, as per approved MP (Rev III), for Dip-side Manoharpur Coal Block; the total displaced families are 190 nos. (i.e. 127 nos. of village Kathfali and 63 nos. of village Parmanandpur respectively).
14.	Against Sl. No. 16 of the Site Inspection Report, it should be specifically reported whether, the NF land used in the project and non-forest land selected for CA is included in the DLC report or not.	Shall be complied by DFO office while recommending the proposal to RCCF.
15.	It should be specifically reported whether any court case is pending against this project or not.	No court cases are pending. An undertaking in this regard is attached as Annexure 16 (refer vol. I file).
16.	All the documents furnished in the DP should be authenticated by the DFO. Although instruction in this regard has been issued earlier, the same is not adhered to.	Shall be complied by DFO office while recommending the proposal to RCCF.

We hope that the above will meet your requirement and request your good office to kindly consider our application for grant of Forest Clearance (Stage I) at the earliest.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,


AGM-Mines

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Odisha Coal and Power Ltd.

Manoharpur Coal Mine Project

Encl: As above