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To,
The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO)
Sundargarh Division.

Sub: Proposal for seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India for diversion of 342.87 Ha of 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. PCCF Letter dated 17.01.2022 (copy enclosed)
2. DFO Letter no. 394/4F/Misc./2022 dt. 19.01.2022

Sir,

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

Sr. No.	Shortcomings / Discrepancies raised by PCCF	Compliance
1.	Ministry of coal, Government of India vide S.O. No. 529 DATED 16.07.2020 Declared acquisition of land measuring 684.62 ha (Revenue land 405.89ha & forest land 278.73 ha) under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & development) Act, 1957 for Dip side Manoharpur coal Block, IB valley coal fields in Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District, published in Gazette of India. Besides, 684.62 ha; it is proposed for utilization of 95.82 ha (64.14 ha of forest land + 31.68 ha revenue forest land) in the diversion proposal for ancillary activities outside coal block. Necessary documents in support of allotment/acquisition of 95.82 ha of forest and non-forest land is not furnished in the diversion proposal.	<p>The total requirement of land for development of the coal block after DGPS survey is 780.44 ha (684.62ha within the coal block + 95.82 ha outside the coal block). Out of the total area, the Forest land is 342.870 ha and non-forest land is 437.570 ha.</p> <p>The area falling within the coal block, i.e. 684.62 ha of land, has been notified in Gazette Notification under Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & development) Act, 1957. The copy of same is attached in file at Pg no. 263.</p> <p>The total outside area required for the development of the coal block is 95.82 ha (64.14 ha of revenue forest land + 31.68 ha non forest land).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outside forest land i.e. 64.14 ha has been included within the diversion





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		<p>proposal of 342.87 ha.(278.73Ha inside the coal block+64.14Ha outside the coal block).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The non-forest land i.e. 31.68 ha has been processed for acquisition through IDCO, Odisha. Necessary documents in support of allotment/acquisition of 31.68 ha is placed in file at Pg. no. 267. The acquisition of the same is under process.
2.	Revenue forest proposed for diversion in village sarabahal is 8.18 ha, but as per the land schedule authenticated by the Tahasildar, Hemgir it is coming to 7.37 ha. There is shortage of 0.81 ha area.	In village Sarbahal 8.18 ha of revenue forest land has been applied for the FDP and the same has been authenticated by Tahasildar, Hemgir. A copy of authenticated land schedule measuring an area of 8.18 ha is placed in file at Pg. no. 155 .
3.	<u>Compensatory Afforestation</u>	
(i)	It is mentioned that 342.90 ha non-forest land in 09 villages have been identified for CA. But the area comes to 267.00 ha as per KML file. There is shortage of 75.90 ha CA land.	<p>As per Para 2.3 of Guideline to F (c) Act 2019, Compensatory Afforestation is to be raised over equivalent non-forest land to the area proposed for diversion. Therefore, 342.902 ha of non-forest Govt. land has been identified in Sundargarh District of Sundargarh Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation Purpose. But on verification of initially identified CA land (i.e. 342.902 ha), an area of 245.318 ha is coming in non-forest land and the remaining area is found under DLC list. Hence, as per applicable guidelines of DLC, apart from the non-forest land (i.e. 245.318 ha), DLC land (93.691 ha); additional DLC land of 109.933ha. Hence the total area identified now for CA purpose is 448.942 Ha.</p> <p>The copy of KML file of 245.318 ha (non-forest CA land), 93.691 ha (DLC land), 109.933 ha (additional DLC land) is attached along with the FDP in the form of CD.</p>



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(ii)	It is observed from the KML file that some area out of 267.00 ha fall in the State of Chhattisgarh (village Laxmanpa & Kunjanala) & Jharkhand (village Galehibahal).	The proposed CA land (i.e. 245.318 ha, DLC land - 93.691 ha and additional DLC land - 109.933ha) falls in 15 villages in Sundargarh district of state Odisha. In compliance to the observation, ORSAC has been approached for vetting of the entire CA land and further ORSAC has verified the maps and certified that the proposed CA land is situated inside the state of Odisha. Thus, the said total CA land measuring 448.942 ha is falling within the Sundargarh district of state Odisha. The land suitability certificate in this regard is also placed in file at Pg no.187 A
(iii)	Although DGPS survey of CA land has been done, but the same has not been vetted by ORSAC.	The non-forest govt. land identified for CA i.e. 245.318ha, DLC land (93.691ha) and additional DLC land i.e. 109.933ha have been verified by the ORSAC after DGPS survey vide their letter dt. 18.06.2022 and 29.11.2022 & 12.12.2022. The DGPS surveyed map certified by ORSAC for the non-forest govt. land, DLC land and additional DLC land is attached along with the diversion proposal (refer File Volume II)
(iv)	CA Scheme has not been prepared as per the guidelines issued vide O.o.NO. 1109 DATED 08.11.2021, Memo No. 21393 dated 13.12.2021 of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha.	The revised CA scheme as per latest guidelines of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha has been prepared and placed in file at Page no.190 A
(v)	Equivalent non-forest land suitable for CA should be identified and extent of area determined through DGPS survey duly vetted by ORSAC to fulfil the criteria of loss of "Land by Land".	Complied [kindly refer the point no. 3(iii)].
(vi)	Seedlings @ minimum 1000/ ha of the proposed forest land for diversion is required to be planted to fulfil the criteria of loss of "Tree by Tree".	Complied and details provided in the revised CA scheme. Kindly refer CA scheme placed in file at Page no.190 A



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(vii)	The CA Scheme is required to be revisited and revised scheme to be submitted as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF& CC and from this office.	The revised CA scheme as per the latest guidelines of MoEF&CC / PCCF & HoFF, Odisha has been prepared and placed in file at Page no.190A
4.	Treatment map showing phased reclamation not submitted.	Treatment maps showing phase wise reclamation approved by Ministry of Coal are placed in file (refer Volume II).
5.	Document in support of application for obtaining certificate under FRA, 2006 from the concerned District Collector not submitted	Basing on the request made by OCPL, the Collector & District Magistrate, Sundargarh has directed BDO/Tahasildar, Hemgir to conduct Palli Sabha meeting for issue of FRA certificate. The copy of letter in this regard is placed in file at Pg. no.209 .
6.	Presence of Barking Deer, Wild bear, Jackal, Fox, Indian Hare and Mongoose etc. Wild Animals is mentioned in the site Inspection Report. It is also mentioned that Elephants are visiting area occasionally. Nothing is mentioned regarding requirement of SSWLCP at the time of recommendation of the proposal.	The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for the development of Dip-side Manoharpur Coal Block has been approved by the PCCF (CWLW), Bhubaneswar. The copy of approval is placed in file at Pg. no.232 .
7.	Sample tree enumeration has been done over 45.603 ha in 28 sample plots as mentioned in the Diversion proposal to assess the number of trees existing is the proposed area; but not extrapolated. The number of trees to be cut and removed should be extrapolated separately for forest and non-forest land. The tree species existing over the area should be mentioned.	<p>The number of trees existing in the proposed area for forest and non-forest land has been extrapolated on the basis of sample tree enumeration carried out as per the directives of DFO and the same is placed in file at Pg no.176. along with the tree species existing over the area.</p> <p>The extrapolated trees over forest land (a) – 95,660 trees The extrapolated trees over non-forest (Govt. + Pvt. land) land (b) – 79,200 trees Total trees (a+b) – 1,74,860 trees</p>
8.	It is proposed to change the course of natural stream i.e. "Garia nala" coming within the proposed coal bearing area.	The proposal for diversion of Garia Nalla has already been submitted to the Dept. of Water Resources (DoWR), Bhubaneswar for approval. The Engineer-in-Chief (Water

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	Detailed approved plan by the competent authority has not been submitted.	Resources) has recommended the proposal for diversion of Garia nalla on 01.12.2022 to Add. Chief Secretary (DoWR, Bhubaneswar) for approval. The copy of recommendation letter is placed in file at Page no. 251 along with the undertaking regarding submission of catchment area treatment plan (CAT) as per checklist.
9.	The Letter of Authority has been issued in favour of Mr. Nihar Ranjan Satpathy, Deputy General Manager (Mines); but the documents and maps have been signed by persons other than the authorized signatory.	The authorized signatory for signing of documents and maps has been changed to Mr. Lella Ramachandra Reddy, AGM (Mines). The copy of authorization letter in this regard is placed in file at Page no. 14 .
10.	Document furnished regarding environmental clearance is illegible, a fresh clear copy is to be given. Documents and maps may be put in sequence as per check list of the diversion proposal.	The legible & clear copy of documents and maps are placed in file as per the sequence of points mentioned in checklist of diversion proposal .
11.	KML file/shape file of proposed forest area for diversion is not furnished.	KML file / shape file of the proposed forest area for diversion is attached in the form of CD.

Further, we would like to submit that the forest diversion proposal of 342.87 ha has been revised/ updated as per the latest checklist and guidelines of MoEF&CC dt. 28.06.2022 and is being submitted to your good office in 6 no. of sets.

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

Manoharpur Coal Mine Project

Encl: As above

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Odisha Coal and Power Ltd.