

PART – II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

**Proposal Number :FP/TG/MIN/34878/2018**

5.	Location of the Project/Scheme:	:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of INDARAM MINING LEASE over 929.29 Ha of forest Land involving 15.18 ha for surface use in Compt. Nos from 698 to 701, 703, 706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF of Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division																																										
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viii	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife warden to be annexed).	The proposed Indaram Mining Lease area does not form part of National Park, Wild Life sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, etc.																																																				
6	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work did, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress	<p><b>No, no works in violation of FCA has been taken up.</b></p> <p>During earlier inspection it was noticed that, the User Agency has violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by constructing physical structures and unauthorised occupation of RF land and putting up usage for non forestry works in the proposed area for 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 ha of forest land is as follows.</p> <div><div>1. Some area sand Dump yards area in 7.80 Ha</div><div>2. Excess area RK/New Tech area using 30 Ha instead of 8.98 Ha (21.02 Ha)</div></div> <p><b>and the Total area under violation presumed was 28.82 Ha.</b></p> <p>Notice was issued to General Manager, M.s SCCL, Srirampur by FDO Mancherial for above violation vide FDO Ref.No.4137/2018/F3 dt.19.11.18, 18.06.2019, 05.09.2019 &amp; 04.11.2019.</p> <p>The General Manager, M.s SCCL, Srirampur submitted reply stating that the encroachments reported were not encroachments and the structures were on the lands which were handed over to SCCL prior to 1980 under different G.O.s, but the report was not convincing as it was lacking of documentary evidence and supporting documents and could not produce documents showing the above lands were dis-reserved.</p> <p><b>Later the documents along with maps were furnished by the user agency, the same was verified and it was found that the encroachment reported as excess area of 28.82 Ha is part of 84.8 Ha which were prior 1980 handed over to SCCL and over which surface rights exists. There is no excess area in occupation by SCCL at RK new tech. Hence there is no violation.</b></p> <table><tr><td colspan="4">1. RF Area handed over to SCCL and put to use prior 1980 as per documents furnished (GM, M/s SCCL, Srirampur Rc.No. SRP/EST/M/3/2020/430, dt: 05.09.2020 copy enclosd).</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">Item wise breakup for the 1070 Ha of Forest land during 1st renewal of Indaram Mining lease</td></tr><tr><td>Sl. No.</td><td>Details</td><td>Extent (Ha)</td><td>Remarks</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>For Office building &amp; other infrastructure</td><td>84.80</td><td>Surface area acquired prior FCA - Land used details are furnished</td></tr><tr><td>a.</td><td>Storing mineral/Ore</td><td>15.00</td><td rowspan="9">84.80 Ha acquired and put to use prior 1980</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Dumping of overburden</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>Storing tools</td><td>0.08</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Construction of buildings, power stations, workshops etc</td><td>9.14</td></tr><tr><td>e</td><td>Township/Housing colony</td><td>2.42</td></tr><tr><td>f</td><td>Construction of road/ropeway/railway line etc.</td><td>4.09</td></tr><tr><td>g</td><td>Magazine including safety zone</td><td>13.50</td></tr><tr><td>h</td><td>Plantation</td><td>18.56</td></tr><tr><td>i.</td><td>Indirectly affected</td><td>22.01</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><b>Subtotal</b></td><td><b>84.80</b></td><td></td></tr></table>	1. RF Area handed over to SCCL and put to use prior 1980 as per documents furnished (GM, M/s SCCL, Srirampur Rc.No. SRP/EST/M/3/2020/430, dt: 05.09.2020 copy enclosd).				Item wise breakup for the 1070 Ha of Forest land during 1st renewal of Indaram Mining lease				Sl. No.	Details	Extent (Ha)	Remarks	1	2	3	4	1	For Office building & other infrastructure	84.80	Surface area acquired prior FCA - Land used details are furnished	a.	Storing mineral/Ore	15.00	84.80 Ha acquired and put to use prior 1980	b	Dumping of overburden	0.00	c	Storing tools	0.08	d	Construction of buildings, power stations, workshops etc	9.14	e	Township/Housing colony	2.42	f	Construction of road/ropeway/railway line etc.	4.09	g	Magazine including safety zone	13.50	h	Plantation	18.56	i.	Indirectly affected	22.01		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>84.80</b>	
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			3	RK 8 Incline	6.20	As per FCA, MOEF Letter no.16.1/AP/11/MIN/FC dt.23.02.1996
			4	Underground workings	970.04	
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07.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) in respect to status of compliance of conditions stipulated during earlier approval.	<p><u>The status of compliance of conditions stipulated during earlier approval.</u></p> <p>Vide MoEF, GoI, Lr.No.8-70/2000-FC, Dated: 28.11.2001, the GoI, MoEF has accorded permission for renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over an extent of 1070 of Forest land for a period of 20 years. The extent of Forest Land was subsequently modified by GoI, MoEF vide Lr.No. 8-1/2000-FC, Dated: 20.03.2002. as 1054.84 Ha excluding 15.16 Ha surface use which was already diverted by GoI, MoEF, Lr.No. F(C) A/16.1/AP/II/MIN, Dated: 23.02.1996 and Lr.No.8-70/90-FC, Dated: 23.02.1998 and the present lease of 1<sup>st</sup> renewal is expiring on 23.07.2020.</p> <p>a) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.</p> <p>b) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.</p> <p>c) The User Agency will abide by the various mitigatory measures/subsidence management plan including specific technical prescriptions for mining of various seams as suggested by the Department of Mining engineering, Banaras Hindu University in their report so as to minimize the subsidence.</p> <p>However, in the event of subsidence beyond permissible limits, the user agency will pay for the damage and provide equivalent non-forest land along with funds for compensatory Afforestation for the same to the State Forest Department within six months of its occurrence.</p> <p>d) The User agency will protect the 929.29hectare forest area by erecting a stonewall/other fencing on the surface and carryout gap planting wherever required in consultation with the Forest Department. All works will be carried out by the user agency themselves at their own cost with in a reasonable period of time-say 3 years.</p> <p>e) The approval under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986, If required.</p> <p>f) The water used for processing shall be discharged only after proper treatment.</p> <p>g) The User agency will make arrangements for free supply of coal to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest area.</p> <p>h) The period of permission for lease under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 20 years w.e.f 24.07.2000.</p> <p>i) Any other condition that, the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Regional Office, Bangalore</p>
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		<p>may impose from time to time in the interest of Conservation, Protection or development of forests.</p> <p>The M/s SCCL has submitted compliance report dt.01.02.2018. I have inspected the proposed Indaram Mining Lease area/site on 06.08.2020, and observed that, there are no violations in respect of compliance of conditions.</p>
08	Division/District profile:	
	i) Geographical area of the district.	390703.00 Ha
	ii) Forest area of the district.	176474.00 Ha
	iii) Total forest area diverted in the division since 1980 with number of cases.	32 Cases – <b>4440.108</b> Ha.
	iv) Total Compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the division since 1980 on	
	a) Forest land including penal Compensatory Afforestation.	1067.405 Ha.
	b) Non – Forest land.	<b>189.830</b> Ha.
	v) Progress of compensatory Afforestation as on date	
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09	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	<p>The SCC Ltd is Government Company jointly owned by Govt of Telangana &amp; GoI. The present application is for diversion of reduced extent of 929.29 Ha forest land that includes 15.18 Ha surface rights in C.No.698 to 701, 703,706 to 709, 711 to 713 in Indaram RF and Ext RF, Mancherla Range and division in Mancherla district for 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of Indaram Mining lease for underground mining for a period of 20 years. The present lease period expired on 23-07-2020 and mining operations will have to be continued in this lease hold areas beyond the existing lease period for extraction of balance coal reserves estimated to be 145.31 million tonnes to meet the coal targets fixed by GOI to extract balance reserves mining is to be continued for next 20 years. Hence, there is need for 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over reduced area of 929.29 Ha for another 20 years from the date expire of existing lease period.</p> <p>The requirement of proposed mining lease is unavoidable. Since the mining lease is underground mining, it may not significantly affect the surface flora and fauna of the area. The proposal is recommended with a condition that mitigation measures shall be taken up by the user agency for wildlife habitat management as this area has movement of prominent wildlife</p>

Date: 12-02-2021.  
Place: Mancherla

**Counter Signed**

**District Forest Officer,  
Mancherla**

Forest Divisional Officer,  
Mancherla