

Justification for Undertaking Prospecting in Forest Land

The Kente extension Coal Block has been allotted to M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited under Auction of Competitive Bidding of Coal Mines Rules, 2012 vide allotment letter no. 13016/26/2004-CA-I/CA-III (Pt.) (Vol II) dated 31-03-2015, for captive end use at RRVUNL's Suratgarh Supercritical TPP and Chhabra Supercritical TPP. The area of Kente Extension coal block has been fixed as per the boundary co-ordinates provided by CMPDIL. Evidence of occurrence of mineable coal seams has been found from the data of 4 boreholes drilled by GSI in the block. Out of the total area of 1762.839 ha, 1745.883 ha falls under forest land and therefore prospecting operations are required to be carried out in the forest land.

The allotted prospecting area has been identified by CMPDIL and is therefore site-specific for the purpose of prospecting and mining, no other alternate site/ area is feasible. The Kente Extension Block is not fully Regionally Explored and therefore detailed prospecting needs to be undertaken in this block as per the guidelines of MOC for preparation of Geological report required for mine planning. The scheme of prospecting has been prepared as per the UNFC guidelines to establish the entire reserves under 'Proved' category for the purpose of mine planning. The locations of the proposed boreholes have been marked on the enclosed forest stock map of the area.

