

Site Inspection Report

The proposal is for diversion of 143.05 ha. of forest area which was already broken up for extraction of coal from upper seams. The said proposed area had been diverted with the approval of MoEF, GoI, vide F.No. 8-122/90, dated 01.07.1996 for a period of 10 years, during which the area was worked and coal was extracted from upper seams only. The present proposal is for renewal of the approval expired in the year 2006, for enabling the project proponent to extract coal from the lower seams in the same area.

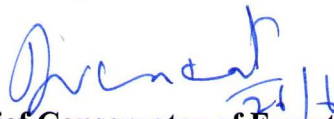
The proposed site was inspected by me along with the DFO, Bokaro and concerned officials of CCL on 19.06.2024. The area is completely broken and covered with hillocks of over burden of earlier mining activity and situated on either side of the existing open cast coal mining project having on area of 69.183 ha. of the same project proponent. The over burden hillocks are covered with sparse vegetation of shrubs and bushes naturally regenerated over a period of time but without any tree growth. The proposed area is not a wildlife habitat but the forest area and other Jungle-Jhari area around the project area has presence of wild animals like Wild Boars, Jackals, Peacocks, Reptiles, Monkeys and occasional movement of Elephants etc. and thus is significant from wildlife and ecology. Print of view.



Further, the project area and its surroundings being undulating with a series of hillocks of over burden and other hillocks are prone to erosion. Hence, a site specific wildlife management plan and soil conservation plan need to be proposed and submitted by project proponent. Similarly the proposed area needs to be worked and closed as per mining plan and

mine closure plan respectively in a time bound manner so as to rehabilitate the area as early as possible. Further, the User Agency should take necessary measures to prevent and control dust pollution during the mining operation.

As the proposal is site specific and for renewal of the already broken up forest area and further, the proposal being in public interest, I agree with the recommendation of the DFO for approval of the project.


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