

Diversion of 99.95 ha forest land for the project of mining of Manganese Ore from 105 ha lease area in Gugaldoh Block in village Manegaon (Rith) in Ramtek Taluka of Nagpur District, Maharashtra.

<u>PART – II (REVISED)</u> <u>(To be filled up by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)</u>		
		State serial No. of Proposal FP/MH/MIN/42236/2019
7	<u>Location of the Project / Scheme</u>	
i)	State / Union Territory	Maharashtra
ii)	District	Nagpur
iii)	Forest Division	Nagpur
iv)	<u>Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)</u>	99.95 ha.
v)	Legal status of forest land	Reserved Forests
vi)	Density of vegetation	0.4 to 0.6 Very Dense: 4.850 ha Moderately Dense: 51.430 ha Open Forests: 43.671 ha Eco-class II and IV comes under southern tropical Dry Deciduous Forests
vii)	Species-wise (specific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.	Species wise, diameter class wise list of the trees in the stretch of road to be affected is enclosed. Page no. 20
viii)	<u>Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.</u>	The hilly topography of the forest land involved in the proposed manganese ore mining project will result in soil erosion following felling of trees.
ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Proposed diversion is within compartment number 293.PF of village Manegaon Rithi
x)	Whether forms part of National Park, Wild Life 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 project does not form part of any National Park. However, part of the project area nearly 38.554 ha falls in tiger corridor as per study of WII under publication " Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape"
xi)	Whether any rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area: if so details thereof.	Tiger and other schedule I species as per the report of Assistant Conservator of Forest attached. Page no. .
xii)	Whether any protected archeological/heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area; If so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	There is no protected/archaeological/ heritage site, other important monument located in the required area.

8	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col-2 of Part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	Yes. The requirement of forest land as proposed is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project as the land required is site specific project involving mining of minerals within lease area.
9	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No.
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:	
	i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	User Agency has identified 101.02 ha. land for compensatory afforestation in village Tembhardara, Tehsil Umerkhed, District Yawatmal User Agency has also submitted CA scheme of 10 years along with Topo sheet & Village Map. (Page no.
	ii) Map showing non-forest / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	As above.
	iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	As above.
	iv) Total financial outlay, for compensatory afforestation scheme.	As above.
	v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	As above.
11	Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col-7 (xi, xii) 8 & 9 above.	Site inspection report is enclosed Page no. 5
12	Division / District profile	Nagpur
	i) Geographical area of the District	993100.00 ha.
	ii) Forest area of the District.	240111.50.00 ha.
	iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases	520.95ha./ 11cases.
	iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on	
	a] Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	520.95ha
	b] Non forest land	5.05 ha

	v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) on 1/12/2021	
		a] Forest land	520.95 ha
		b] Non Forest land	5.05 ha
13	Specific recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forest for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.		The project have Schedule I species as well as many other wildlife and project will affect corridor connectivity between Pench Tiger Reserve and NNTR. However keeping in view project of public interests and site specific, diversion of forest land will be recommended after 1. Technical study by WII and 2. Clearance under section 38 (O) (1), (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. The project should have following mitigation measures as suggested by Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur. • No Mining/ No blasting/No transport allowed from 6 pm to 6 am. • Mining lease boundary falling in corridor section will be fenced with 6-8 feet meter chainlink fencing to avoid incident of trapping of wild life. • 7.5 meter safety zone around lease boundary within lease area will be developed as green belt for safety of the wild life from dust/ noise and vibrations. • Control Blasting with minimum duration during day time with keeping record for inspection for the forest staff. • Water sprinkling during mining/ haul roads and approach road. • Strict compliances of mitigation measures suggested in Mine Closure Plans, Wild Life Mitigation Report and conditions of Environment Clearance and NBWL.

Date :
Place : Nagpur


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