



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
Estate Department Yellandu Area

Ref. No. EST/YLD/ C / 2023/583

Date: 10.04.2023.

To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
& Nodal Officer (FC)
Government of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad, Pin -500 004.

Sir,

Sub: F (C) Act- Diversion of 124.96 Ha. of Forest land for underground mine (without right over the surface) in Compartment Nos.49&51 of Yellandu Range- in favor of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) – submission of Annual Compliance Report as on 31.03.2023 - Reg.

Ref: MoEF&CC, GOI, Lr.No.8-260/1985-FC dt.20.07.2018.

It is brought to the kind notice that the MOEF &CC , GOI has granted renewal of forest diversion vide reference cited to an extent of 124.96 Ha of forest land in Yellandu Division, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited. Accordingly, annual condition-wise compliance report as on 31-3-2023 is submitted as detailed below.

Condition No.(i): Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: Yes. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged. An Undertaking for the same is enclosed

Condition No.(ii): The State Government Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User agency shall implement by involving local community, the Afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval ,in Consultation with the State forest department at the project cost;

Compliance:

It is brought to the kind notice that out of the diverted area of 124 Ha for underground mine (with no right over the surface) an extent of 68 Ha was under encroachment since more than 40 years(1979) i.e., before starting of mining by the

SCCL And in remaining area Forest Department raised plantation to an extent of 30 Ha. Remaining 26 Ha is having natural forest growth and serving the purpose. Further, Avenue Plantation outside the Lease area along the roads for a length of 14 Kms have been taken up by SCCL. SCCL has also taken up plantation outside mining Lease areas in 31 Ha land under Haritha Haram Programme of State Government.

Condition No.(iii) The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period coterminous with the period of the Mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, as amended or rules framed there under.

Compliance: Yes. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval will be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, or Rules framed there under (valid upto 31.12.2034, Copy enclosed).

Condition No.(iv):The state Government shall ensure that the user agency either himself or through the state Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease;

Compliance: Most of the adjoining total area (31.7 Ha) within 100 meters are under encroachment and in about remaining 10 ha good natural growth is there.

Condition No.(v): The State Government shall ensure that the User agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per approved mining plan shall be executed by the SCCL from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the concerned state government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of forests (Central) may direct that the mining shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.

Compliance: The mining has been carried out as per Approved Mining Plan. Coal production was stopped in 2018 and mine closed in 2021 after completing mine closure activities.

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Condition No.(vi): State Government shall ensure that in case of underground mines, areas on surfaces shall be fenced and afforested from the funds to be provided by the User agency.

Compliance: As the Forest land required for the Mining is in remote area, usually it is very difficult to protect the fencing which will be stolen away. Hence, the matter was discussed with the local Forest Officials, and as decided during the discussions, a trench (2x2x2M) around the Forest area was dug and being maintained with live hedge around the area as a fence and barrier. Regarding afforestation, replies furnished as in Para no II holds good.

Condition No.(vii): The State Government shall ensure that user agency shall implement de silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required;

Compliance: Kummari Kunta and Yellandulapadu Tanks were desilted under Mission Kakatiya program of Telangana State Govt.

Condition No.(viii): The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (protection) act, 1986, if required.

Compliance: The SCCL (SCCL) has obtained the Environment Clearance Vide MoEF Lt.No.J-11015/930/2007-I.A-II (M), Dated: 27.10.2008. which is part of 21 incline Under Ground Mine for an extent of 963.63 Ha.

Condition No.(ix): No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;.

Compliance: Being followed.

Condition No.(x): The User agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;

Compliance: Employees are being provided with 12 LPG cylinders per person per year at free of cost.

Condition No.(xi): The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;

Compliance: The required 73 pillars, were constructed and serial number wise GPS details of all pillars are furnished below:

124.96Ha. Forest Land Boundary Pillars

Pillar No.	Latitude			Longitude		
F1	17	36	37.53224	80	17	36.50198
F2	17	36	37.62724	80	17	37.88
1	17	36	34.73622	80	17	39.43674
2	17	36	31.8452	80	17	40.9935
3	17	36	28.95417	80	17	42.5502
4	17	36	26.06314	80	17	44.1069
5	17	36	23.1721	80	17	45.66361
6	17	36	20.28106	80	17	47.22028
7	17	36	17.39002	80	17	48.77697
8	17	36	14.49897	80	17	50.33361
9	17	36	11.60792	80	17	51.89026
10	17	36	8.716871	80	17	53.44688
11	17	36	5.825813	80	17	55.00347
12	17	36	2.934751	80	17	56.56009
13	17	36	0.043686	80	17	58.11666
14	17	35	57.15262	80	17	59.67325
15	17	35	54.26155	80	18	1.229796
16	17	35	51.37047	80	18	2.786359
17	17	35	48.47939	80	18	4.342875
18	17	35	45.58831	80	18	5.899376
19	17	35	42.69722	80	18	7.455898
20	17	35	39.80613	80	18	9.012372
21	17	35	36.91504	80	18	10.56887
22	17	35	34.02394	80	18	12.12531
23	17	35	31.13284	80	18	13.68178
24	17	35	28.69483	80	18	14.99427
F3	17	35	25.45114	80	18	14.728
25	17	35	22.20745	80	18	14.4617
26	17	35	20.26201	80	18	14.30202
F4	17	35	16.85386	80	18	14.98004
27	17	35	13.65778	80	18	15.61586
28	17	35	10.46171	80	18	16.25168
29	17	35	7.265641	80	18	16.88748
30	17	35	4.069566	80	18	17.52332
F5	17	35	0.873493	80	18	18.15911
F6	17	35	0.540195	80	18	18.62325
31	17	34	58.13463	80	18	15.88142
N	17	34	55.72905	80	18	13.13962
32	17	34	58.41699	80	18	11.32771

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34	17					
35	17	35	1.149375	80	18	9.485822
36	17	35	3.881754	80	18	7.64389
37	17	35	6.614127	80	18	5.801976
38	17	35	9.346496	80	18	3.960047
39	17	35	12.07886	80	18	2.118102
O	17	35	14.81122	80	18	0.276142
P	17	35	17.54358	80	17	58.43417
40	17	35	20.27592	80	17	56.59214
41	17	35	25.33639	80	17	58.28259
42	17	35	27.57219	80	17	56.67282
43	17	35	30.2496	80	17	54.74507
44	17	35	32.927	80	17	52.81728
45	17	35	35.6044	80	17	50.88951
46	17	35	38.28179	80	17	48.96172
47	17	35	40.95917	80	17	47.03392
Q	17	35	43.63655	80	17	45.1061
	17	35	46.31392	80	17	43.17827
48	17	35	48.99129	80	17	41.25041
49	17	35	52.23682	80	17	41.00969
50	17	35	55.48234	80	17	40.76897
51	17	35	58.72786	80	17	40.52827
R	17	36	1.973388	80	17	40.28754
52	17	36	4.889366	80	17	40.07126
S	17	36	6.025595	80	17	43.93721
53	17	36	7.166603	80	17	47.80029
54	17	36	9.98813	80	17	46.11063
55	17	36	12.80965	80	17	44.42096
56	17	36	15.63117	80	17	42.73127
57	17	36	18.45268	80	17	41.04157
58	17	36	21.27419	80	17	39.35185
59	17	36	24.0957	80	17	37.66216
F	17	36	26.9172	80	17	35.97241
	17	36	30.56294	80	17	33.78901
60	17	36	34.04759	80	17	35.14549

Condition No.(xii): The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

Compliance: Yes, the layout plan of the proposal will not be changed.

Condition No.(xiii): The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;

Compliance: Yes, the Forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that as indicated in the proposal.

Condition No.(xiv): *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the central government;*

Compliance: Yes, Agreed.

Condition No.(xv): *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance: Yes, Agreed, The SCCL is not taking any activities which shall cause damage to flora and fauna in adjoining area.

Condition No.(xvi): *Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the state forest department;*

Compliance: As it is underground mining no tree felling is done.

Condition No.(xvii): *The User agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.*

Compliance: The diversion is for underground Rights only. Hence, No felling of trees is involved and as such no disturbances to the birds nests if any. However, 47 nests made up of local materials were fixed and found to be attracting birds.

Condition No.(xviii) *The User agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State government and the concerned regional office of the ministry regularly.*

Compliance: SCCL (User Agency) is submitting annual report on compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval to the state Government and concerned Regional office of the Ministry.

Condition No.(xix): Any other condition that the concerned regional office of this Ministry may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wild life.

Compliance: Agreed. SCCL will comply with any other conditions imposed by the State Government or Regional Office, MoEF.


Condition No.(xx): The State Government and User agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Compliance: Yes, SCCL will comply.

Condition No.(xxi): State Government shall ensure that forest land above underground mine shall be free from encroachment before any order of diversion is issued.

Compliance: The SCCL was given only underground rights. However, in the new proposal of JK OC Mine the entire area is going to be converted to Surface use. Hence, in future this stipulation will not be applicable.

Yours faithfully


General Manager,
Yellandu Area.


Encl: As above.

The Integrated Regional Officer, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Hyderabad.

The Chief conservator of Forest, Bhadradi Circle, Warangal for favour of information.

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem for favour of information.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Yellandu Division for favour of information.

Yours faithfully

General Manager,
Yellandu Area.



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
Estate Department Yellandu Area

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Date:05.04.2023.

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To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Aranya Bhavan, Salfabad,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub: Compliance of conditions for diversion of 42.5 Ha., in Yellandu Division for renewal of Yellandu additional mining lease(Under Ground Mining),
-Submission of Annual Compliance Report.

Ref: 1) GoI, MoEF Lr.No 8-54/91-FC, dated 25-07-2008.

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With reference to the letter cited forest clearance granted for diversion of 42.5 Ha of forest land in Yellandu Division in favor of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

Accordingly, SCCL hereby submitting the annual condition-wise compliance report as detailed below.

Condition No.1: *The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance: Yes. The status of RF land remained unchanged.

Condition No.2(a): *Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area as well as within 100 Meter radius from the lease area inside RF if density is lesser than 0.4 and maintain it till the life of the project, in consultation with the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: For afforestation in the blanks, SCCL deposited Rs.7.80 Lakhs with DFO, Kothagudem. Regarding plantation in 100 Mtrs, radius beyond diverted area, it is to state that the RF area around the Lease is under the occupation of private people and they are claiming pattas in the land and not allowing to take up plantation. However, SCCL is ready to take up plantation in the area of 100 Mtrs. radius once the gaps are identified by local forest officials and SCCL is permitted to take up plantation.

Condition No.2(b) : *The User Agency shall raise and maintain the Afforestation including enrichment plantation over surface area diverted as in in-principle approval.*

Compliance: SCCL has paid an amount of Rs.7.80 lakhs towards scheme for Aided Natural Regeneration over 42.5 Ha. vide DD.No.449841 dated 01-03-2008 drawn in favour of CAMPA Account No.CAF-AP 1578 drawn on Corporation Bank, New Delhi for above purpose.

Condition No.2(c): Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost and one and half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on 100 meter radius of mining lease granted in degraded forest land if density is less than 0.4/enrichment plantation shall be taken up by the user agency in consultation with the Forest Department.

Compliance: Since the forest area is diverted for underground mining, safety zone is not applicable. However, as mentioned under condition No.2 (a), the RF area around the Lease is under the occupation of private people and they are claiming pattas in the land and not allowing to take up plantation.

Condition No.2(d): Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

Compliance: SCCL has furnished an undertaking for payment of additional amount of NPV, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Condition No.3: The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.

Compliance: Yes. Lease was granted for 20 years under MMDR Act.

Condition No.4: Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.

Compliance: The diversion is for underground mining. Hence felling of trees not required.

Condition No.5: No damage to the flora and fauna shall be caused.

Compliance: No damage is caused to the Flora and Fauna as the area is for underground mining.

Condition No.6: Reclamation Plan shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department/Regional Office, Bangalore.

Compliance: This is for Underground mining. The mining is done as per the approved Mining Plan. Reclamation will be done as provided in the Mine Closure Plan.

Condition No.7: It shall be ensured that no labor camps are set up inside forest area.
Compliance: No labor camps are set up inside the forest area.

Condition No.8: The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the project number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.

Compliance: Mining lease area is demarcated on ground. RCC pillars 14 Nos., of 4 feet height are erected. The details of bearings and distances are furnished below:

Bearings, Distances and Co-Ordinates of 42.5 Ha., of Forest Land					
Station No.	Latitude	Longitude	Forward bearing	Back bearing	Distance
L-1	17.57528	80.30889	323-53-0	13-53-0	248.670
L-2	17.57833	80.30667	323-53-0	143-53-0	426.020
L-3	17.58028	80.30528	323-53-0	143-53-0	254.490
Y-19	17.58111	80.30444	45-26-0	143-53-0	136.460
L-4	17.58167	80.30500	45-29-0	225-26-0	76.770
L-5	17.58305	80.30639	174-16-0	225-29-0	226.940
L-6	17.58194	80.30667	42-56-0	354-16-0	130.150
L-7	17.58500	80.30944	118-9-0	222-56-0	451.430
L-8	17.58389	80.31139	108-14-0	298-9-0	222.650
L-9	17.58333	80.31333	117-56-0	288-14-0	205.790
L-10	17.58083	80.31111	210-32-0	297-56-0	343.570
L-11	17.57972	80.31055	202-40-0	30-32-0	155.390
L-12	17.57805	80.30972	196-30-0	22-40-0	186.830
L-13	17.57722	80.30944	193-53-0	16-30-0	89.640


Condition No.9: The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

Compliance: The forest land is being used for the purpose for which it is approved.

Condition No.10: Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai/State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.

Compliance: Any other condition imposed by State Forest Department and MoEF will be complied with.

Yours faithfully,


General Manager,
Yellandu Area.