



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
Ramagundam Area-III

FORM - A

Application for regularization (diversion) of 330.1826 Ha of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block area (part of 448.90 Ha) already under utilization of SCCL under RG Coal Mines (RG Coal Mine- 290.8300 Ha.+ RG OCP-III-39.3530) in Manthani Range, Peddapalli Division and Peddapalli District (erstwhile Karimnagar Dist.) Telangana, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). Form for seeking approval under section-2 of the proposal by the State Government and other authorities.

(See Rule 4)

PART - I

PROJECT DETAILS:

1). Short narrative of the proposal and project / scheme for which the forest land is required:

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a Government Company jointly owned by the State Government and the Central Government (51:49). This is the only Coal Mining Company in South India which is supplying coal to meet the energy needs of various industries in South India. SCCL is having (44) Coal Mining Leases as on date and the Mining Operations are spread over in Seven (7) Districts viz., Khammam, Badhradri Kothagudam, Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Mulugu, Peddapalli, Mancherial and Kumaram Bheem Asifabad. Presently SCCL has been operating (27) Underground Mines and (19) Open Cast Mines. The coal target fixed by the Govt. of India as 70 million tonnes for the year 2020-21 .

Out of the above 44 Mining Leases, South Godavari Mining Lease was granted in the year 1927 for a period of 30 years by the HEH, Nizam Government and subsequently renewed from time to time up to 2035 for continuing Mining Operations. SCCL acquired the Patta / Assigned land as required for opening Mines and in case of Govt. lands, possession of the land taken over from the State Govt. as per condition imposed in the Mining Lease as and when required for Mining. Accordingly, SCCL taken over the possession of Govt. land from the Revenue Department to an extent of 448.90 Ha of non-forest land in Upperlakesaram block since 1973.

Further, SCCL acquired land to an extent of 293.83 Ha in the adjoining the Upperlakesaram block for the purpose of Mining operations before 1980. As such SCCL continuing Mining operations from the year 1927 without any objection from the Forest and Revenue Departments up to 2010.

Meanwhile, SCCL submitted two surface diversion proposals i.e. 308.40 Ha for Manuguru OCP-III (Phase-III) and 104 Ha for OCP-IV in Manuguru area for Opencast Mining. The CA land for these projects totaling to an extent of 412.40 Ha (308.40+104) in Manuguru area, SCCL handed over the acquired Patta & Govt. land to an extent of 412.40 Ha in Ramagundam (part of Upperlakesaram block and part in other villages) to State forest department in the year 1987. The State forest department has notified it as a protected forest land in the year 1989.

In the year of **2000**, SCCL submitted application for diversion of **412.40** Ha (which was handed over to Forest department as CA land and Notified as RF) including **247.00** Ha for surface rights. Accordingly, MoEF, GoI, has granted final approval (stage-II) vide letter No. 8-109/2005-FC, dated 02.5.2008 and the State Government issued G.O. Ms.No.74, dated 18.6.2008. As such, 412.40 Ha of forest land was diverted in favour of SCCL involving surface rights for 247.00 Ha and 165.40 Ha with underground rights.

Further, the SCCL submitted another application for diversion of (from UG rights to surface rights) **147.42** Ha of forest land (out of 165.40 Ha having UG rights) for the purpose of RG.OC-II expansion project leaving 17.98Ha under UG right. While processing the proposal, it came to the notice that mining operations are being carried out in the adjoining area since 1973 presuming it as Revenue land but found to be part of Upperlakesaram Forest Block and notified as RF in the year 1944 and this fact was not updated in the Maps of Forest Department.

After detailed survey, the Upperlakesaram RF block boundaries have been demarcated and found that an extent 448.90 Ha of forest land was in the possession of SCCL and being used for different Mining activities. Out of 448.90 Ha an extent of 118.57 Ha from Upperlakesaram block was included in 412.40 Ha and it was treated as overlapped area. Accordingly, the balance area of 330.33 Ha (448.90 – 118.57) is under utilization of SCCL without diversion.

As per the DGPS survey and Authentication by the O/o PCCF, Hyderabad communicated vide letter Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA/PS, dated 07.01.2020 the forest land has been decreased from 330.33 Ha. to 330.1826 Ha. Now, the present proposal is for regularization by way of post approval of above RF land of 330.1826 Ha.

In this area of 330.1826Ha following mines are falling.

Sl.No	Name of Mines	Area in Ha
1.	Ramagundam OC-I (RG-OC-I)	225.6492
2	Ramagundam OC-III (RG-OC-III)	40.4552
3	Vakilpalli Mine UG Mine	21.6600
4	Godavarikhani 10A (GDK 10A) UG Mine	8.1000
5	No Min Boundary (other Infrastructures)	34.3182
	Total	330.1826

The UG mine of GDK 10A is closed and it will be converted into opencast mine. Similarly, Vakilpalli underground mine will also be closed as UG mine and converted into opencast mine after 8 years.

While granting stage-I for diversion of 147.42 Ha out of 165.40 Ha having UG rights (412.40–247.00 Ha) for surface use for expansion of RG OC-II, MOEF, Gol vide letter No. 8-109/2005-FC, dated 19.07.2012, stipulated a condition No. 2(xi) stating that

"State Government shall create and maintain penal compensatory afforestation from funds realized from the user agency over degraded forest land twice in extent to the portion of the 448.90 Ha of forest land in the Upperlakesaram Reserved Forest Block kept under possession by the SCCL without obtaining approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, after excluding the 118.57 ha (overlapped in 412.40 ha) of forest land which was utilized by SCCL for creation of compensatory afforestation (CA) considering it as non-forest land for which penal CA has separately been stipulated [i.e. $2X(448.90 - 118.57 = 330.33) = 660.66$ ha]"

Accordingly, SCCL deposited Rs. **14,47,81,601/-** for raising of C.A. in **660.66** Ha (330.33×2) and MoEF, Gol, has accorded final approval (stage-II) vide letter No.8-109/2005-FC, dated 01.8.2013. The State Government has also issued G.O.Ms.No.79 dated 21.9.2013 and the Forest Department has handed over possession of 147.42 Ha. to SCCL.

II. Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50,000 scale

The boundaries of 330.1826 Ha. of Upperlakesaram Forest block proposed for regularization is marked on Topo plan of 1:50,000 scale and enclosed as (Plan No. 2).

III. Cost of the project:

Rs. 248.67 Crores

IV. Justification for locating the project in the forest area:

The proposed area of 330.1826 Ha is coal bearing area and site specific.

V. Cost – benefit analysis:

Cost benefits analysis details are enclosed as annexure ---VIII & IX

VI. Employment likely to be generated:

No further Employment will be generated as it is ongoing Project.

2. Purpose – wise breakup of the total land required:

Mine wise usage details of 330.1826 Ha of forest land is shown under

Sl.No	Name of Mines	RF Area Ha
1.	RG OCP- I	225.6492
2.	RG OCP- III	40.4552
3.	GDK 10A (underground usage)	8.1000
4.	Vakilpalli Mine (underground usage)	21.6600
5.	No mine Boundary (Other infrastructures)	34.3182
	Total	330.1826

Details of the present utilization of 330.1826 Ha of Forest land is shown as under

Sl. No	Description	Present Land use					Total
		RG OC I	RG OC III	GDK 10A	Vakilpal li- Mine	No mine Boundary	
1.	Quarry	210.2808	22.0553	Nil	Nil	Nil	232.3361
2.	Bund	Nil	4.3729	Nil	Nil	0.1874	4.5603
3.	Nalah	Nil	3.1884	Nil	Nil	1.1369	4.3253
4.	Safe Barriers	14.4379	9.5646	Nil	Nil	0.0666	24.0691
5.	Roads	0.9305	1.2740	Nil	1.6820	Nil	3.8865
6.	Other (Infrastructures)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	32.9273	32.9273
7.	Underground Mine	Nil	Nil	8.1000	19.9780	Nil	28.0780
	Total	225.6492	40.4552	8.1000	21.6600	34.3182	330.1826

After merging of Underground mines in to propose RG Coal Mine (OCP) the usage of 330.1826 Ha forest land purpose wise details are shown under.

Sl. No.	Description	RG Coal Mine (Extent in Ha.)	RG OC-III (Extent in Ha.)	Total (Extent in Ha.)
1	Quarry	257.9960	22.0550	280.0510
2	Dump	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	Safe Barriers	4.9050	3.1980	8.1030
4	Nalah	0.0000	4.3260	4.3260
5	Bund	0.0000	4.5556	4.5556
6	Roads	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
7	Other Infrastructures (Roads, HT Lines, Office buildings, Quarters etc.)	27.9290	5.2180	33.1470
	Total	290.8300	39.3526	330.1826
Grand Total - 330.1826 Ha				

3. Details of displacement of people due to project, if any:

No human habitation is existed in the forest area proposed for regularization.

- (i) Number of families. : Not applicable
- (ii) Number of Scheduled Caste /
Scheduled Tribe families : Not applicable
- (iii) Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed) : Not applicable

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required

(Yes / No):

Yes. Necessary clearance under EP Act has been obtained time to time against all the projects / Mines for Mining Operations.

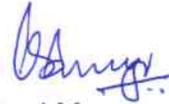
6. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and / or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone etc., as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (Undertaking to be enclosed):

CA charges including penal CA of Rs14,47,81,601/- already deposited in to CAMPA Account No.344902010105407 Through RTGS No. SBHYH: 13067304814, IFS. Code: UBIN0534498 on 08.03.2013 as imposed and demanded from the state Forest department for the proposed forest land. As such there is no need to pay any amount of fresh CA.

8. Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions.

1.	Location Plan	Plate No.1
2.	Topographical Map showing the Forest land of 330.1826 Ha. applied for diversion for Ramagundam Coal Mine (Scale: 1:50,000)	Plate No.2
3	Land Use Plan on 1:10000 scale	Plate No.3, 3(A) & 3 (B)
4	Surface contour Plan.	Plate No.4
5	TOPO Plan with DGPS surveyed and authenticated by the Office of PCCF, Hyderabad with co-ordinates.	Plate No.5
6	Safety Zone Plan	Plate No.6
7	Justification Note for requirement of Forest land (330.1826 Ha.) for Surface use	Annexure-I
8	Certificate stating that the applied area for diversion is bare minimum	Annexure-II
9	Certificate stating that no violation of the provisions of F.C. Act, 1980 occurred.	Annexure-III
10	Certificate stating that no suitable alternative Non-forest land is available.	Annexure-IV
11	Copy of Administrative approval & copy of Mining plans Approved for RG OC-I, RG OC-III and RG Coal mine.	Annexure- V, V(A) & V(B)
12	MoEF, & CC letter granting CPSU status to SCCL.	Annexure-VI
13	Certificate stating that, Double the CA charges already deposited as demanded by Forest Department	Annexure-VII
14	Cost-Benefit Analysis in respect of Forest land to be diverted.	Annexure-VIII & IX

15	Undertaking from SCCL to deposit Net Present Value (NPV)	Annexure-X
16	Undertaking for payment of additional cost of NPV.	Annexure-XI
17	Details of reclamation of OB dumps and plantation made in RG OCP-I & RG OCP-II	Annexure-XII
18	Details of Bio-engineering structures constructed on OB dumps in RG OC-I & RG OC-II	Annexure-XIII
19	Certificate for make and model of DGPS Instrument.	Annexure-XIV
20	Forest land already diverted & its use In SCCL	Annexure-XV
21	Stage-II Letters of Forest lands 247.00 Ha. & 147.42 Ha. (412.40 Ha.) Diverted and its use.	Annexure-XVI
22	Copies of MoEF, Final approval G.O. letters for 308.40 Ha. for Manuguru OCP-II (Phase-III) and 104 Ha of Manuguru OC-IV	Annexure-XVII
23	Comprehensive report on solid waste management and land reclamation.	Annexure-XVIII
24	Copies of Mining lease granted G.O and Order of ADM&G	Annexure-XIX



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