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To,
The Divisional Forest Officer,
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Sub: Diversion of 39.98 Ha forest land under Tilaboni Underground Project, Bankola Area – reg.

Ref: 1. EDS in the PARIVESH portal of MOEF&CC vide Letter no. 5008/8 dated 10.03.2021
issued by DFO Durgapur
2. Proposal No. FP/WB/MIN/41301/2019

Dear Sir,

This bears reference to the EDS generated in the PARIVESH Portal of MOEF&CC vide letter no. 5008/8 dated 10.03.2021 regarding the proposal under reference above, for diversion of 39.98 Ha forest land under Tilaboni Underground Project.

Tilaboni Underground Project of Eastern Coalfields Limited was approved on 2nd Feb, 2019 by Coal India Limited with a coal production capacity of 1.86 million tonne per annum (MTPA). Extraction of coal from this mine will be done through Bord & Pillar Method of underground mining using Continuous Miner. The project is having a capital investment projected at Rs. 941.853 crores. Life of mine is 25 years and is likely to generate about Rs. 11,482.44 crores of revenue and provide employment to 880 persons.

In the aforementioned EDS it has been requested to exclude the Beat office complex and its approach road including safety and buffer zone from the proposed diversion of 39.98 Ha forest land. In this regard the following submission may please be considered:

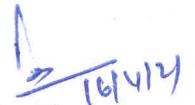
- I. Tilaboni beat office complex has an area of about 0.412 ha land (75.0 x 55.0 m). Also, the approach road to the beat office covers an area of 0.263 ha (263.0 m x 10.0m). So a total of about 0.675 ha land is falling within the forest area.
- II. As per Regulation 119 of Coal Mines Regulations 2017,
"No working shall be made and no work of extraction or reduction of pillars shall be conducted at, or extended to, any point within 45 meters of any railway, or of any public works in respect of which this regulation is applicable by reason of any general or special order of the Central Government, or of any public road or

building, or of other permanent structure not belonging to the owner of the mine, without the prior permission in writing of the Chief Inspector and subject to such conditions as he may specify therein."

- III. Compliance of above regulation is mandatory and as such, exclusion of the beat office complex will restrict 165m x 145m = 2.392 ha area of underground coal seam and the approach road on surface will also restrict another 263m x 100m = 2.63 ha area underground coal seam. Therefore, a total of 5.022 Ha has to be left during course of mining which will result in the following:
- A. 3.09 MT of quality coal remains un-extracted resulting in a loss of revenue of about Rs. 927 crores.
- B. Government will also incur loss of about Rs. 166 crores of revenue.
- IV. Further, the un-extracted geological resource will remain unutilized forever and Geometry and mine economics will be changed. Leaving coal seam un-extracted around the extracted panel may lead to pillar fire and may endanger the safety of the entire project.
- V. Apart from this, the recommendations of subsidence prediction study done by IIT BHU, Varanasi will be followed.

In view of the above submission, it is requested entire proposal of 39.98 hectare may be considered and recommended for grant of Forest Clearance under Sec. 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


16/4/24

Agent
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