

Ref.:-TEMPL/DFO/2023-24/LP_0105

To, Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division, Keonjhar, Odisha.

Sub.:- Proposal of seeking prior approval of the central Govt. under Section 2(ii) FC Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers Pvt Ltd for non-forestry use of 94.357 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha safety zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted LoI over 131.800 ha for LaserdaPacheri Manganese & Iron block in village Dhanurjapur, Kanarda&Laserda under BarbilTahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha.

X-Sub: Submission of Compliance of observation of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India dated 15.02.23 in the aforementioned proposal.

Ref.:- Your Office letter No. 2942/6F/Mining-21/2022, dated – 27.03.23.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter we are complying herewith the discrepancies observed by MoEF&CC in the above diversion proposal. The point wise details are as follows:-

1) Component wise KML file of proposed area including safety zone have not been submitted, which are required to be submitted.

Component wise KML file of proposed area including safety zone is enclosed in the attached CD.

2) KML file of CA land proposed for 1.5 times of the safety zone may be submitted.

Degraded forest land over 5.787 ha for Compensatory Afforestation of 1.5 times safety zone along the mine boundary ($3.858 \times 1.5 = 5.787$ ha) has been identified in Bansuli RF. The KML file of the said area is enclosed in the attached CD.

3) As per the proposal 3.666 ha. (Forest 3.312 ha and Non-Forest – 0.354 ha) land was disturbed, prior to grant of Composite License, out of which 2.491 ha was for the old pits and 1.175 ha for Road. Further, SIR of DFO mentioned that there are 48 existing small illegal mining pits covering 2.5 ha land at least more than 10 years old. Though it has been mentioned that the present LoI has not violated FCA, 1980, however the state has not stated anything about the illegal activities or status of violation by other agencies. The same may be clarified.

It is to inform that the above said land over 3.666 ha was disturbed prior to grant of composite license out of which 2.491 ha coming in 48 nos old pits and 1.175 ha for road. Regarding 48 nos of old illegal pits at about 2.5 ha land has already been mentioned in your SIR report and the same has also been stated in State Govt forwarding to MoEF&CC in para 20.



4) The document uploaded in Part I of the application form in the PARIVESH portal like mining plan, land use plan, Existing land use details, safety zone plan and Authenticated Lease Map are not legible. Further the documents uploaded in Part II of the application form like CA Scheme, SoIToposheet for CA are also not legible. The legible documents may be uploaded on PARIVESH portal so that the complete proposal can be thoroughly examined.

In PARIVESH portal it is only possible to upload documents maximum 20 MB in a page. All files like Mining Plan and other plans are large big files after compressing the same the files are not clear/ legible. Still we have re-uploaded maximum legible documents for your convenience. In this regard hard copies of the documents sought has also been submitted for your ready reference.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For, Thriveni Earth Movers Private Limited

Pralayananda Behera General Manager

Encl: As above

N.B. – 4 sets of hard copies in complete documents are also submitted to your good office for your needful action.