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Ref: PVUNL/BAN/FC/29/131

Date: 19.11.2021

To
The Nodal Officer (PCCF) Forest.

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Sub: Forest Diversion proposal no-FP/JH/MIN/147316/2021 regarding.
Ref: Essential detail sought (EDS) by Nodal Officer on 30th Sep 2021.

Sir,

Online application for Stage-I Forest clearance (Forest Diversion Proposal for 549.48 Ha.) Of Banhardih Coal Block of M/s M/s Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL) is submitted through <https://parivesh.nic.in> portal (proposal no- FP/JH/MIN/147316/2021) is under process.

EDS on the diversion proposal is issued by the Nodal office on 30th Sep 2021.

We are hereby submitting Compliance of the EDS (30th Sep 2021) for consideration and further processing of the diversion proposal.

Point No	EDS condition	Compliance
A.1.(x)	Period is mentioned as 33 years in Mining Plan, life of the mine mentioned as 30 years which is contradictory.	The clause 7 of "THE MINES AND MINERALS (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2021" states that- <i>"Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, in case of Government companies or corporations, the period of mining leases including the existing mining leases, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government"</i> In accordance with the approved mine plan by the Ministry of Coal, Government of India*, the Forest clearance may be considered for 33 years (the life of the mine+ Post closure activity), whereas post closure activity is scheduled for 3

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		years in the approved mine plan vide page no-Ch3_page11 and 12 of 16 of Chapter 3. The validity of the FC (File No.8-26/2019FC, File No.8-147/1989-FC (Pt.), File No.8-135/2003-FC(vol-I), File No.8-26/2019FC etc.) in recently approved project also mentioned as "Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under". * Thus, the life of mine shall be treated as 33 years.
C (iv)	Upload Geo-map with coordinates	Geo reference cadastral map with coordinates are duly uploaded.
F (ii)	Undertaking has been given	Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies are under progress for implementation in respect of Banhardih Coal Block of M/s. Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited. Copy of draft R&R plan and SES & SIA studies have been uploaded along with the signed and sealed Undertaking in this regard.
M2 (iv)	In uploaded Mining plan -Forest area is 1511.12 Ha & Non-Forest area is 949.47 Ha. But in Form applied forest area is 549.48 and non-forest area is 917.94 Ha which is contradictory.	Total area of Banhardih coal project of M/s Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited is conceptualized as 1467.42 Ha. in the approved Mine Plan (copy enclosed with the proposal). Total forest area is mentioned as 517.95 Ha. and non-forest area as 949.47 Ha. in the approved Mine Plan. Mine plan of Banhardih coal project is approved on 15.07.2021 from MoC, Govt. of India vide letter no-CC/MP&MC/102/2021-22/Banhardih, whereas Forest Diversion proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of fresh forest area is submitted on 18.09.2021.

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		While uploading of Forest diversion proposal in the portal, the total forest and non-forest area is revisited by the project proponent and surveyed accordingly. After detail survey and georeferencing with the help of GIS based software and available authenticated land schedule, it was found that the forest area comes around 549.48 Ha. and non-forest area is 917.94 Ha. instead of forest area 517.95 Ha. and non-forest area as 949.47 Ha. mentioned in the approved Mine Plan. Thus, total forest area of 549.48 Ha. out of total project area of 1467.42 Ha. may be considered for forest diversion under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It may kindly be noted that as per the office memorandum F.No -34011/28/2019-CPAM dated 29th May 2020, clause 1.3 (B) of Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India "Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (A) above, for other minor changes, the project proponent is empowered to make modification with the approval of the respective company board. These minor changes shall cover (a) changes in land type within the leased area; (b) changes in HEMM deployment plan; and (c) changes in location of infrastructure within the leased area. The project proponent shall submit specific report of such minor changes to coal controller, CCO, Kolkata with a copy of the same to Administrative Section dealing with the allocation/allotment of the block and section dealing with approval of Mining plan at MoC/CCO for information". Therefore, the changes in respect of forest, non-forest area after vetting at DFO level shall be treated as minor changes and the project proponent will submit specific report after finalization of total forest, non-forest area within the lease to coal controller, CCO, Kolkata with a copy of the same to Administrative Section dealing with the allocation/allotment of the block and section dealing with approval of Mining plan at MoC/CCO for information.
M.6.(i)	Whether permission has been obtained or not to be mentioned. As per MoEF &CC order dated	Exploration in the Banhardih coal block has been carried out by the Mining & Geology Dept, Govt. of Jharkhand as per the guideline of Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India. Copy of

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	24.12.2018 permission is required.	Final Geological report has been handed over to M/s Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL) by Mining & Geology Dept, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no - 61/2013/916 dated 25.07.2019 (copy enclosed).
Add.	Add. Information-submit authenticated land schedule by revenue official of entire land falling in the project-forest, non-forest area mentioning nature of land as recorded in Khatiyani.	Authentication of land schedule mentioning nature of land, forest, non-forest etc. as recorded in Khatiyani is under progress, authenticated land schedule by revenue official shall be submitted while verification of the forest diversion proposal at DFO level, Laterhar. An undertaking in this regard is enclosed with the proposal for further processing of the same.

Hope, you will find the above compliance report in order and process the forest diversion proposal at the earliest.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully

Yours Sincerely,

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UNDERTAKING

This is to certify that M/s Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL) shall undertake that the authentication of land schedule is under process and PVUNL will obtain authentication of land schedule mentioning nature of land, forest, non-forest etc. as recorded in Khatiyani. Authenticated land schedule by revenue official shall be submitted while verification of the forest diversion proposal at DFO level, Latehar.

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