

Ref. No.: MCL/MLA/GM/2024/ **331**

Date: **25/06/24**

To,

**The Divisional Forest Officer,**

Sundargarh Forest Division,

District: Sundargarh, Odisha.

**Sub.:** Proposal seeking clearance from MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for diversion of 227.62 ha of forest land of Basundhara (West) Extension Opencast Coal mining project of Mahalaxmi Area, MCL.

**[Proposal No: FP/OR/MIN/20559/2016 & State Serial No. OR-024/2018]**

**Ref.:** 1. DFO's Memo No. 2610/4F (Misc) dated 27.05.2024 seeking EDS.  
2. Memo No. 2238/3F(Misc)-932/2024 dated 25.05.2024 from RCCF, Rourkela.

**Respected Sir,**

With reference to the Memo No. 2610/4F (Misc) dated 27.05.2024 from your office, the compliance to the observations raised in RCCF's Memo No. 2238/3F(Misc)-932/2024 dated 25.05.2024 is as follows:

1. **The Mining Lease pillars are erected but not properly numbered:** The mining lease pillars have been properly numbered as per the direction of RCCF, Rourkela. The pictorial proof of the same is as follows:



**Fig. No. 1: Properly numbered existing mining lease pillars.**



2. In few places Mining lease pillars are missing: The missing mining lease pillars along with safety zone pillars have been re-erected and the pictorial depicting the same is as follows:



**Fig. No. 2: Newly erected Safety Zone pillars.**



**Fig. No. 3: Newly erected Safety Zone pillars.**





3. **The Numbered Mining lease pillars in the Reserved Forest patch areas are also not tallied with the pillar numbers mentioned in the map:** The mining pillars in the Reserved Forest patches as well as in the revenue forest patches have been numbered as per the numbers designated in the ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed map.
4. **Distance from the Basundhara River & mining lease boundary shall be clearly mentioned on the map:** The map depicting the distance of the mining lease boundary from the Basundhara River is attached herewith as Annexure A for your ready reference.

Thus, you are hereby humbly requested to kindly do the necessary regarding the proposal for non-forestry use of 227.62 ha of forest land within a total mining lease area of 323.92 ha within Basundhara (West) Extension Opencast Coal mining project by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL).

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

25/06/24.

General Manager,  
Mahalaxmi Area,  
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

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1. Project Officer, Basundhara (West) OCP, Mahalaxmi Area, MCL.
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