



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government Company)

Adriyala Project Area

FORM – A

Application for diversion of 17.994 Ha. Forest land (from Underground rights to Surface rights) in Compartment Nos.488, 488/1, Upperlakesaram RF block (Protected Forest land) in Manthani Range in Peddapalli Division in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited for Ramagundam Coal Mine, Peddapalli District, Telangana State.

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION-2 OF THE PROPOSALS BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

(See Rule 4)

PART – I

1. PROJECT DETAILS:

- i) 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 both the State and Central Governments. This is the only Coal Mining Company in South India entrusted with the task of extracting the coal to meet the energy needs of South India. SCCL is having 44 Coal Mining leases and the mining operations are spread over in seven Districts viz. Bhadradri Kothagudam, Khammam, Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Mulugu, Peddapalli, Mancherla and Komuram Bheem Asifabad of Telangana State. Presently, SCCL has been operating 27 Underground mines and 19 opencast mines to be produced 70 Million tonnes of Coal in 2020-21.

In order to meet the ever-increasing demand for Coal and to achieve the targets fixed by the government of India time to time. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has embarked upon large-scale expansion of Coal mining to increase Coal production. Ramagundam Coal Mine is one of the

Projects proposed where in 17.994 Ha. of Forest land in Upperlakesaram block in Manthani Range in Peddapalli Division in Peddapalli District.

Owing to non-availability of CA land and absolute necessity of opening a new promising project i.e., Manuguru OCP-II in erstwhile Khammam District (present Bhadrachalam District) which was held up for identification of Non-forest land for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation land, 412.40 Ha. of Non-forest land already under the possession of SCCL partly covered in the above mentioned mining leases (including present proposed area) was handed over to Forest Department in 1987-88 as CA land (in lieu of diversion of Forest land for Manuguru OCP-II) and the same was notified as Protected Forest land vide GO Ms.No.270, dtd.29.07.1989.

Later, it was noticed that the Coal deposits are available in the said land of 412.40 Ha., which was handed over to Forest Department for the purpose of CA. Hence, SCCL submitted a proposals for diversion of the above land accordingly, MoEF, Govt vide Lr.No.8-109/2005-FC, dtd.02.05.2008 has accorded final approval for diversion of 412.40 Ha. of forest land in Adriyala RF for underground mining involving 247.00 Ha. for surface use. Thereafter, again MoEF, Govt vide letter No.8-109/2005-FC(vol), dtd.01.08.2013 granted final approval for diversion 147.42 Ha. (part of 165.40 Ha. Forest land diverted for Underground rights) for surface use. As such, out of 412.40 Ha., 394.42 Ha. (247.00 Ha. + 147.42 Ha.) of Forest land diverted for surface rights in 2 phases as mentioned above.

Now, it is proposed for diversion of balance Forest land of 17.98 Ha. (412.40 Ha. – 394.42 Ha.) from Underground rights to Surface rights. As per the DGPS survey and the authentication communicated by the Office of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad vide letter Rc.No.6963/2019/FCA-1/PS, dtd.17.05.2019, the extent of Forest land was confirmed as 17.994 Ha. instead of 17.98 Ha. of balance protected forest land in compartment No.488, 488/1 of Upperlakesaram RF, for which SCCL is already having underground rights to be diverted now for surface rights for proposed Ramagundam Coal Mine. Hence, the present application.

SCCL has obtained South Godavari & Pandulapalli Mining Leases over an area of 68.48 & 48.77 Sq.Kms. respectively covering all the Ramagundam region mines including the present proposal of the Ramagundam Coal Mine. South Godavari Mining Lease was originally granted in 1958 and was subsequently renewed for 20 years from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2034 vide GO Ms.No.02, I&C (M.III) Dept., dtd. 12.01.2015. Pandulapalli Mining Lease was applied in 1980 and was granted in 1991 vide GO Ms No.25, I&C (M.III). Dept., dtd.21.01.1991 for a period of 30 years from 19.7.1991 to 18.7.2021.

17.994 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 488 & 488/1 in Upperlakesaram forest block is falling in (2) Mining Leases i.e., 17.194 Ha. of area in South Godavari Mining Lease which is valid up to 31.12.2034 and 0.800 Ha. of area in Pandulapalli Mining Lease which is valid up to 18.07.2021. The total extractable reserves in the proposed RG Coal Mine are 324.19 Million Tonnes, 7 Million Tonnes reserves are in 17.994 Ha. of forest land proposed for diversion, annual production capacity of the Project is 14 million tonnes and cost of the project is 167.62 Crores (as per the FR of RG OC-I (Phase-II): Rs. 79.52 Crores + RCE of RG OC-I Exp.: Rs.88.10 Crores). Life of the project is 42 years. Hence, the lease is required for 45 years.

With regard to CA land, it is to state that the MoEF vide letter No: 423/2011-Fc dated 31.01.2013 has accorded status of CPSU to SCCL for the purpose of creation of Compensatory Afforestation (Annexure-VI). Accordingly, an Undertaking for payment of CA charges for raising Compensatory Afforestation in double the area of degraded forest land is enclosed.

Regarding NPV, SCCL already paid 50% charges at the time of sanctioning of 412.40 Ha. for underground rights. As such, now SCCL will pay the balance 50% amount of NPV for surface use an Undertaking to that effect is enclosed as Annexure-VIII.

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

The boundary of the proposed expansion project and the forest area of 17.994 Ha. required for diversion are marked on Topo Plan of 1:50000 scale.

(Plan No.2)

III. Cost of the project:

Rs. **167.62** Crores.

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

The proposed Forest land for diversion is located just by the side of the existing RG OC-II project and the occurrence of Coal deposits are extending into this Forest area as a nature's gift. Thus location is a site specific as the Coal reserves are to be extracted from the place of occurrence only.

V. Cost-Benefit Analysis:

Cost-Benefit Analysis reports enclosed as Annexure-IX

VI. Employment likely to be generated:

No additional employment will be generated due to present proposal.

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

Sl. No.	Purpose	Extent in Ha.
1.	Quarry	- 16.314
2.	Road, HT lines	- 1.640
3.	Dump, Drains	- 0.040
Total		- 17.994

Detailed justification note for the requirement of 17.994 Ha. of forest land along with a land use plan enclosed is enclosed. (Annexure-I)

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

No human habitation is existing in the forest area proposed for diversion.

(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 will be obtained before commencement of mining operations.

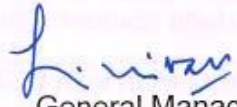
5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation and/or penal Compensatory Afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone etc., as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (Undertaking to be enclosed): -

An Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation and also for payment of Addl. NPV is enclosed as (Annexure-VII).

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

1.	Location Plan	Plate No.1
2.	Topographical Map showing the Forest land of 17.994 Ha. applied for diversion for Ramagundam Coal Mine (Scale: 1:50,000)	Plate No.2
3	Part Management Plan showing the Forest land of 17.994 Ha. in Compartment Nos.488 and 488/1 applied for diversion for Ramagundam Coal Mine	Plate No.3
4	Land Use Plan on 1:10000 scale	Plate No.4
5	Surface contour Plan	Plate No.5
6	TOPO Plan with DGPS surveyed and authenticated by the Office of PCCF, Hyderabad with co-ordinates.	Plate No.6
7	Justification Note for requirement of Forest land (17.994 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 plan Approval	Annexure-V

12	MoEF, & CC letter granting CPSU status to SCCL.	Annexure-VI
13	Undertaking stating to deposit funds as demanded by Forest Department towards Compensatory Afforestation charges and safety zone area	Annexure-VII
14	Cost-Benefit Analysis in respect of Forest land to be diverted	Annexure-VIII & IX
15	Undertaking from SCCL to deposit the 50% Net Present Value (NPV)	Annexure-X
16	Undertaking for payment of additional cost of NPV.	Annexure-XI
17	Undertaking for payment of extraction charges for 17.994 Ha.	Annexure-XII
18	Undertaking for submission of RoFR Certificate from the District Collector	Annexure-XIII
19	Details of reclamation of OB dumps and plantation made in RG OCP-I & RG OCP-II	Annexure-XIV
20	Details of Bio-engineering structures constructed on OB dumps in RG OC-I & RG OC-II	Annexure-XV
21	Certificate for make and model of DGPS Instrument	Annexure-XVI
22	Forest land already diverted its use & In SCCL	Annexure-XVII
23	Stage-II Letters of Forest lands diverted and its use in Ramagundam Area	Annexure-XVIII
24	Comprehensive report on solid waste management and land reclamation	Annexure-XIX
25	Certificate of ADMG, Peddapalli stating that Coal is available in the proposed Forest Land	Annexure-


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