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Ref. No. WCI/PKD/AGM/PLG/2020/

Date: 17/08/2020

प्रति,

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
भोपाल

विषय:- वन मंडल, उत्तर बैतूल के परिक्षेत्र सारनी तहसील घोडाडोंगरी के ग्राम गांधीग्राम के खसरा नं. 11 एवं 174 के रकबा 25.866 हे. राजस्व वनभूमि में भूमिगत कोयला उत्खनन (तवा-3) का वेकोलि का वनभूमि व्यपवर्तन का प्रस्ताव।

संदर्भ:- आपका पत्र क्रमांक एफ-1/FP/MP/MIN/28619/2017/2517 दि. 13/08/2020

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयांकित एवं संदर्भित पत्र के संबंध में तवा-III खदान के 25.866 हे. वनभूमि के प्रस्ताव में चाही गई जानकारी निम्नानुसार है :-

क्र.	मांगी गई जानकारी	जानकारी
1	राज्य शासन म.प्र. के पत्र दिनांक 16.07.2020 द्वारा प्रस्ताव सतपुडा मेलघाट कॉरीडोर की सीमा एवं पचमढी बायोस्पिर की सीमा से 10 कि.मी. की परिधि में आता है, लेख किया गया है जबकि वनमण्डलाधिकारी बैतूल द्वारा जारी SIR में संरक्षित क्षेत्र से 10 कि. मी. से अधिक दूरी का लेख है, उक्त विरोधाभास को स्पष्ट किये जाने का कष्ट करें।	पुर्व में भी क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भोपाल के पत्र क्र 6-MPC 001/2018-BHO/175 दि. 21.02.2019 द्वारा इस संबंध में जानकारी चाही गई थी जिसका स्पष्टीकरण दिया जा चुका है। (इसी खदान के वनभूमि प्रस्ताव 101.600 हे. के लिए स्टेज-1 एफ.सी. क्लिअरेंस, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी किया जा चुका है।)
2	संरक्षित क्षेत्र की सीमा से 10 कि.मी. के अन्दर होने की स्थिति में मुख्य वन्य जीव संरक्षक (CWLW) का अभिमत प्रेषित करने का कष्ट करें।	राज्य शासन, वन विभाग से संबंधित है। इसी खदान के वनभूमि प्रस्ताव 101.600 हे. के लिए स्टेज-1 एफ.सी. क्लिअरेंस, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी किया जा चुका है।
3	अनुमोदित रिक्लेमेशन प्लान की प्रति प्रदान करने का कष्ट करें।	पुर्व में भी क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भोपाल के पत्र क्र 6-MPC 001/2018-BHO/175 दि. 21.02.2019 द्वारा इस संबंध में जानकारी चाही गई थी। क्षेत्रीय योजना अधिकारी वेकोलि पाथाखेडा के पत्र क्रमांक 33 दि. 03.05.2019 द्वारा जानकारी दी जा चुकी है। (पत्र की प्रति संलग्न Annexure-I) पुनः अनुमोदित रिक्लेमेशन प्लान की प्रति पत्र के साथ संलग्न है। (Annexure-II)

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4	एफ.आर.ए. सर्टिफिकेट प्रेषित करने का क कष्ट करें।	एफ. आर. ए. सर्टिफिकेट प्रक्रियाधीन है।
5	संबंधित वनमण्डलाधिकारी द्वारा जारी unavoidable & barest minimum certificate प्रेषित करने का कष्ट करें।	वनमण्डलाधिकारी उत्तर बैतूल से अनुरोध है कि संबंधित Certificate प्रदान करें।

तवा-III भुमिगत खदान, कुल वनभूमि 127.466 हे मेसे वन स्वीकृती प्रस्ताव 101.600 हे. के लिए पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार पत्र क 8-12/2019-FC दि. 26/12/2019 के द्वारा स्टेज-I FC दिया जा चुका है।

यह आपकी जानकारी एवं उचित कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।

संलग्न : उपरोक्तानुसार

भवदिय,

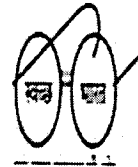
प्र. कु. चौधरी
क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक, नागपुर
पाथाखेडा क्षेत्र, Naakhera Area
18.8.2020

प्रतिलिपी:-

1. वनमण्डलाधिकारी उत्तर बैतूल(सा) ----- बिन्दू 5 से संबंधित जानकारी अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंधक) भोपाल को प्रेषित करने को कष्ट करें।
2. महाप्रबंधक (भूमि/राजस्व), वेकोलि, मुख्यालय नागपूर
3. क्षेत्रीय योजना अधिकारी, पाथाखेडा क्षेत्र



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Date: 03/05/2019

प्रति,
अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भूप्रबंध)
सतपुड़ा भवन,
भोपाल (मध्य प्रदेश)

विषय :- Diversion of 25.866 ha. Revenue forest land for extraction of under ground coal mining (Tawa-III) in village Gandhigram in favour of Chief Manager, WCL in Betul District in Madhya Pradesh.

संदर्भ :- No.6-MPC001/2018-BHO/175 दिनांक 21/02/2019

महोदय,

With reference to the above cited letter, we are submitting desired pointwise information as under :-

Sl. No.	Information required	Clarifications
1	The FRA certificate from concerned District Collector.	FRA certificate is under process
2	Copy of Reclamation plan duly approved from competent authority	Attached as A-1
3	State Govt. of MP vide letter dt. 23/01/2019 had submitted that the proposed area does not fall in 10 Km radius from Panchamari Biosphere Reserve. However contradictory view of Divisional Forest Officer in its Site Inspection Report dated 19/04/2017 at point no. 24 needs to be clarified	Related to State Forest Dept.
4	The DDS analysis reveals that the proposed area in 6.45 Km away from Satpura Melghat Tiger Corridor. Hence, recommendation of CWLWd shall be submitted.	It is humble request to Nodal Officer (FC) to get recommendation of CWLW
5	The KML file submitted shows area of 36.298 Ha. excess of 10.432 ha over proposed area of 25.866 ha. Thus, the KML of exact 25.866 ha may be submitted.	KML file of exact area has been changed in the online application.

आपकी जानकारी एवं आगामी कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित ।

भवदीय,

[Signature]
21/5/2019
क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी
पायाखेडा क्षेत्र
Area Officer
WCL
Pali

प्रतिलिपि :-

1. उपवन संरक्षक (केन्द्रीय) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार भोपाल (म.प्र.)
2. क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक, पायाखेडा क्षेत्र

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बोर्ड सचिवालय
BOARD SECRETARIAT

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BOARD MATTER
CONFIDENTIAL

REF: WCL/BD/SECTT/BM-299/2018/1412

DATE: 24.04.2018

Reproduced below is the relevant excerpt from the minutes of 299th meeting of the Board of Directors of WCL held on 10th April, 2018:

*ITEM NO.299/ C-7

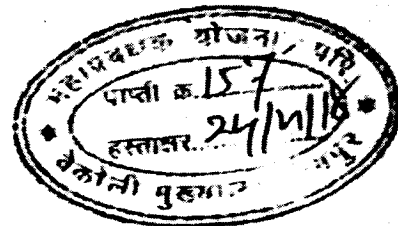
SUB Recast Project Report of Tawa III UG Mine (including mining plan) Feb 2018 of Pathakhhera Area.

- i) While deliberating on the subject, Director (Tech) P&P apprised the salient features of the Project to the Board. It was also apprised the necessity to open the Underground Mines for gainfully utilizing the excess manpower from the Mines proposed for closure. Some of the members expressed that Underground Mines are not viable and for such small quantity of coal this capital investment is not advisable.
- ii) However, to engage the surplus manpower, the Board, after deliberation approved the Recast Project Report of Tawa III UG Mine (including mining plan) February, 2018 of Pathakhhera Area for a total capital investment of Rs.140.9916 crore for a capacity of 0.48 MTY in option-2 yielding IRR of 13.64% at 85% capacity at notified price for power sector.
- iii) The Board further directed that in future no new underground mines be opened unless the project is viable at notified price.
- iv) GM (P&P) to take necessary action in the matter."

COMPANY SECRETARY

✓ GENERAL MANAGER (P&P)

CC: DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL) OP
DIRECTOR (PERSONNEL)
DIRECTOR (FINANCE)
DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL) P&P



19.3 CAPITAL & REVENUE COSTS

In addition to the Capital Cost of Rs. 70.80 Lakhs, Revenue Cost of Rs. 6.00 per tonne of coal produced has been considered for the entire mine life for plantation & green belt development, environmental monitoring, social development, for the mitigation of environmental impacts and miscellaneous pollution control measures.

20.0 MINE CLOSURE PLANNING

As directed through memorandum No. 55011-01-2009-CPAM of Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi dated 27/08/2009, Mine Closure Plan has to be enclosed with all PRs / EMPs. In the Annexure to this memorandum, guidelines for preparing the Mine Closure Plan and assessing the capital cost of mine closure have been specified.

Mine Closure cost has been computed based on the recent guidelines circulated by Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The closure activities will include subsidence survey for a period of 3 years after mine closure, filling of subsidence cracks, fencing of caved out area and post-project monitoring for a period of 3 years after mine closure.

Taking the recent guidelines into consideration, the Mine Closure Cost in this Recast Project Report for Tawa-III U/G Mine works out to Rs. 6.34/t. Considering first year of the project as 2018-19, the mine closure cost has been calculated as follows:

CALCULATION OF MINE CLOSURE COST		
1	Total Area of the Mine (ha)	207.47
2	WPI value as on August 2009 (Base WPI)	83.02
3	WPI value of current available month (Dec' 2017 - Provisional)	115.7
4	Ratio of WPI (December 2017 : August 2009) - $[(4) = (3 \div 2)]$	1.393640087
5	Amount to be considered for underground (Rs. / ha)	100000
6	Total Mine Closure Corpus Fund for 2017-18 (Rs. 000s) - $[(6) = (1 \times 4 \times 5)]$	28914
7	Total Life of Tawa-III U/G Mine (Years)	20
8	Annual Mine Closure Cost for 2017-18 (Rs. 000s)	1446
9	Annual Mine Closure Cost for 1st year of the project (2018-19) With escalation @ 5% per annum (Rs. 000s)	1518

The annual mine closure cost with 5% annual escalation for proposed Tawa-III UG mine is tabulated below:

YEAR	Amount per Year (Rs. 000s)	Production (Mt)	Amount (Rs. / t)
1 (2018-19)	1518	Revenue Expenditure Capitalised	
2	1594		
3	1674		

YEAR	Amount per Year (Rs. 000s)	Production (Mt)	Amount (Rs. / t)
4	1758	0.120000	14.65
5	1846	0.300000	6.15
3	1938	0.480000	4.04
7	2035	0.480000	4.24
8	2137	0.480000	4.45
9	2244	0.480000	4.68
10	2356	0.480000	4.91
11	2474	0.480000	5.15
12	2598	0.480000	5.41
13	2728	0.480000	5.68
14	2864	0.480000	5.97
15	3007	0.480000	6.26
16	3157	0.480000	6.58
17	3315	0.480000	6.91
18	3481	0.480000	7.25
19	3655	0.443219	8.25
20	3838	0.062898	61.02
Total	50217	7.166117	7.01
Mine Closure Cost (excluding Revenue Expenditure Capitalised) to be considered in Appendix-C (Rs./t)			6.34

From the above table, it can be seen that the Total Amount of Mine Closure Cost Corpus Fund works out to Rs. 5.0217 Crores.

20.1 Activity wise Break-up of Mine Closure Cost

The activity wise break-up of total mine closure corpus fund is shown in the following table:

Sl. No.	Activity	% of Total Mine Closure Cost	Amount (Rs. 000s)
A	Dismantling of structures:		
	Service Buildings		
	Residential Buildings	3.50%	1757.60
	Industrial Structures like CHP, Workshop, Field Sub-station, Cap lamp room, Haulage, Fan Installation etc.	37.58%	18871.55
B	Permanent sealing of mine entries (incline mouth and air shaft):		
	Sealing of incline mouths and air shafts.	6.33%	3178.74
C	Subsidence Management:	2.32%	1165.03
D	Landscaping:		
	Landscaping of the clear land for improving its aesthetics	1.75%	878.80
E	Plantation:		
	Plantation over the cleared area obtained after dismantling and on other Barren Spaces.	5.80%	2912.59
		10.00%	5021.70

Sl. No.	Activity	% of Total Mine Closure Cost	Amount (Rs. 000s)
F	Monitoring / Testing of parameters for three years:		
	Air Quality	3.83%	1923.31
	Water Quality	3.34%	1677.25
G	Entrepreneurship development (Vocational / Skill Development) Training for sustainable income of affected people:	4.65%	2335.09
H	Miscellaneous and other mitigative measures:	11.60%	5825.17
I	Man power cost for supervision:	9.30%	4670.18
	Total	100%	50217

21.0 LAND ACQUISITION

21.1 Quantum of type of land

It is proposed to work this mine by B&P method of mining in conjunction with caving. The Total Land involved in this project is about 207.47 hectares (6.550 ha under All Rights, 1.100 ha under Surface Rights and 199.820 ha under Mining Rights) as per the Recast P.R. for Tawa-III U/G Mine.

The Acquisition of Tenancy, Government and Forest Land (207.47 ha), the rates of NPV of Forest Land to be acquired under All Rights & Mining Rights and Compensatory Afforestation Charges have been considered in Appendix A.1 as per the data given by Pathakhera Area Officials of WCL (vide letter no. WCL/PK/GM/P&P/130 dated: 30.10.2013). The breakup of land requirement of 207.470 ha is summarized below:

Type of Rights	Govt. Land (ha)	Tenancy Land (ha)	Forest Land (ha)	Total land Requirement (ha)
All Rights	0.491	2.419	3.640	6.550
Surface Rights	-	-	1.100	1.100
Mining Rights	5.825	71.269	122.726	199.820
Total	6.316	73.688	127.466	207.470

The Total Land requirement for Tawa-III U/G Mine is 207.47 hectares, out of which 6.55 hectares would be acquired under All Rights and 1.10 hectares under Surface Rights. Capital Provision for Tenancy and Government Land to be acquired under All Rights and Surface Rights has been envisaged.

The land under all rights, surface rights and mining rights involved in this project has been estimated by Autocad Software and is not from revenue records. Hence the above measurement of land by Autocad may not exactly match with the State Revenue Department records. However, during actual implementation of this report, the data of State Revenue Department land records will be final.

NPV payment for 4.74 hectares of Forest Land under All Rights and Surface Rights has been considered @ Rs. 14.27 lakhs per ha which includes compensatory afforestation charges. NPV payment for 122.726 ha of Forest Land under Mining Rights has been considered @ Rs. 3.14 lakhs per ha.

As the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and resettlement Act, 2013 has come into force, the provision for acquisition of 2.419 ha tenancy land and rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected families have to be carried out as per this Act.

The land rate has been considered as per the ready reckoner rate and considering the multiplying factor of 2.0 for rural area and 100 % solatium of the total land value including assets attached to the land. In absence of data for number of Project Affected families, 3 families have been considered as PAFs for 2.419 hectares of Tenancy Land @ 1 PAF per hectare of land. For estimation of compensation as per Schedule-II, Rs. 5 lakh per family has been provided for project affected families.

21.2 Time frame for Acquisition & Capital Provision

Different notifications for Land Acquisition, E.C. & F.C. along with all approvals and acquisition of land for mine entries and surface infrastructure (7.65 ha) are proposed to be done in first year after approval of the project. NPV payment for 4.74 hectares of Forest Land under All Rights/Surface Rights and 122.726 ha of Forest Land under Mining Rights has been considered in second and third year after approval of the project.

A capital provision of Rs. 6.3412 Crores has been made for acquisition of land in Recast Project Report for Tawa-III U/G Mine as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and resettlement Act, 2013.

This capital provision includes Cost of land & payment of compensation as per "The Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013" for land and NPV of Forest land for proposed Tawa-III U/G Mine which has been considered as 14.27 Lakhs per hectare.

22.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

22.1 Once the Recast Project Report is approved, the authorities should take up the following major activities leading to the achievement of target production:

- a) Form-1 was submitted to MOEF through MOC letter no. 43011/38/2010 – CPAM dated 04.10.2010.
- b) Status as on 01.06.2014 is: EAC meeting for finalisation of TOR was held on 23.11.2010. TOR issued vide MOEF letter dated 23.12.2010.

कोयलाखोलाय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष-भू प्रबंध), सतपुड़ा भवन, म.प्र. भोपाल

पत्र क्रमांक/एफ-1/FP/MP/MIN/20919/2016/ 776

भोपाल, दिनांक 4-3-19

प्रति,

वन मंडल अधिकारी,
सामान्य वन मंडल, उत्तर बैतूल,
मध्य प्रदेश

विषय:- वन मंडल उत्तर बैतूल के परिक्षेत्र सारनी तहसील घोड़ाडोंगरी के ग्राम गोंधीग्राम के खसना नं. 11 एवं 174 के रकबा 25.866 हे. राजस्व वनभूमि में कोयला उत्खनन कार्य(वा-3) हेतु - मेसर्स डब्ल्यू.सी.एल. का प्रस्ताव ।

संदर्भ:- भारत सरकार पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भोपाल का पत्र क्रमांक 6-MPC 001/2018-BHO/175 दिनांक 21/2/2019

प्रकरण में भारत सरकार पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भोपाल द्वारा संदर्भित पत्र दिनांक 21/2/2019 से 05 बिन्दुओं पर जानकारी चाही गई है। 05 बिन्दुओं में से बिन्दु क्रमांक-03 का संबंध आपसे है तथा बिन्दु क्र. 01, 02 एवं 05 का संबंध आवेदक संस्थान से है।

भारत सरकार का उक्त पत्र दिनांक 21/2/2019 की छायाप्रति संलग्न प्रेषित कर लेख है कि आपसे संबंधित बिन्दु क्रमांक-03 की जानकारी सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया के मानचित्र में प्रस्तावित वनक्षेत्र दर्शाकर प्रस्तावित स्थल से पंचमढ़ी बायस्फोर रिजर्व एवं मेलघाट टाईगर रिजर्व कितने दूरी पर स्थित है की जानकारी मानचित्र सहित दो प्रतियों में शीघ्र उपलब्ध कराये।

संलग्न-उपरोक्तानुसार

4/3/19

(सुनील अग्रवाल)

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-1/FP/MP/MIN/20919/2016/ 777

भोपाल, दिनांक 14-3-19

प्रतिलिपि:-

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की ओर उपरोक्तानुसार आगामी कार्यवाही हेतु अग्रेषित।

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No 6-MPC 001/2018-BHO/ 175

To,

✓ The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer
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Forest Department,
Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, M.P.

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Date - 21/02/2019

Sub: Diversion of 25.866 ha Revenue forest land for extraction of under ground coal mining (Tawa-III) in Village-Gandhigram in favour of Chief Manager, Western Coal Fields Limited in Betul District in Madhya Pradesh.

Ref: 1) This office letter No. 6-MPC001/2018-BHO/1144 dated 22/02/2018.
2) Your office letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/20919/2016/216 dated 23/1/19.

Sir,

With reference to above mentioned subject and letter under reference, I am directed to request you to provide following information/clarification: -

- 1) The FRA certificate from concerned District Collector.
- 2) Copy of Reclamation plan duly approved from competent authority.
- 3) State Govt. of MP vide letter dated 23/01/2019 had submitted that the proposed area does not fall in 10 km radius from Panchmari Biosphere Reserve. However, contradictory view of Divisional Forest Officer in its Site Inspection Report dated 19/04/2017 at point no. 24, needs to be clarified.
- 4) The DSS analysis reveals that the proposed area is 6.45 km away from Satpura-Melghat Tiger Corridor. Hence, recommendation of CWLW shall be submitted.
- 5) The KML file submitted shows area of 36.298 ha excess of 10.432 ha over proposed area of 25.866 ha. Thus, the KML of exact 25.866 ha may be submitted.

Yours faithfully

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, North Forest Division Betul, District-Betul, M.P.
2. The Chief Manager, Western Coal Fields Limited, Pathakheda Region, District-Betul, M.P.

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सपर प्रचार वन संरक्षण (म.प्र.)
म.प्र. प्रदेश, भोपाल
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(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central)

File No. 8-12/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 26th December, 2019

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.


Sub: Diversion of 101.600 hectares of forest land/revenue forest land (30.210 ha. forest land RF + 71.390 ha. Revenue forest land=101.600 ha. forest land) for Tawa-III underground Coal Mining project and use of surface land for infrastructure (96.86 ha. for underground coal mining and 4.74 ha. of forest land for use of surface right) in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited, of Pathakhera area Betul District State of Madhya Pradesh - reg.

Sir,

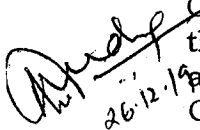
I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Land Management and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/20920/2016/10-11/797 dated 15.03.2019 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid act.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, **Stage-I/ In-principle approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 101.600 hectares of forest land/revenue forest land (30.210 ha. forest land RF + 71.390 ha. Revenue forest land=101.600 ha. forest land) for Tawa-III underground Coal Mining project and use of surface land for infrastructure (96.86 ha. for underground coal mining and 4.74 ha. of forest land for use of surface right) in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited, of Pathakhera area Betul District State of Madhya Pradesh under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) **The mine reclamation plan shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval;**
- (iii) **Documents regarding deposit of Rs.23,22,38,877/- in CAMPA in compliance to Stage-I of 90 ha shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval;**
- (iv) **The information sought vide meeting held on 06.08.2019 shall be furnished before Stage- II approval;**
- (v) **25% of NPV as admissible for the region shall be levied, due to the fact that report on Subsidence Prediction and Management for Tawa-III mentions likely subsidence factor is 10 mm or more;**
- (vi) Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land double in extent to the forest land required for surface infrastructure (i.e. 4.74 x2 = 9.48 ha) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds to be provided by the user agency;
- (vii) The User agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department.

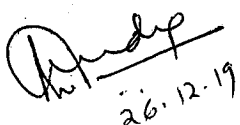

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- (viii) The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (ix) The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (x) The user agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage- I clearance;
- (xi) 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, and the Rules framed there-under, subject to a maximum period of 30 years;
- (xii) The State Government will submit the valid lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement;
- (xiii) Area on surface of the mining lease shall be fenced and afforested;
- (xiv) The State Government and user agency shall monitor the mining induced subsidence and take appropriate mitigative measures to ensure that it remains within the permissible limit;
- (xv) The User agency and the State Government shall implement the Wildlife Conservation Plan for area located within 10 kilometre distance from the forest land proposed to be diverted from the funds to be provided by the user agency;
- (xvi) The user agency shall implement the following activities under the supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- (a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be initiated to be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;
 - (b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (c) Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and
 - (e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;
- (xvii) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall


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remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

- (xviii) The user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- (xix) The Complete Compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- (xx) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (xxi) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xxii) The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- (xxiii) The ground area over the mine shall not be allowed to be used for construction of residential buildings or labour camps;
- (xxiv) The State Government shall ensure that green cover on the ground over the underground part of mine shall be maintained as forest and supplemented by plantations in gaps at the cost of user agency;
- (xxv) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xxvi) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xxvii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxviii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xxix) The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xxx) The State Government and the User agency shall ensure de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required preferably within five years from the date of approval of Stage-II Clearance;
- (xxxi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xxxii) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxxiii) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- (xxxiv) The User Agency shall submit the annual self - compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
- (xxxv) The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;


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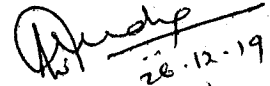
(xxxvi) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency;

(xxxvii) The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

(xxxviii) The complete compliance report with undertakings and plans/schemes will be uploaded on the web-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

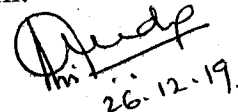


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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to: -

1. The PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency:
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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