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Ref. No.: MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/ 450

Date: 03/08/2024

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,

Sundargarh Forest Division,

District: Sundargarh, Odisha.

**Subject:** 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).

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

- Ref.:** 1. Memo No. 3588/4F (Misc) dated 05.07.2024 from your office.  
2. Memo No. 2834 dated 05.07.2024 of RCCF, Rourkela.  
3. MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/376 dated 08.07.2024 from the undersigned.  
4. ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1040/2022/2920(4) dated 24.07.2024.  
5. MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/417 dated 25.07.2024.  
6. Memo No. 4031/4F(Misc) dated 29.07.2024 from your office.  
7. MCL/GM/MLA/2024-25/435 dated 29.07.2024.  
8. ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1151/2023-24/3084 dated 03.08.2024.

**Respected Sir,**

This is to bring to your kind concern that the DGPS surveyed map No. 4107/5 (attached herewith) of mining lease area (323.92 ha), safety zone (7.5 m inside the mining lease boundary) and forest patches was duly authenticated by ORSAC on 18.01.2024. The same map had been submitted with the Form A Part II, i.e. forest proposal of Basundhara (West) Extension OCP, Mahalaxmi Area, MCL at your office which was then forwarded to RCCF, Rourkela.

Accordingly, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela had inspected the site on 03.07.2024 and thereafter has expressed his observations vide Memo No. 2834 dated 05.07.2024 that the Pillars erected vide Pillar No. 682, 683, 684 by the User Agency in the Reserve Forest Area i.e., Jamkani R.F, proposed for diversion has been found inside forest area, instead of being erected along the existing demarcated Reserve Forest Pillar No. 178, 179, 180 boundary line carried out in this Division. You had requested the undersigned vide Memo No. 3588/4F (Misc) dated 05.07.2024 of DFO, Sundargarh to rectify and erect all the pillars involved in the project area as per the Reserve Forest boundary over proposed forest area required for diversion.



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In context of above, a letter was written to ORSAC vide letter No. MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/376 dated 08.07.2024 seeking clarification regarding the difference between DGPS Surveyed map No. 4107/5, as provided by ORSAC in respect of Basundhara (West) Extension OCP, Mahalaxmi Area, MCL and records (existing kml file) of State Forest Dept., Odisha regarding the boundary of Jamkani Reserve Forest. ORSAC had reverted back on 24.07.2024 vide letter No. ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1040/2022/2920(4) dated 24.07.2024 seeking the final approved forest boundary of Jamkani R.F. from Sundargarh Forest Division for compilation of forest boundary accordingly. The same was communicated to you vide letter No. MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/417 dated 25.07.2024. The kml file thus provided by your good offices vide Memo No. 4031/4F(Misc) dated 29.07.2024 was forwarded to ORSAC vide letter no. MCL/GM/MLA/2024-25/435 dated 29.07.2024. However, ORSAC has provided a clarification regarding the same vide ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1151/2023-24/3084 dated 03.08.2024 (attached herewith as **Annexure A** along with the map bearing no. 4107) stating that:

*"In inviting reference to the letter and subject cited above, this is to inform you that ORSAC has already clarified that DGPS Survey for Forest Diversion Proposal and Mine Lease of above area has been carried out in the presence of representatives from Revenue and Forest Dept. based on Cadastral sheets on 1: 4000 Scale and the maps has been generated as per Geo-referencing of Cadastral sheets using field DGPS survey data.*

*The R.F. boundary generated after DGPS Survey by ORSAC and KML file supplied by DFO, Sundargarh also verified and found that **R.F. boundary generated after DGPS Survey by ORSAC is in order.** Accordingly, the hard copy of same map bearing no.4107 is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action."*

Thus, based on the above clarification given by ORSAC, ORSAC has reverified the plans and the attached plan shows that the DGPS coordinates and the polygon are matching with the Milan sheet and Revenue lands. Therefore, 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,

  
03/08/2024

General Manager  
Mahalaxmi Area

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

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Office of The General Manager,  
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District: Sundargarh (Odisha)



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**Copy to:**

1. PCCF, Forest Division & Nodal Officer, FC Act, Odisha.: For kind information.

**ODISHA SPACE APPLICATIONS CENTRE (ORSAC)**

Department of Science &amp; Technology, Govt. of Odisha

ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1151/2023-24/---3.0.84-----Dt 31/8/2024

To

The General Manager,  
Mahalaxmi Area,  
Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited  
ATPO: Basundhara  
Dist: Sundergarh  
Pin - 770076

Sub: Supply of DGPS surveyed output relating to Mining and Safety Zone boundary in respect of Basundhara (West) Extension OCP, Mahalaxmi Area, MCL in Sundergarh district.

Ref: 1) Your Letter No. MCL/GM/MLA/2024-25/435 dated 29.07.2024.  
2) ORSAC letter No. 2920 (4) dated 24.07.2024.

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Encl: 01 map.

Yours faithfully,

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