

## The Singareni Collieries Company Limited ( A Government Company ) KOTHAGUDEM AREA

## Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/25/22 3

Date: 6/05/2023

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC)
Telangana State,
Aranya Bhavan,
Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub: Submission of compliance report as on 31.03.2023 on the stipulated conditions in MoEF, GOI orders under F (C) Act for diversion of 1174.18 Ha diverted for 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of diversion in Kothagudem Division in favor of

SCCL- Reg.

Ref: GOI (MoEF) Lr.No.8-277/85-FC, dtd.17.02.2009.

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Kind attention is invited to the reference cited wherein the MOEF, GOI, has accorded final approval for renewal of diversion of Forest land to the extent of 1174.18Ha for UG in Kothagudem. Accordingly, the compliance report as on 31.03.2023 is submitted herewith on the stipulated conditions as in the order.

Condition No.(1): Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: The legal status of the land remains as Reserve Forest.

Condition No.(2): The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the forest area proposed for renewal to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003 and 09.05.2008 in I.A. No.566 in WP(C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC, dated 03.10.2006 in this regard.

<u>Compliance:</u> As per the demand notice issued by Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem, the SCCL has deposited Rs.36,75,18,340 through DD No. 713038, dated 18.05.2009 in favor of CAMPA A/c. No.CA-1578, Corporation Bank, New Delhi.

Condition No.(3): Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted additional forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

Compliance: An Undertaking for payment of additional NPV as and when asked for was furnished by SCCL.

Condition No.(4): All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to in Account No. 344901010070128 of Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110 003.

Compliance: The Forest Department has complied with this condition.

Condition No.(5): Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area as well as within 100 Meter radius from the lease area inside RF, if density is lesser than 0.4 and maintain it till the life of the project, in consultation with the State Forest Department.

Compliance: The Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem vide reference No.4040/07/A5, dt.09.06.2015, permitted SCCL to take up plantation in the degraded patches within Kothagudem Mining lease as per the work plan submitted by SCCL. Accordingly, SCCL raised plantation in the area of 95.00 Ha. (to the extent of gaps available) in the degraded patches within 1174.18 Ha. in phased manner. An area of 15.00 Ha was also raised plantation within 100Mtrs radius from the periphery of 1174.18 Ha. The SCCL is herewith submitting an undertaking to take up plantation elsewhere in equal extent of plantation raised at the cost of UA.

<u>Condition No.(6):</u> The User Agency shall raise and maintain the Afforestation including enrichment plantation over surface area.

Compliance: As submitted in SI.No.5.

Condition No.(7): The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.

Compliance: The period of lease is for 20 years.

<u>Condition No.(8):</u>Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.

<u>Compliance:</u> As the area is for underground mining, no tree felling was required for mining.

Condition No.(9): No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.

<u>Compliance:</u> Since the lease is for underground mining, there will be no damage to the Flora and Fauna by mining operation.

<u>Condition No.(10):</u>Reclamation Plan shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department/ Regional Office, Bangalore.

Compliance: The SCCL is operating two UG mines namely Padmavathi khani no.5 Incline (789.78 ha.) and Venkatesh khani no.7 Incline (384.40 ha.) in 1174 Ha. For both the mines individual mining plans have been approved by MoC, Gol vide reference no. 13016/4/2007-CA II, Dt.27.07.2016 and 13016/32/88-CA, dt.27.07.1988 respectively. In the UG mining reclamation is only closing of UG mine by salving of material for UG Mine and closing Mine entries. However, 237.8589 ha. area of VK-7 Incline & 411.4445 ha. area of PVK-5 Incline has been included in the Mining plans of Venkatesh khani Opencast Project. The MoC, Gol approved Mining Plan of Venkatesh khani opencast Project (Amalgamation of PVK-5, VK-7 & GKOCP) vide Lr.No.38011/12/2017-PCA, Dt.27.01.2020 and accordingly Mine Closure will be done at the end of the Venkatesh Khani Opencast Project.

Condition No.(11): It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.

Compliance: No labour camps are set up inside the sanctioned forest land.

<u>Condition No.(12):</u> The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, towards and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.

<u>Compliance:</u> The mining lease area is demarcated on ground by using RCC pillars of 4 feet height 39 Numbers of pillars have been fixed, details are follows:

	LATITUDE	LOGITUDE		FORE	BACK	Dist from
	IN DEC-	IN DEC-		BEARING	BEARING	Previous
	DEG-	DEG-				Pillar in
	FORMAT	FORMAT				Metres
PILLAR No.			LINE			
KML-2C	17.5155506	80.6580110	2C TO 2D	27°-36'-10"		
KML-2D	17.5267680	80.6642687	2D TO 2E	126°-03'-13"	306°-03'-13"	
KML-2E		80.6904620		229°-28'-58"	49°-28'-58"	913.528
KML-2F		80.6838669		128°-38"-26"		
KML-2G		80.6914089		204°-02'-15"	24°-02'-15"	1512.53
KML-2H		80.6854794		231°-26'-01"	51°-26'-01"	1727.256
KML-2I		80.6726635		335°-03'-50"	155°-03'-50"	
KML-2I1		80.6713080		338°-22'-11"	158°-22'-11"	
KML-2J	17 4780215	80.6711876	2J TO 2K	80°-02'-58"	260°-02'-58"	
KML-2K		80.6744474		336°-27'-03"	156°-27'-03"	
KML-2L		80.6723333		01°-11'-55"	181°-11'-55"	
KML-2L1		80.6723621		05°-14'-14"	185°-14'-14"	
KML-2L2		80.6725572		04°-20'-03"	184°-20'-03"	
KML-2L3		80.6730983		14°-34'-27"	194°-34'-27"	
KML-2L4		80.6732448		11°-02'-58"	191°-02'-58"	
KML-2M		80.6744052		281°-07'-17"	101°-07'-17"	
KML-2M1	17 4985245	80.6721316	2M1 TO 2N	281°-14'-56"	101°-14'-56"	
KML-2N	17 4988350	80.6705839	2N TO 2N1	21°-59'-12"	201°-59'-12"	551.059
KML-2N1	17 5031969	80.6724709	2N1 TO 20	30°-39'-02"	210°-39'-02"	
KML-20	17 5034343	80.6725736	20 TO 2P	40°-05'-00"	220°-05'-00"	
KML-2P		80.6743753		311°-31'-54"	131°-31'-54"	
KML-2Q		80.6730250		220°-16'-12"	40°-16'-12"	305.054
KML-2R	17.5046041	80.6711467	2R TO 2R1	129°-45'-29"	309°-45'-29"	160.997
KML-2R1		80.6723028		201°-27'-34"	21°-27'-34"	569.709
KML-2S	17.4988898	80.6702914	2S TO 2T	281°-06'-35"	101°-06'-35"	
KML-2T	17.4991936	80.6687582	2T TO 2T1	194°-23'-37"	14°-23'-37"	850.509
KML-2T1	17 4917679	80.6666918	2T1 TO 2U	202°-56'-53"	22°-56'-53"	757.117
KML-2U	17 4849543	80.6636040	2U TO 2U1	335°-59'-34"	155°-59'-34"	
KML-2U1		80.6615053		331°-23'-35"	151°-23'-35"	
KML-2V	17.4963396	80.6577609	2V TO 2C1	00°-08'-58"	180°-08'-58"	1377.503
KML-2C1	17.5087870	80.6579200	2C1 TO 2C	00°-11'-08"	180°-11'-08"	748.516
KIVIL-201	17.0007070					
KML-25	17.4780700	80.6515789	25 TO 24	14419'-41"	32419'-41	1129.146
KML-24	17 4697236	80.6576955	24 TO 24A1	4348'-22"	22348'-22"	
KML-24A1	17 4717108	80.6597204	24A1 TO 24A	35958'-54"	17958'-54"	
KML-24A	17.4722443	80.6597256	24A TO 24B1	8527'-54"	26527'-54"	
KML-24B1	17.4724213		24B1 TO 24B2	17632'-18"	35632'-18"	
KML-24B2	17.4717053		24B2 TO 24B	8529'-50"	26529'-50"	
KML-24B	17.4717978		24B TO 24C	33213'-29"	15213'-29"	
KML-24C	17.4777717		24C TO 25	27125'-05"	9125'-05"	959.376

Condition No.(13): The User Agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within five KM area from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks whenever required.

<u>Compliance:</u> As it is an underground mining, question of soil erosion due to mining activity does not arise. However, SCCL has taken up desilting in Tungaram Tank of Tekulabanjara and Penagadapa Tank at the cost of Rs.7.02 crores, the silted soil was taken over by the local farmers to their fields. (Enclosed as Annexure-1).

<u>Condition No.(14):</u> The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

<u>Compliance:</u> The land is being used for the purpose only for which permission was obtained.

<u>Condition No.(15):</u> Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore/ State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be application.

<u>Compliance:</u> It is further brought to the kind notice that this area was diverted for UG purpose. Basing on the faults etc the area was worked under two mines namely VK-7 UG mine 338.81 and PVK-5 UG 767.89 ha. and the balance is outside the mine boundary, according to which mines are being operated.

This is submitted for favor of information and with a request to kindly submit this compliance report to the MOEF &CC, GOI for favor of information.

Yours faithfully,

General Manager Kothagudem Area. General Manager The S.C.Co.Ltd.,

TOTHAGUDEM AREA

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The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
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Hyderabad – 500004

for favour of information.

The Chief Conservator of Forest, Kothagudem Circle, Kothagudem, for favor of information and with a request to submit this inspection report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer), TS for favor of information.

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem, for favor of information and with a request to submit this inspection report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer), TS for favor of information.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem, for favor of information and with a request to submit this inspection report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer), TS for favor of information.

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