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To

The Project Officer, Siarmal OCP, At/Po-Basundhara Dist-Sundargarh Pin-770076.

Sub: -

Diversion of 349.709 ha. of forest land within total mining lease area of 2290.449 ha in Siarmal Open Cast Coal Mining Project by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in Sundargarh District, Odisha

-Demand for cost of 3 nos. of approved schemes for compliance of stage-I approval.

Ref: -

This Office Memo No. 4515 Dtd. 14.07.2022.

Sir

With reference to the memo cited above, the 10 nos. of schemes have been approved by Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle to comply with the stipulations Condition No. A (4) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) Condition No. A (6), Condition No. A (7), Condition No. A (8), Condition No. A (9), (i), (ii), (ii), (iv) mentioned in the Stage-I approval. The detail of approved schemes are as follows:

- 1. The scheme for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream incompliance with condition no. A (4) (i), approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle.
- 2. The scheme for planting of adequate drought Hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in compliance with condition no. A (4) (ii), approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle.
- 3. The scheme for construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in compliance with condition no. A (4) (iii), approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle.
- 4. The scheme 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° in compliance with condition no. A (4) (iv), approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle.
- 5. The scheme for Top soil management to ensure 'no damage' to the top soil with strict adherence to the top soil management plan with condition no. A (4) (iv), approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle.
- 6. Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) work plan to mitigate the impact of the proposed mining activity on the local rivulets (nallah) in compliance with condition no. 6 of para A, approved by RCCF, Rourkela circle.
- 7. The scheme for gap planting and soil and moisture conservation to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests located in the area within 100 from outer perimeter of the mining leasein compliance with condition no. 7 of para A, approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle.
- The scheme for de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies located within 05 Km

trom Mining lease boundary in compliance with condition no. 8 of para A, approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

9. The scheme for fencing, protection and regeneration of safety zone area of 7.5 meter strip within the mining lease boundary in compliance with condition no. 9 (i) (ii) of para A, approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

10. The scheme for afforestation over one & half times of safety zone area over 5.895 ha of degraded forest land identified in Garjanbahal RF of Gopalpur Range of Sundargarh Division in compliance with condition no. 9 (iv) of para A, approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

However, out of the above approved schemes, 3 nos. of schemes is to be implemented by Forest Department. The details of the schemes with approved financial outlay is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of schemes	Amount (In Rs)
1	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) work plan to mitigate the impact of the proposed mining activity on the local rivulets (Nallah) in compliance with condition no. 6 of para A	Rs. 6,12,09,030/-
2	The scheme for gap planting and soil and moisture conservation to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests located in the area within 100 from outer perimeter of the mining lease in compliance with condition no. 7 of para A.	Rs. 2,91,17,860/-
3	The scheme for afforestation over one & half times of safety zone area over 5.895 ha of degraded forest land identified in Garjanbahal RF of Gopalpur Range of Sundargarh Division in compliance with condition no. 9 (iv) of para A.	Rs. 35,28,210/-
	Total	Rs. 9,38,55,100/-

Hence, you are requested to deposit the amount of Rs. 9, 38, 55,100/-(Rupees Nine Crore Thirty-Eight Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred) only towards approved schemes to comply condition nos. 6, 7 & 9 (iv) of Para A of Stage-I approval Order, payment should be made in the state specific CAMPA Account maintained by Govt. of India through "E" payment mode by using the web portal of Ministry of Environment & Forests (CAMPA). Further, the evidence of deposited amount may be furnished to the undersigned for further needful action at this end. The approved copies of the RCCF, Rourkela are enclosed herewith for your reference.

Enc:-As above.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer

Sundargarh Forest Division

Memo No. 4598 /Dated 8 /07/2022 Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela for favour of kind information with reference to his Memo No. 2265/3F-761/2022 dt.16.07.2022.

> Divisional Forest Officer Sundargarh Forest Division.