

## Site Inspection Report

(Request for permission for **WCL 80.902 Hec.** in North Betul Division)

S.No.	Particular	Inspection Report By DFO (T)
1	Extent is hectares.	80.902
2	Location (lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.	1- N- 22°8'26.15" E- 78°8'11.34" 2- N- 22°8'50.97" E- 78°6'55.53" 3- N- 22°9'13.66" E- 78°8'30.08" 4- N- 22°9'23.49" E- 78°9'2.34"
3	Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land)	RF (340) = 39.617, PF (480) = 22.120, PF (481) = 4.640, <u>Revenue Forest Kh.No. (164/2, 186/2) = 14.525</u> Total = 80.902
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc.	Yes
5	Any signs of encroachment.	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the User Agency in case of violation of the FC Act and guidelines there under.	Yes (Document Enclosed)
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	Site quality IV b, miscellaneous species
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife) Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	Nil
9	Endemism of flora / fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.	No, Only common flora & fauna is found
10	Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working Plan and, if not, why ?	Yes
11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.	No
12	Any dependent person / families on this land.	Nil



13	Any displacement of person proposed.	Nil
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced ?	No rehabilitation and resettlement plan is desired as no body will be displaced / affected.
15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than to kms.	Compensatory afforestation scheme is not applicable in this project (Diversion of land is for under ground mining).
16	Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 kms.	Proposed area in not a part of Protected area. Distance of proposed area is more than 10 kms. from protected area.
17	Dependence of tribal's in the area. Whether the rights of the tribal's have been recognized in this area.	Rights of the tribal have been recognized in this area as per FRA 2006 and certificate in this regard has been obtained from Collector Betul
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.	Yes ( getting benefit by direct and indirect employment in this projects)
19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	New (Regularization) proposal (not applicable)
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.	Site specific projects
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Yes



22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	Yes, it's only UG Mining, no damage of surface area.
23	Any other issue of significance.	Nil
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.	<p>1- Applied compartment number- RF-340, PF-480, PF-481 is situated at a distance of less than 10 k.m. from Satpuda-Melghat Tiger Reserve Corridor &amp; Pachmadhi Biosphere Reserve boundary.</p> <p>2- Applicant organization has been extracting mineral from the applied forest land after acquiring the land under the Coal Bearing Areas Act 1957.</p> <p>According to the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests New Delhi Letter no./F.NO.-2-1/2003-1FC(Part-4) dated 06/12/2004 "In respect whereof lease was granted prior to commencement of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 i.e., 25/10/1980 prior approval of the Central Government under the Act must be obtained for Extraction of minerals involving extension after 25.10.1980, of the forest land broken underground (in case of those mines from which extraction of mineral took place before 25.10.1980 atleast from a part of the leased area)."</p> <p>3- Government of India, Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests New Delhi Letter no./F.NO.-8-102/2004-FC dated 30/01/2012 had accorded stage "I" approval for diversion of 90.00 hac. of forest land for renewal of mining lease out of 122.00 hac. forest land. Fulfillment of condition (ii) &amp; (ix) has not yet been complied by the applicant (WCL). Rs.25,54,62,766/- has not yet been deposited by the user agency (applicant WCL) till date. The amount to be deposited by applicant was due in 2012. During the last 5 years this amount has increased due to price escalation.</p> <p>4- The applicant agency is continuously extracting mineral from the above mentioned forest land since 1980, therefore Ex-post facto approval may be granted to the applicant after imposing penalty on the organization as mining activities is being carried out by the organization without prior approval of the Central Government.</p>

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