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Proposal No: FP/JH/MIN/23021/2016

Project Name: Churi Benti UGP, CCL

Proposal Area: 281.17 Ha forest land

Subject: Detailed Justification

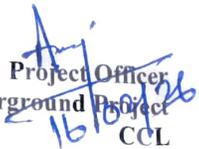
The Detailed justification for locating the Churi Benti UG project in forest land is as under:

1. The proposed diversion of Forest land in Churi Benti Underground Project is mainly for Mining activities which is site specific as coal is deposited below earth surface which is intended to be mined out, some portion of proposed land is intended to be used for allied activities of mining interlinked with mining operation, the site of which cannot be changed. It is in-line with the Mining Plan which is approved by competent authority, under Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
2. This Churi Benti is an underground mine, hence, disturbance to the flora and fauna (forest region) shall not be there as coal shall be mined without disturbing the surface features, only from beneath the earth crust. The project area contains an estimated 42 million tonnes of coal reserves, underscoring its economic and strategic significance.
3. The total mining lease area of the Churi-Benti Underground Project is 765.13 Ha, comprising 593.93 Ha of forest land and 171.20 Ha of non-forest land. Out of 593.93 Ha forest land, 312.76 forest area has already been diverted by MoEF&CC and remaining 281.17 Ha is applied for diversion.
4. The demand for coal especially grade 'G7' and below is increasing every year due to increase in demand for thermal power. The grade of coal from Churi Benti UG mine will vary in quality from grade 'G7' to grade 'G9' over the life of the mine for which a ready market is available.
5. The coal of Churi Benti UGP (0.81 MTY) is non-coking, suitable for use in Power Houses. The coal produced from Churi Benti UGP will bridge the gap between demand and availability of power grade coal in the nation.
6. Churi Benti UGP is an important Project of CIL from capacity addition point of view coal production target to meet National coal production demand and achieve the meet Energy Security.

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7. The Project is essential from Import Substitute point of view. The production from the mine is crucial for reducing power grade coal Import.
8. Total employment of 1500nos. (approx.) including Direct and Indirect employment will be generated by commissioning of this project.
9. Churi Benti Project is underground mine which is environmentally and economically viable.

Optimal utilization of these reserves is vital to support national energy needs. In view of the energy security of the nation and the substantial reserves available at this site, keeping in view the minimum disturbance of forest land, it is imperative to undertake mining operations at the approved location.


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