



Office of Divisional Forest Officer,
Chatra South Forest Division, Chatra.



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Letter No:- 1278

Date :- 06/06/2025

To,

Project Officer (Amrapali OCP),
Amrapali Chandragupt Area,
Binglat, Tandwa, Chatra.

Subject:- Demand letter for depositing levy for preparation of De-siltation Plan against non-forestry use of 431.59 ha of forest land for Amrapali OCP in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited(CCL) in Chatra South Forest Division, Chatra District of Jharkhand.

Ref: Office order No-09 Dated-17.01.2025 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Jharkhand, Ranchi and MoEF&CC, GoI letter no-8-48/2018-FC (Vol) Dated-21.12.2023 .

Sir,

Kindly refer the letter in the reference where in principle approval has been accorded to the captioned project subject to certain conditions.

A. As per condition No.15 of the said letter,

"The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake de-silting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF&CC before stage-II approval."

B. In compliance of the above-mentioned condition of stage-I approval a Site-Specific De-siltation Plan was prepared by user agency in consultation with the forest officials and submitted before Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Jharkhand, Ranchi for approval of the same. The said plan has been approved vide office order no-09 dated- 17.01.2025 of PCCF, Jharkhand, Ranchi. As per approved plan the Di-Siltation is proposed to be carried out in four cycle 1st cycle in the year, 2nd cycle in 4th year, 3rd cycle in 7th year and 4th cycle in 10th year. The cost of the proposed 10 year Site-Specific De-Siltation Plan with respect to the activities to be carried out by CCL under the guidance of the DFO, Chatra South Forest Division has been estimated to be RS 15,22,52,359.00 (Fifteen Crore Twenty-Two Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine).

C. As per Para 8(iii) of the said letter, it is requested to deposit the above mentioned amount i.e Rs. 15,22,52,359.00(Fifteen Crore Twenty-Two Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine) in CAMPA Account. The amount should be deposited to CAMPA Fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>) and copy of challan/receipt shall be sent to this office for records.

Your Faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer

Chatra South Forest Division, Chatra.

06/06/2025





Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

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File no.- 22 पी०-2(2)-02/2022.....

Office order No. 09

dated 17.01.2025

Sanction Order for the De siltation Plan with reference to non- forestry use of 431.35 ha of forest land for Amrapali Open Cast Coal Mining project in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Chatra South Forest Division Chatra District of Jharkhand-regarding.

The instant De-siltation Plan (referred to as "the plan" here in after) has been submitted by M/s. Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) (referred to as "the user Agency or M/s CCL") in pursuance of the following condition laid by MoEF&CC under condition no. 15 of Stage-1 approval vide letter no. 8-48/2018-FC (Vol) dated 21.12.2023 for non-forestry use of 431.59 ha in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL).

The aforesaid Terms of Reference laid by the Central Government reads follows:

Condition no. 15:

"The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF& CC before Stage-II approval".

2. In compliance of the aforesaid condition laid by MoEF&CC, the User Agency M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) submitted a site-specific De-siltation Plan for diversion of forest land proposal of Amrapali Open Cast Coal Mining Project prepared in consultation with the forest officials including DFO Chatra South Forest Division, CF Territorial Circle, Chatra and RCCF, Hazaribagh.

3. In the above stated background, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Ranchi (RCCF, Hazaribagh) vide his letter no. 2191 dated 17.12.2024 and letter no. 2067 dated 28.11.2024 submitted the Plan to the office of the undersigned for its consideration for sanction.

4. In order to examine the plan prescriptions a communication was issued to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Ranchi, vide this office letter no. 3147 dated 23.12.2024 to arrange a Power-Point Presentation of the plan on 26.12.2024 in the conference hall of the undersigned. The presentation was made by the Project proponent in the presence of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Hazaribagh and DFO Chatra South Forest Division. Shri Amresh Kumar Singh, G.M. Amrapali, Chandragupt Area, CCL, Shri Om Prakash, Dy. Manager, (Env) CCL and Shri Hemant Kumar, SIDHA, Consultant for preparing the de-siltation plan, were also present during the presentation.

5. After deliberation on various provisions of the De-siltation Plan and the presentation, it was observed that the area falling under 5-Km radius of the block boundary has been considered as impact zone and it is also in the light of FC conditions. A total of 25 villages are falling within 5-km radius of Amrapali OCP and 19 village de-silting is required. A total 43 ponds/water bodies were found in the 5-km radius of the mine lease boundary. The De-Siltation is proposed to be carried out in four cycles. 1st cycle in the year, 2nd cycle in 4th year, 3rd cycle in 7th year and 4th cycle in 10th year. The cost of the proposed 10 year Site-Specific De-Siltation Plan with respect to the activities to be carried out by CCL under the guidance of the DFO, Chatra South Forest Division has been estimated to be Rs. 15,22,52,359.00.

6. The summary of the proposed interventions (component wise) under the Plan is as follows:

- (i) **Estimate for De-siltation Plan of water bodies/ ponds for Chatra South Forest Division:**



De-siltation cycle	Plan year	Amount (in Rs.)	Remarks
1 st cycle	1 st year	3,10,71,910.00	As per estimate
2 nd cycle	4 th year	3,57,32,696.50	15% above estimate
3 rd cycle	7 th year	4,03,93,483.00	30% above estimate
4 th cycle	10 th year	4,50,54,269.50	45% above estimate
Grand- Total		15,22,52,359.00	

7. The Plan with a total financial outlay of Rs. 15,22,52,359.00 extends over a period of 10 years and shall be utilized by the CCL in consultation with the state forest department through DFO, Chatra South Forest Division in accordance with the Plan prescriptions.

8. Considering the proposals under the plan submitted by the User Agency and recommendation of the concerned forest officers, sanction is hereby accorded to the instant Plan subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the User Agency shall ensure that its officials/contractors and the work force engaged into mining and allied operations under the Project shall not commit or abet any forest/wildlife offence in their area of operation. They will also promptly report any forest/wildlife offence in the area to the nearest forest office/official. Further, they will extend their full cooperation to the forest officials in control/mitigation of any incident, natural or man-made, detrimental to forest and wildlife in their area of operation.
- (ii) That the total amount of Rs. 15,22,52,359.00 (Rupees Fifteen crore twenty two lakh fifty two thousand three hundred fifty nine only) shall be utilized for the said purpose by the User Agency under the guidance of State Forest Department through the DFO, Chatra South, as delineated under the Plan, strictly in accordance with the prevailing norms under the Jharkhand State Forest Department.
- (iii) That as regards the funds earmarked against activities to be undertaken by the State Forest Department, DFO, Chatra South Division shall prepare a detailed Annual Plan of Operations (APO) in

the beginning of every financial year in respect of the instant Plan following all the rules, regulations, Schedule of Rates etc. issued from time to time by the State Government/ Forest Department. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Hazaribagh shall supervise & closely monitor the progress of the activities undertaken by Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra South Division respectively as per the approved APO & funds released under CAMPA.

- (iv) That the Conservator of Forests, Chatra Circle shall supervise all the activities as per directions issued by the Forest Department from time to time.
- (v) That the User Agency shall carry out the activities under the Plan strictly as per the duly sanctioned de-siltation plan.
- (vi) That the DFO shall ensure that no violation of duly sanctioned Working Plan of their Forest Divisions takes place during implementation of any of the activities involved in this plan over notified and demarcated forest land.
- (vii) That the instant Plan is dynamic and be reviewed after 5 years to assess its compatibility with mining and its concurrent reclamation activities and a revised Plan be formulated as per requirement.
- (viii) That though adequate provisions have been made towards cost escalation in the plan viz. increase in wage rate/ material cost etc., yet the User Agency shall submit an undertaking to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra South Forest Division to the effect that it will bear extra cost of the plan beyond the cost escalation provision owing to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, as and when given effect to by the competent authority.

9 Since De-siltation will be done by the user agency and it will have benefits to the communities in the command of the ponds that will be De-silted. The work will not have much financial implication but will enhance the effectiveness of the proposed De-siltation. The work that CCL need to do are-

- (i) Not introducing any exotic species of grass in the area for grass pitching of the embankments.
- (ii) Getting water quality tested on periodical basis and report it to the state forest department.
- (iii) Introducing pisciculture in the De-silted ponds for enhancing avenue for income of the communities in commend.
- (iv) Assessing change in the ground water table.
- (v) Any other development that the DFO may think is necessary for assisting the De-siltation work.
- (vi) Periodical reporting of the development on the De-siltation front to the state forest Department.

This has been agreed by the representatives of the Amrapali project and by the state forest department during the discussion on the said intervention.

Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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Copy forwarded to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi, Harmu Housing Colony, Ranchi [email: ro.ranchi-mef@gov.in] / Principal Chief Conservator of Forest-cum-Executive Director, Waste Land Development Board, Jharkhand, Ranchi / Additional PCCF, CAMPA along with a copy of the Plan, for information and necessary action.

Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Jharkhand, Ranchi



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