GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

Proceedings No. 34395/07-F1 Dated:-22-07-2009. Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Parests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, Arayan Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Present: Sri C.Siva Sanakara Reddy, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Sub: Proposal seeking permission for Survey, Investigation & Drilling of 19 Bore holes in 3-Compartments of Bellampalli RF, of Bellampalli Division for prospecting for detailed exploration in Sahthi Khani Long Wall Coal Block by SCCL – Reg.,

Ref: 1- Chief of Exploration, SCCL, Kothagudem Ref.No.CRP/EXP/B-37/123 dt.2.2.09

2- Chief of Exploration, SCCL, Kothagudem Ref.No.CRP/EXP/B-37/165 dt.12.2.09

 Conservator of Forests, Adilabad Rc.No.7580/07/M6 Dt.11-5-09
 Chief of Exploration, SCCL, Kothagudem Lr.No.CRP/EXP/B-37/630 dt.28.5.09

Chief of Exploration, SCCL, Kothagudem Lr.No.CRP/EXP/B-37/678 dt.9.6.09

The 'Chief of Exploration, Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., Kothagudem has furnished a proposal vide references 1st & 2nd cited, requesting for according permission for Survey, Investigation & Drilling of (22) Bore holes in 3-Compartments of Bellampalli RF, of Bellampalli Division for prospecting for detailed exploration in Sahthi Khani Long Wall Coal Block.

The said proposal duly examined by the Divisional Forest Officer, Bellampalli & thereafter by the Conservator of Forests, Adilabad has been re-submitted to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests vide reference 3rd cited & has been recommended for consideration.

As per the information furnished in Part-I of the proposal, the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), is a Government Company jointly owned by both the State and Central Governments. This is the only Coal Mining Company in South India entrusted with the task of mining and supplying coal to meet the energy needs of various industries in South India. The mining operations of SCCL are mainly spread over in 4 districts viz. Khammam, Warangal, Karimnagar and Adilabad of Andhra Pradesh State. For this work, the SCCL proposes to take up detailed coal exploration during XI plan i.e., 2007-08 to 2011-12 in Sahthi Khani Long Wall Coal Block located in Bellampalli Forest Division.

As per the information furnished in Part-II of the proposal, the proposed area doest not form part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc., no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the area, no protected archaeological heritage sites / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area & no work in violation of the Act has been carried out.

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The Chief of Exploration, Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., Kothagudem vide references 4th & 5th cited, requested to accord permission for drilling of 19-Boreholes only, as against 22-boreholes applied for by them & given firm commitment that no tree will be felled during the process, no infrastructure will be constructed & that the proposed drilling of boreholes is intended for underground mining.

After careful examination of the issue keeping in view of the compulsion of requirement of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., & guidelines issued by the Government of India under para-1.3(v) of the guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, clarification/ amendments issued vide GOI, MoEF, Bangalore Lr.No.FCA/11.6/GL/91(AP), dt.20.6.2006 & GOI MoEF New Delhi F.No.5-3/2007-FC, dt.16.12.2008, permission is hereby accorded to M/s. Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., Kothagudem for conducting Survey, Investigation over an area of 9.68 Sq Kms & Drilling of (19) Bore holes in 3-Compartments of Bellampalli Reserved Forest, of Bellampalli Division for prospecting for detailed exploration in Sahthi Khani Long Wall Coal Block in the following locations as per the geo coordinates mentioned against each, subject to the Conditions stipulated hereunder.

BH, NO	N BELLAMPALLI R.F. MEASURED WITH GPS SPHERICAL CO-ORDINATES	
	LATITUDES	LONGITUDES
	19 - 04.183'	79 - 30.940'
2	19 – 04.173'	79 – 30.787
3	19 - 04.300'	79 - 30.821'
4	19 – 04.125'	79 - 31.172'
5	19 - 03,960'	79 - 30.8531
6	19 – 03.772'	79 - 31.0431
7	19 – 03,636'	79 - 31.316
8	19 – 03.511'	79 - 31.121'
9	19 – 03,375'	79 - 31.101'
10	19 - 03,293'	79 - 31.252'
11	19 – 02.020'	79 - 32.323'
12	19 - 01.856	79 - 32.272'
13	19 - 01.608'	79 - 32.241'
14	19 - 01.758'	79 - 32.689'
15	19 - 01.603'	79 - 32.756
16	19 - 01.465'	79 - 32.307
17	19 - 01.421'	79 - 32.466
18	19 – 01.109'	79 - 32.578'
19	19 - 01.305'	79 - 32.887

CONDITIONS:

Number of boreholes shall in no case exceed 19 in numbers & the size
of the borehole shall not exceed a maximum of 4" diameter.

- 5. The survey work shall be undertaken between dawn to dusk only i.e., 6.00 AM to 6.00 PM & no work shall be undertaken before or beyond this time.
- No night camping shall be allowed.
- 7. After drilling operation is completed, the holes shall be filled up. As far as possible same type of soil is to be used.
- 8. The debris, any formed during the course of drilling shall be cleared.
- 9. No tree or forest growth shall be felled or damaged during the course of survey.
- 10. No damage shall be caused to forest/wild life and to the environment.
- 11. The permission to conduct survey / Investigation / drilling of boreholes shall not ipso facto imply any commitment on the part of State Government or Central Government for diversion of forest land or any other entitlements in future.
- 12. The User Agency shall protect & nurture the natural tree growth in the survey areas.
- 13. Due regard to the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & amendments thereof, stipulated for this purpose shall be invariably given.
- 14. The applicant shall make good the Government/Environmental loss, if any, occurred during the course of survey.
- 15. The permission granted shall only be for a period of one year
- 16. M/s. Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., should intimate the Divisional Forest Officer before starting the work.

Sd/- C. Siva Sankara Reddy Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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Copy to the Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 4 for information & necessary action.

Copy to the Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Advisor-Forestry, SCCL, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad - 4 for information & necessary action.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Adilabad for necessary action.