

NOTE ON JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Marki Mangli (II) Coal Block in village Ruikot, Pardi, Savli and Mukutban in Zari Jamni Taluka of Yavatmal District, Maharashtra has been vested in favor of Ms/ Yazdani International Private Limited by Government of India under section 8 of Coal Mine (Special Provision) Act 2015 . Out of 339.467 ha total lease area of the block 146.996 ha is forest land and 192.471 ha non forest land. The block has estimated proved reserve of coal for the mining of coal is 11.54 MT as per block summary and final reserve to be mined is 9.97 Million Tonne. The forest area falls under Ruikot forest area having some patches of C class forests and Reserve forest most of which is in possession of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM) . **Forest land is unavoidable as it forms inseparable land parcel within the lease area and need to be acquired for mining after taking due permission** . Being site specific project there is no alternative other than excavation of coal reserve where it is available.

Forests involve in the proposal is

1. C class Forest:
2. Reserve forest FDCM:
3. Reserve forest (Department):

Village wise compartment wise forest land to be diverted under FC Act is furnished below

Statement of Land Under Marki Mangli - II Coal Block including 7.5 meter safety zone

Sr. No.	Comp. No	Name of Village	Gut. No.	Forest land in mining (Ha)	Forest land in safety zone (Ha)	Total forest land affected (Ha)	Legal Status	Remark
1	C-CLASS	Ruikot	1 (Part)	16.913	0.312	17.225	Forest	
2	20A, 19	Pardi	12	58.975	1.417	60.392	FDCM	
3	20B	Pardi	12	58.152	0.534	58.686	Forest	
4	C-CLASS	Sawali	9, 10P	10.503	0.190	10.693	Forest	
		Total		144.542	2.454	146.996		

Non Forest Area Statement

Statement of Land Under Marki Mangli - II Coal Block Non Forest area

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Mining in non forest (Ha)	Safety zone is non forest (Ha)	Total Non forest (Ha)	Remark
		Land Area	Non Forest Area	Forest Area	
1	Ruikot	169.832	2.635	172.467	
2	Pardi	0	0	0.000	
3	Sawali	4.363	0.349	4.712	
4	Mukutban	14.587	0.705	15.292	
		Total	3.689	192.471	

However, Safety zone of 7.5 meter inside the lease admeasuring 2.454 Ha - forest land and 3.639 ha non forest Total 6.143 ha land would be protected and maintained as green belt. No work is proposed in safety zone in

forest land and company will bear the cost of afforestation of 4.918 ha on degraded land proposed by forest department as per para 4.7 of the guidelines.

Mining of coal from designated coal block vested in favor of company for mining purpose is a site specific project. Part of coal reserve is blocked underneath 339.467 ha out of which forest land within lease area as per approved mining plan is 146.996 ha forest land. This part of the forest land needs to be diverted for non-forest use as per provision of Forest Conservation Act 1980 till the locked minerals are excavated and land is reclaimed back as a forest. Therefore, location is justified for mining of fossil fuel locked underneath with due mitigation measure and sustainable mining practices. The demand of forest land is kept minimum as per approved mining plan.

Wild Life Issues: (Clearance under section 39(O)(G) (1) of WPA 1972

Location of mining does not fall in either wild life sanctuary/ Tiger Reserve/ conservative reserve or Eco-sensitive zone. The area does not fall in 32 tiger corridors identified by NTCA or reflect in publication of Wildlife Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL) of Maharashtra. However, presence of wild life has been witnessed in some part of the compartments on the fringe of mining lease. Presence of wild life in the project is likely to attract section 83 (o), (G) (1) of Wild Life Protection Act 1972 though there is no established corridor. Project will implement sound mitigation measures for protection of wild life during and post mine reclamation. The project is of public interest as production of coal is crucial to meet the energy need of country and its significant contribution to GDP.

Therefore the minimum demand of 146.996 ha forest land within a lease area of 339.467 ha with sound sustainable mining practices associated with wildlife mitigation and environment protection measure, mining in Marki Mangli II Coal Block is justified and is in public interests.

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