HIGHLIGHTS AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

Application of Sharad Kumar Bansal for seeking diversion of 4.60 Hects. forest land for opencast mining of Ochre, White Clay & Laterite for 20 years in Compartment no. 203P (Old) & 870 P (New), Forest Block - Chanihara, of Forest Range-Majhgawan, Forest Division - Satna, M.P.

- (a) The lessee Sharad Kumar Bansal applied for mining lease for mining of mineral Ochre, Laterite & White Clay under Rule 22 of MCR 1960. Simultaneously the proposal for diversion of forest land Under Section 2 of FCA 1980 was made over an area of 16.868 ha.
- (b) The MOEF, Govt. of India granted In Principle approval i.e. Stage I approval on 07.01.2000 vide letter no.- 8C/5/435/97- FCW/ 78 over an area of 8.0 ha. only which included 7.972 ha. for mining and 0.028 ha. for extraction path.
- (c) The conditions stipulated in the Stage -I approval were complied which included -
 - (i) Transfer and notification of equivalent revenue land.
 - (ii) Deposition of cost of compensatory afforestation of Rs. 1,30,024 /- as demanded by forest department.
 - (iii) The applicant applied for environment clearance before MOEF. The Environment Clearance was later obtained by MOEF.
- (d) The forest clearance was later issued by MOEF on 19.12.2002 vide letter no.- 8C/5/435/1997 FCW/2971 for 10 years period.
- (e) The mining lease under Rule 22 of MCR 1960 was accorded after forest clearance on 18.06.2003 and accordingly the mining lease deed in Form K was executed on 08.06.2004 and registered on 01.09.2004 for 10 years period upto 31.08.2014.
- (f) The Environment Clearance was later issued on 01.08.2006 by MOEF Govt. of India under EIA Notification 1994.
- (g) The Consent of the Board to Operate under Air & Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act was obtained by M.P. Pollution Control Board under EPA 1986.
- (h) The mine after completion of all formalities and approvals was 1st opened on 20.02.2007.
- (i) The DFO, Satna vide letter dated 20.11.2006 demanded NPV @ 5.80 lac/hects. (Total Rs. 46,40,000 /-) in light of CCF (Land Management) Bhopal, letter dated 04.11.2006.
- (j) In light of working uneconomical in part of lease area due to poor mineralisation and imposition of NPV by forest department, the lessee applied for surrender of part ML area i.e. 3.40 ha. vide letter dated 12.04.2007 to DFO Satna and requested for deposition of NPV of the retained (8.0 3.40 = 4.60 ha.) area only. The area intended for surrender was virgin, unworked and unbroken.

- The mine was closed from 30.08.2008 due to order of the forest department for non (k) submission of NPV.
- The State Forest Department after due verifications and site inspection recommended for (1) acceptance of the surrendered area and sought NPV of Rs. 28,79,600 /-. The lessee deposited the NPV of Rs. 28,79,600 /- as demanded by the forest department vide following demand drafts -
 - Rs. 9,40,000 /- vide DD dated 02.09.2008. (i)
 - Rs. 4,28,000 /- vide DD dated 03.09.2008. (ii)
 - Rs. 13,00,000 /- vide DD dated 13.10.2008 and (iii)
 - Rs. 2,11,600 /- vide DD dated 08.07.2009. (iv)
- The MOEF, Govt. of India on recommendation of the State Forest Department accepted the (m) surrender on 21.07.2009 vide letter no.- 8C/5/435/1997 - FCW/ 1805 and the decision was communicated by the forest department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on 10.08.2009 vide letter No. 1948/1693/09/10-3.
- At last the mining operations resumed after re demarcation of the retained 4.60 ha. area by (n) Range office, Majhgawan, it's letter dated 24.09.2009 and DFO, Satna letter dated 05.10.2009.
- The lessee as such hereby applies for renewal of 4.60 ha. of the aforesaid mining lease for (0)20 years period under Section 2 of FCA 1980 including extraction path.
- No non forest land will be involved for mining. (p)
- The mining operations were restricted to area diverted for mining under Section -2 of 1980, (q) hence no work of violation has been done.
- Mining will be done by manual means. (r)
- The proposed area is well approachable by old forest road which has been accorded (s) approval under FCA 1980. The area is 0.028 hects. No fresh extraction path or approach road has been used or will be needed in future.
- It is proposed to fully reclaim and rehabilitate the proposed area under diversion by (t) way of afforestation. It is very well possible due to shallow depth of working and ample quantity of OB and waste available for doing so.
- The proposed area has huge potential and sufficient reserves for continuation of (u) mining for 20 years. If mining is not permitted, the mineral reserves will go in vain.
- The area will provide employment to 100's of people in the locality which is very (v) backward with poor economy and infrastructure.
- About 50% of the population lives below poverty line and the project will be a means (w) for their livelihood.
- The applied area for diversion is not located deep inside the forest. (x)
- The lessee could not work the area due to various adminstrative compliances, approvals and Clearances required under different Act and Rules. The mine was worked for only 2 years 8 (xi) months during the tenure of forest diversion. Since now all such approvals have been taken, the applicant begs for approval under FCA 1980 to work the deposit, reclaim and rehabilitate the area by way of afforestation as per the proposal.