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WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
A Govt. Of India Enterprise
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CIN : U10100MH1975GOI018626

Website : westerncoal.nic.in

Ref. No. WCL/CHA/AGM/PLG/REV/

Date : 07-09-2018

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer
Chandrapur Division
Chandrapur

JUSTIFICATION

Durgapur Opencast is an ongoing project of Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area having capacity of producing 3.00 Million Tonnes of Coal per annum and directly linked to the pit head Chandrapur Thermal Power Station, MSEB, Chandrapur. We still need renewal of lease up to another 15-20 years. The justification for the renewal is given under:

1. The Forest Land 80.77 Ha of Durgapur Opencast mine had received a Stage II forest clearance vide MoEF & CC letter F.No.8-123/2003-FC, dated 8th November 2005 for the period of 8 years. The 80.77 Ha land has been handed over for mining activities of WCL on 25th August 2006 (nearly 9 months after Stage II clearance). In thereof, the Forest Clearance expired in 7th November 2013. (Copies enclosed) Western Coalfields submitted proposal for Renewal of Forest Clearance in 01st February 2013. Thereafter, regular correspondence between State Forest Department and WCL was happened to resolve Shortcomings of the proposal till date. Recently, in 2017 shortcomings related to FRA certificate also complied by the User Agency.
2. The coal reserve in 80.77 Ha is 15.19 MT. Out of this, only 7.19 MT coal had been mined out during forest clearance period of 2005-2013. And, 8.00 MT coal reserve is still available in the benches of remaining forest land. This reserve could not be extracted because vertical mining cannot be done. Now, WCL have a forest clearance proposal of 121.58 Ha which is adjacent to this 80.77 Ha. Hence, for the extraction of balance coal reserve, we need extension of time period by renewing the Forest Clearance.
3. The project providing/generating employment to 1038 (as on 31st August 2018) persons directly. Apart from that, generation of informal employment also expected.



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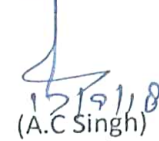
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4. About 9.08 MT (approx.) Coal is also planned to extract from the extended mining project of WCL-Chandrapur Area, i.e., Durgapur Deep Extension OC Project involving the area of 121.58 Ha forest land for which Stage I FC accorded by MoEF & CC.

Hence, we request you to forward the proposal to get renewal of forest clearance from the competent authority.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully


(A.C. Singh)

Area General Manager
Chandrapur Area

Encl: As above

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