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Justification of Locating the Project in Forest Land for Lease Renewal


The Nigahi Project is an ongoing project producing more than 15 Million tons per year. Mine was started after getting Environment clearance. Presently, it got EC Clearance in year 2015 for producing 18.75 Million tons per year.

All rights (Surface rights and Mining rights) of 874.146 ha Forest land for Nigahi project has been acquired under Sub-section (1) of Section 9 under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 vide SO No. 660 dated 04.02.1982 issued by Ministry of Energy (Oorja Mantralaya), Department of Coal and subsequently diverted under Section 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Memo No 8-62/86-FC dt. 18.06.1987 issued by MoEF. Coal Production was started in the year 1991 and 223.33 Million Tons of coal has been mined out. 259.68 Million tons of Coal reserve is left to be mined out in next 20 years for which another proposal for diversion of 424.517 Ha forest land has already been submitted to MOEF & CC in the year 2014 for Stage – I clearance. The proposal is pending at MOEF & CC for Stage-I approval. Latest status of this proposal is enclosed (uploaded) in additional information section.

The Nigahi Project is linkage mine of Vindhyachal Super thermal Power Plant of NTPC which is producing 4760 MW of electricity. Continuation of mining on the land identified by Dept. of Mines & Geology is the need of country for fulfillment of energy requirement.

The lease granted for 874.146 Ha forest land needs to be renewed for a further period of 20 years so that entire mineable coal within the lease hold boundary of Nigahi Project can be mined out. The establishments created over this acquired land shall continue to be used during whole life of the mines. Permanent Haul roads and Waste Dumps shall also be on the same acquired land. After the mining of entire coal from the Nigahi mine, the mined out quarry land will have to be re-shaped as per approved mine closer plan i.e. back filling of voids and afforestation etc. ;before handing over to Govt. of India.

In view of the above extension of forest lease for 874.146 Ha area for further period of 20 yrs. is inevitable.


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