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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. for non-forestry use of 125.24 ha of forest land for Subhadra OCP Coal mining under Angul Forest Division and District Angul of Odisha State:- Stage-I Compliance regarding

Ref:- F.No.8-06/2023-FC dated 05.12.2023 of MoEF&CC (FC Division), Govt. of India, New Delhi

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter F.No.8-06/2023-FC dated 05.12.2023 for non-forestry use of 125.24 ha of forest land for Subhadra OCP Coal Mining Project under Angul Forest Division of Angul District in Odisha State in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. subject to fulfilment of 33 nos. of conditions prior to handing over and after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of DFO, Angul Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are furnished as follows:-

Condition-1:- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure-1.**

2. Compensatory Afforestation

Condition-2a:- *The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.9,67,67,900/- in the State CAMPA Account through online portal vide UTR No-SBINR52024050720845483 dated 07.05.2024 towards the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory afforestation as approved by PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) vide his Memo No 8325/9F(MG)-398/2022 dated 19.04.2024. Accordingly, the User Agency has furnished the copy of the approved CA Scheme with financial outlay, the demand letter of the DFO, generated challan copy and bank statement order etc. which are enclosed as **Annexure-2 Series.**

Condition-2b:- *The Govt. non-forest land and degraded revenue forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act. 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, before the Stage-II approval;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.15,18,13,053/- towards govt. fees for mutation of 110.64 ha of non -forest Government land and 40.255 ha of revenue forest land in favour of the State Forest Department, totalling to 150.895 Ha in the Account of Tahasildar, Angul through RTGS vide UTR No- IDFBR52024082700395017 on dated 27.08.2024. Accordingly, the User Agency has submitted the copy of the bank statement along with the receipt duly signed by the concerned DFO which are enclosed as **Annexure-3 Series.**

In this connection, the draft PF Notification along with all connected documents has already been submitted by the PCCF, Nodal, FC Act. O/o the PCCF &HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to the Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, FE & CC, Department vide Letter No.21756 dated 30.10.2024 to 21772 dated 30.10.2024 = 5 Nos. of letters total over 150.8947 ha. In this regard, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division and copy of all the above letters issued by this office which are enclosed as **Annexure-4 Series.**

Condition-2c:- *The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation*

of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars have already been completed by the User Agency. The CA Scheme has also been approved by the PCCF (Nodal), Bhubaneswar vide his Memo No.8325/9F(MG)-398/2022 dated 19.04.2024 which includes afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years with 10 years of maintenance. The approved CA Schemes is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

Condition-2d: *The compensatory afforestation over Govt. non-forest land (110.705 ha) and degraded revenue forest land (40.249 ha) equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 125.248 ha shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage - II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.9, 67, 67,900/- towards cost of CA for implementation of compensatory afforestation over Govt. non-forest land (110.705 ha) and degraded revenue forest land (40.249 ha) required against the forest land being diverted of 125.248 Ha in the State CAMPA Account through online portal vide UTR No-SBINR52024050720845483 dated 07.05.2024. Accordingly, the User Agency has submitted the copy of the generated challan and bank statement which are enclosed as **Annexure-6 Series**.

Condition-2e:- *User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II Clearance;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme for “Gap Planting, Soil & Moisture Conservation Activity to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease” has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his Memo No.2814/5F.FC-34/2024 dated 30.07.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.97,41,725/-. The copy of approved scheme along with undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-7 & 8**.

3. NPV

Condition-3a:- *The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as*

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per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.11,99,52,367/- only towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) in the State CAMPA account through online portal vide UTR No - SBINR52023123093007298 dated 30.12.2023 as demanded by the DFO vide his Memo No.8637 dated 26.12.2023. The copy of the demand letter of the DFO, the generated challan and Bank statement details are enclosed as **Annexure-9 Series**.

Condition-3b:- *At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed as **Annexure-10**.

Condition-4:- *The State Government shall ensure that the Singada Jhor stream shall not be disturbed and will not be used for mining in future.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the Singada Jhor stream shall not be disturbed and will not be used for mining in future which is enclosed as **Annexure-11**.

Condition-5:- *The safety zone along the water streams falling within the lease area shall be protected by 50-meter buffer zone on both side. There shall be no discharge to any of the streams.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that safety zone along the water streams falling within the lease area shall be protected by 50-meter buffer zone on both sides and there shall be no discharge to any of the streams which is enclosed as **Annexure-12**.

Condition-6:- *The State Government shall ensure that a cluster safety zone shall be maintained between the adjoining mines.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the User Agency shall ensure that a cluster safety zone shall be maintained between the adjoining mines which is enclosed as **Annexure-13**.

Condition-7:- *The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of high-school falling within the boundary shall not be disturbed due to mining activities. Appropriate safe guards such as raising the boundary wall of the school, greening the school premises, regular medical check-ups of the students and other mitigation measures of mining hazards that can affect the health of school children shall be taken by the User Agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the User Agency shall ensure that the boundary of high-school falling within the boundary shall not be disturbed due to mining activities. Appropriate safe guards such as raising the boundary wall of the school, greening the school premises, regular medical check-ups of the students and other mitigation measures of mining hazards that can affect the health of school children shall be taken up by the User Agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-14**.

Condition-8:- *The State Government shall ensure that the rate of RWMP /SSWCP which was revised by the State Govt. vide letter dated 05.12.2018 will be further revised and accordingly revised plans will be submitted.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 11,46,31,735/- only towards the cost of RWMP in State CAMPA account through online portal vide UTR No-SBINR52024021702946078, dated - 17.02.2024. The copy of the demand letter of the DFO, the generated challan and bank statement are enclosed as **Annexure-15 Series**.

Condition-9:- *Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that all the funds received from the User Agency under the project have been transferred / deposited in State CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

The statement of funds deposited by the user agency towards compensatory levies duly signed by the DFO, Angul Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) in 12 Point CAMPA format alongwith the details of payments made by the UA, copies of payment, all e-challans duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division are enclosed as **Annexure-16 Series**.

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Condition-10:- The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details prior to Stage II approval;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that after approval of the Stage-II forest clearance, the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details. The Screenshot of the corresponding page of the e-Green watch portal is enclosed as **Annexure-17**.

11. Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval:

Condition-11a:- Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme for mitigative measures to minimise soil erosion and choking of streams has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle with a financial outlay of Rs.3,96,01,733/- vide his Memo No.2814 dated 30.7.2024 to be implemented by the UA. The approved scheme along with the undertaking duly furnished by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, are enclosed as **Annexure- 18**.

Condition-11b:- Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme for planting adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his Memo No.2814 dated 30.7.2024 with a financial outlay of Rs.2,00,52,214/-. The approved scheme along with undertaking furnished by the UA and duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, is enclosed as **Annexure- 18(A)**

Condition-11c: Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme for construction of check dams, retention wall/toe wall to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour has been approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his Memo No.2814 dated 30.7.2024 with a financial outlay of Rs.9,11,63,208/-. The approved scheme

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along with undertaking duly furnished by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, are enclosed as **Annexure- 18(B)**.

Condition-11d: Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme to stabilise the overburden dump by grading /benching has been approved by the RCCF, Angul vide his Memo No.2814 dated 30.7.2024 with a financial outlay of Rs.1,50,00,000/-. The approved scheme along with undertaking duly furnished by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, are enclosed as **Annexure- 18(C)**.

Condition-12:- Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines

- (a) User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department.*
- (b) Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency.*
- (c) Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.*
- (d) The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division for each condition which is enclosed as **Annexure- 19 Series**.

Condition-13:- No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to implement the top soil management scheme with a total financial outlay of Rs.61,65,602/- approved by the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his Memo No. 2814/5F.FC-34/2024 dated 30.07.2024. The approved scheme along with undertaking duly furnished by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, are enclosed as **Annexure 20**.

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Condition-14:- The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake de-silting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF& CC before Stage-II approval.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to implement the Scheme on “De-silting of these village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies which has been prepared and approved by RCCF Angul Circle vide his Memo No. 2814/5F.FC-34/2024 dated 30.07.2024. The approved scheme along with undertaking duly furnished by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division, are enclosed as **Annexure-21**.

Condition-15:- The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to deposit the cost of felling of trees with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure-22**.

Condition-16:- Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of the concerned DFO;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of the concerned DFO, which is enclosed as **Annexure-23**.

Condition-17:- The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and

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that too under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure -24**.

Condition-18:- *A site-specific Wildlife Management Plan shall be prepared by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife of the area. A copy of approved Plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with the compliance of Stage-I approval. Entire cost of implementation of the provisions of the Wildlife Management Plan shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA of the State.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan has been prepared and approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his Letter No. 11775/CWLW-FDWC-FD-0011-2023 dated 01.10.2024. The User Agency has also deposited an amount of Rs.32,36,37,600/- towards the cost of Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan in the State CAMPA account through online portal vide UTR No-SBINR52024100954137921 dated 09.10.2024. The copy of the approved Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan is enclosed as **Annexure-25** and copy of the demand letter of the DFO, generated payment challan and bank statement details are enclosed as **Annexure-26 Series**.

Besides, 5% of the total cost of the SSWLCP amounting to Rs.161.8188 lakhs has also been deposited by the UA on 09.10.2024 in the account of the Society "The Wildlife Odisha" maintained in the O/o PCCF(WL), Odisha, Bhubaneswar for the unforeseen interventions vide RTGS No.IDFBR5202410090052 dated 09.10.2024. The copy of payment details is enclosed as **Annexure-27 Series**.

Condition-19:- *State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, along with compliance of Stage-I approval, as prescribed by this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Certificate under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been issued by Collector & District Magistrate, Angul District vide his Letter No. 874 dated 19.04.2024. **Original Certificate** along with all relevant documents such as DLC, SDLC Meeting with Gram Sabha Resolutions of all the villages included, are enclosed as **Annexure-28 Series kept in a separate File**.

Condition-20:- *The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and*

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an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concerned Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the mining will be done in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, of the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concerned Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed, which is enclosed as **Annexure-29**.

Condition-21:- The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining, to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner, which is enclosed as **Annexure-30**.

Condition-22:- Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended time to time and the Rules framed there-under;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the period of diversion of the forest land will be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and

Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under which is enclosed as **Annexure-31.**

Condition-23:- *The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has obtained the Environment Clearance from the MoEF& CC, Govt. of India, vide File No- IA-J-11015/72/2021-IA-II (M) dated 06.03.2024 as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. The copy of the Environmental Clearance granted thereof is enclosed as **Annexure-32.**

Condition-24:- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas, which is enclosed as **Annexure-33.**

Condition-25:- *The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone area as applicable will be demarcated, on the ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates, which is enclosed as **Annexure-34.**

Condition-26:- *The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the mining plan/ proposal will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central.

Government and the forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal, which is enclosed as **Annexure-35**.

Condition-27:- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted, under no circumstances will be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government, which is enclosed as **Annexure-36**.

Condition-28:- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be done which is enclosed as **Annexure-37**.

Condition-29:- *The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they will submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly, which is enclosed as **Annexure-38**.

Condition-30:- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to abide by any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed as **Annexure-39**.

Condition-31:- *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to abide by all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, shall be applicable to the project which is enclosed as **Annexure-40**.

Condition-32:- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they will not do any violation of any of these conditions. Further, any violation of these conditions will amount to the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of - Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 572/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 which is enclosed as **Annexure-41**.

Condition-33:- The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the compliance report shall be uploaded by the User Agency in the Parivesh Portal.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of the project for non-forestry use of 125.24 ha of forest land required for Subhadra OCP Coal Mining Project under Angul Forest Division of Angul District in Odisha State in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. under Section-2 (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

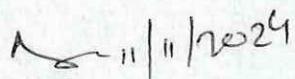
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Copy forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F. No.8-06/2023-FC dated 05.12.2023 of Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22870 /Dt. 14.11.2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4275 dated 04.11.2024.

[Signature]
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22871 /Dt. 14.11.2024

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.4276 dated 04.11.2024 of the RCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

[Signature]
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22872 /Dt. 14.11.2024

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Subhadra Area, MCL, Talcher for information and necessary action.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)