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Ref No.- PO (KBP OCP)/2023-24/48

Dated : 04.10.2023

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Bokaro Forest Division,
Bokaro – Jharkhand

Sub: Online submission of Stage-I Compliance of Kotre Basantpur Pachmo OCP.

Ref: 1) MOEF&CC Letter no. 08-08/2022-FC dated 27.02.2023

Dear Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, we like to inform you that we are submitting Stage-I Compliance of Kotre Basantpur Pachmo OCP on Parivesh Portal. The hard copy of the same along with all the Annexures as mentioned in the Compliance report has been submitted to your good office vide letter no. PO (KBP OCP)/2023-24/68 dated 23.09.2023

During online submission, we are facing problem in uploading the entire report, as the file size is exceedingly more than 5 MB. Hence, we are only uploading the point wise reply of the compliance of Stage – I Conditions as all the annexures have already been submitted in hard copy vide letter mentioned above.

This is for your kind information and further needful action please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully


Project Officer
Kotre Basantpur Pachmo OCP

PROJECT OFFICER
KBP OCP

Ref No.- PO (KBP OCP)/2023-24/66

Dated : 20.09.2023

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO),
Bokaro Forest Division,
Bokaro, Jharkhand

Sub: **Submission of Stage I Compliance as per MOEF & CC letter no 8-08/2022- FC dated 27.02.2023 in respect of Kotre Basantpur Pachmo OCP.**

Ref:

1. MOEF & CC letter no. file No 8-08/2022-FC dated 27.02.2023.
2. DFO, Bokaro, letter no.1078, dated- 02.05.2023

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your letter cited in reference wherein you have directed to fulfill the compliance stated in Forest Stage I clearance as per the directive of MoEF & CC letter dated 27.02.2023. We would like to submit that all the compliance stated in Part A & B for Forest stage I clearance has been completed.

We hereby submit the 8 set of compliance reports/letter & undertaking at your good office.

Pointwise reply and documents status is appended below:

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:		
Sr. No.	Condition	Compliance Status
1.	Out of the total area proposed for overburden dump, approximately 151 ha area on the right side of the District boundary comprises VDF and MDF both. Keeping in view the non-site-specific nature of the activity, this 151 ha area cannot be given for overburden dump. The State Govt. shall accordingly submit the revised layout plan and the mining plan by excluding the above-mentioned forest area.	Mine Plan has been revised by reducing 151 Ha of forest land from the area of Overburden on the right side of the district boundary as directed. As such, the said VDF and MDF area of 151 Ha has now been excluded from the Project area/ Mine plan. Copy of the revised Mine Plan and revised layout plan is attached as Annexure – 1A. The revised mine plan has been approved by Board of Directors of M/s Central Coalfields Limited at its 527 th Board Meeting held on 27.04.2023. Copy of Board Minutes enclosed as Annexure – 1B.
2.	After excluding the 151 ha as above, the safety zone shall also be revised and adequate provision for the same will be kept in the Mining plan.	After excluding 151 Ha as above, the safety zone has been revised. Accordingly, 11.25 Ha of Land within the leasehold area has been delineated as Safety Zone and incorporated in the revised Mine Plan. The details of safety zone are indicated at para 8.1.2 in the revised mine plan. Attached as Annexure – 1C.

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3.	As Reported by IRO the encroachments both temporary and permanent have been observed in the proposed CA areas and there is a water body within one patch making it unsuitable for plantation. The State Govt. shall ensure to make all the proposed CA areas free from all encumbrances and submit a detailed report in this regard before Stage-II approval.	Revised encroachment-free CA Land of 1720.36 Ha (comprising of CA land of 1012.18 Ha against diversion of 505.02 Ha of forest land in Ramgarh Forest Division, and CA land of 708.18 Ha against diversion of 350.15 Ha of forest land in Bokaro Forest Division) has been identified in Giridih East Forest Division. Land Suitability Certificate issued by concerned DFO is enclosed as Annexure – 2A .
4.	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the 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:	An amount of Rs. 104,67,48,062/- has been deposited, against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023 (which includes the cost of compensatory afforestation and cost of pillaring amounting to Rs. 26,32,97,240/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3A. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 63,36,35,539/- have been deposited against demand note raised by Bokaro Forest Division vide letter ref. no. 1961 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725839338039, UTR ICICR42023091400000957 on 14.09.2023 (which include cost of compensatory afforestation amounting to Rs. 19,77,57,750/- and cost of pillaring amounting to Rs. 56,87,000/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3B. The 10-years CA scheme with anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years is enclosed as Annexure 2B.
5.	The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal in accordance with the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 6.01.2022 read with guidelines dated 19.01.2022;	An amount of Rs. 104,67,48,062/- has been deposited, against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR 42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023 (which includes the cost of NPV against diversion of 505.02 Ha of forest land of Ramgarh Forest Division, amounting to Rs. 62,04,62,522/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3A. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 63,36,35,539/- has been deposited, against demand note raised by Bokaro Forest Division vide letter ref. no. 1961 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725839338039 on 14.09.2023 (which include cost of NPV against diversion of 350.15 Ha of forest land of Bokaro Forest Division,


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		amounting to Rs. 43,01,90,789/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3B.								
6.	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/);	For transfer of Compensatory Levies amounting to Rs. 104,67,48,062/-, e-challan generated on 13.09.2023 with payment certificate for diversion of 505.02 Ha of forest land in Ramgarh Forest Division. Enclosed as Annexure – 3A. Similarly, for transfer of Compensatory Levies amounting to Rs. 63,36,35,539/-, e-challan generated on 13.09.2023 with payment certificate for diversion of 350.15 Ha of forest land in Bokaro Forest Division. Enclosed as Annexure – 3B. Details of Compensatory Levies so realised is also mentioned in the prescribed Compensatory Levies format. Enclosed as Annexure 3C								
7.	The 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;	Copy of Settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in respect of forest area proposed for diversion in Ramgarh District is enclosed as Annexure – 4A. Similarly, copy of Settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in respect of forest area proposed for diversion in Bokaro District is enclosed as Annexure – 4B.								
8.	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 plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies prepared in consultation with forest department shall be submitted;	The list of existing village tanks/ water bodies with GPS Co-ordinates located within 5km of mine lease boundary along with scheme for de-siltation with KML has been duly verified by Ramgarh and Bokaro Forest Division Officials. The break-up of identified village tanks and water bodies is as under: <table><tr><th>Forest Division</th><th>Number of Village tanks</th></tr><tr><td>Ramgarh Division</td><td>81</td></tr><tr><td>Bokaro Division</td><td>32</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>113</td></tr></table> The list of village tanks with their GPS coordinate and the Scheme for desilting is enclosed as Annexure 5.	Forest Division	Number of Village tanks	Ramgarh Division	81	Bokaro Division	32	Total	113
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9.	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 with all requisite details prior to Stage II approval;	KML file of forest land proposed for diversion (modified) will be provided at ED-Nodal office. KML file of the proposed SMC treatment area (after approval) and the WLMP area (after approval) shall be provided to forest department once the plans are finalized. KML file of CA Land and diverted area is also being provided in attached CD.								

		WLMP was presented before PCCF Wildlife on 15.03.2023. Certain observations were communicated in June'23. The same have been complied and is presently under consideration at State Forest Department. As regard the SMC Plan, it is under the process of finalisation. (Undertaking in this regard enclosed as Annexure – 6)
10.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The Compliance report of Stage-I Forest Clearance uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).
B. Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:		
1.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 7)
2.	A proper Soil moisture conservation plan shall be prepared in consultation with the State Govt. and executed to mitigate the adverse effect of mining activities in the area. The due care shall be taken towards the rehabilitation of the local streams passing through the area.	Agreed. Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan is under finalisation. Meanwhile, 0.5% of the Project Cost Rs 625.4 Crores= Rs 3,12,70,000/- has been deposited as Interim Compliance (as per the directive of MOEF & CC letter ref no. FC-11/43/2021-FC dtd 07.06.20222) against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023. An undertaking has also been submitted that on finalisation of Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan, the deficit amount, if any from the money received from the user agency, i.e. CCL, will be deposited in CAMPA. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 8)
3.	Wildlife Management plan shall be prepared and implemented at the cost of the user agency. The approved Wildlife management plan shall be submitted and the applicable cost shall be deposited as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry in this regard.	Agreed. The Wild Life Management Plan is under finalisation. Meanwhile, 2% of the Project Cost Rs 625.4 Crores= Rs 12,50,80,000/- has been deposited as Interim Compliance (as per the directive of MOEF & CC letter ref no. FC-11/43/2021-FC dtd 07.06.20222) against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023. An undertaking has also been submitted that on finalisation of Wild Life Management Plan, the deficit amount, if any from the money received from the user

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		agency, i.e. CCL, will be deposited in CAMPA. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 9)
4.	Compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval;	Agreed. An amount of Rs. 104,67,48,062/- has been deposited, against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023 (which includes the cost of compensatory afforestation and cost of Pillaring amounting to Rs. 26,32,97,240/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3A. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 63,36,35,539/- have been deposited, against demand note raised by Bokaro Forest Division vide letter ref. no. 1961 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725839338039 on 14.09.2023 (which include cost of compensatory afforestation amounting to Rs. 19,77,57,750/- and cost of pillaring amounting to Rs. 56,87,000/-). Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3B.
5.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 10)
6.	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 strict supervision of the State Forest Department;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 11)
7.	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 12)
8.	Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 13)
9.	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 an annual report on implementation thereof	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 14) राजिब हुई / RAJIB HUI परियोजना प्रदाधिकारी / PROJECT OFFICER कोतरे बसंतपुर बंधुमो कोल परियोजना Kotre Basantpur Pachmo Coal Mine मी०सी०एल०, राँची / C.C.L., Ranchi

	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 concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;	
10.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 15)
11.	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 and the Rules framed there-under;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 16)
12.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	Agreed. MoEF & CC has accorded Environment Clearance for Kotre-Basantpur-Pachmo OCP on 18.09.2023. Enclosed as Annexure – 17.
13.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 18)
14.	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;	Agreed. Survey along the Lease boundary and Safety Zone has been completed with DGPS instrument. Pillar points at 50 meter intervals has been marked on the ground. The work of grouting is in progress. So far, 47 RCC pillars of specified size are grouted along the lease boundary and 40 RCC pillars of specified size are grouted along the safety zone. An undertaking is being submitted for completion of the balance work for boundary and safety zone demarcation

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		with RCC Pillars (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 19).
15. (i)	Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-I clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.	Agreed. Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan is under finalisation. Meanwhile, 0.5% of the Project Cost Rs 625.4 Crores= Rs 3,12,70,000/- has been deposited as Interim Compliance (as per the directive of MOEF & CC letter ref no. FC-11/43/2021-FC dtd 07.06.2022) against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649, UTR ICICR42023091400000958 on 14.09.2023. An undertaking has also been submitted that on finalisation of Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan, the deficit amount, if any from the money received from the user agency, i.e. CCL, will be deposited in CAMPA. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 20)
15. (ii)	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 21)
15. (iii)	Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 22)
15. (iv)	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°;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 23)
15. (v)	No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 24)
16.	The 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 shall be prepared and submitted accordingly;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 25)

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17. (i)	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;	Agreed. Survey along the Safety Zone (7.5 meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area) has been completed with DGPS instrument. Pillar points at 50-meter intervals has been marked on the ground. The work of grouting is in progress. So far 40 pillars are grouted. An undertaking is being submitted for completion of the balance pillaring work and for fencing, protection, and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 26)
17. (ii)	Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 27)
17. (iii)	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 28)
17. (iv)	Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervisions of the State Forest Department. The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed to the MoEF& CC with shape files before Stage-II approval and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 29) CA Land of 17 Ha against the safety zone of 11.25 Ha has been identified and cost of afforestation amounting to Rs. 66,38,300/- has been deposited against demand note raised by Ramgarh Forest Division vide letter ref. No. 1762 dated 26.08.2023, in Jharkhand CAMPA Account No. 150725838247649 on 14.09.2023. Copy of Challan and payment certificate enclosed as Annexure 3A. KML and shape file of 17 Ha of CA Land allocated against 1.5 times of the safety zone is enclosed as a separate CD/USB.
17. (v)	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 30)
18.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 31)
19.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 32)

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20.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 33)
21.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 34)
22.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 35)
23.	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;	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 36)
24.	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.	Agreed. (Undertaking in this respect attached as Annexure – 37)

In view of the above-stated compliance standards, it is requested to kindly acknowledge the same and expedite processing of the Forest Stage II approval, so that Forest Clearance can be obtained from the competent authority and Kotre Basantpur Pachmo Coal Mine can be operationalized.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,


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Annexure: Enclosed as above.