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SITE INSPECTION NOTE OF SRI M. RAVI PRASAD, SFS., DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, PEDDAPALLY.

Inspected the proposed project site on 03.09.2020 for "Clearance to the Cluster of Ramagundam Region coal mines [GDK No.1&3, 2&2A and 5 Incline, GDK Coal Mine (2&2A and 5 Incline), GDK No.11 Incline, GDK No.7-LEP, Ramagundam Coal Mine (Vakilpalli Mine, Adriyala longwall Project, GDK 10&10A Inclines, RGOC-I Exp. & RGOC-II Ext.) MOCP, RGOC III Exp. Phase-II).

The land required for Cluster of Ramagundam Region Mines is 10,550 ha. Out of this area an extent of 3296.47 ha is falling within the 10 km radius of ESZ of Siwaram WLS in which 372.53 ha is RF land. The RF land is falling in Adriyala RF, Manthani range of Peddapalli District and diverted in favor of SCCL.

Coal mining activities are being carried out in Ramagundam region from the year 1959, Accordingly, SCCL has proposed a cluster project which is conversion of the existing Godavarikhani No.5 incline (GDK-5 Inc) underground mine into opencast mine, utilizing the surface area of the Godavarikhani No.2&2A Incline for dumping of OB and continuing production of coal from the underground Godavarikhani No.2&2A and Godavarikhani No.1&3 incline mines simultaneously. At the same time going for amalgamation / expansion of all these 11 mines.

The above projects area is falling in a range of 6.07 to 10 kms from Siwaram Wild Life Sanctuary. The proposed projects will not have any affect on the prime habitat of the Crocodiles in the Sanctuary.

District Forest Officer, Peddapally.