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सेवा में,
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(ऑनलाईन क्रमांक FP/RJ/MIN/142599/2021)

विषय: Diversion of 74.249 ha Forest land in favour of RDSA Mining LLP for
Opencast Marble Mining in Revenue Village- Danta, Tehsil- Pipalkhunth,
District- Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.

सन्दर्भ: आपका पत्र क्रमांक F.No. 8-04/2023-FC दिनांक 02.02.2023.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में निवेदन है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रस्तावित क्षेत्र एवं वैकल्पिक वृक्षारोपण क्षेत्र
का स्थल निरीक्षण प्रतिवेदन संलग्न कर अग्रेतर कार्यवाही के लिये प्रेषित है।

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार।

(श्रवण कुमार वर्मा)
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भवदीय
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राजस्व ग्राम-दांता, तहसील-पीपलखुंट, जिला-प्रतापगढ़, राजस्थान में ओपनकास्ट मार्बल खनन के लिए आरडीएसए माइनिंग एलएलपी के पक्ष में 74.2490 हेक्टेयर वन भूमि के डायवर्जन के लिए साइट निरीक्षण रिपोर्ट/Site inspection report for diversion of 74.2490 ha Forest Land in favour of RDSA Mining LLP for opencast Marble Mining in Revenue Village- Danta, Tehsil- Pipalkhunt, District- Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.

Proposal No: - FP/RJ/MIN/142599/2021

User Agency: - RDSA MINING LLP

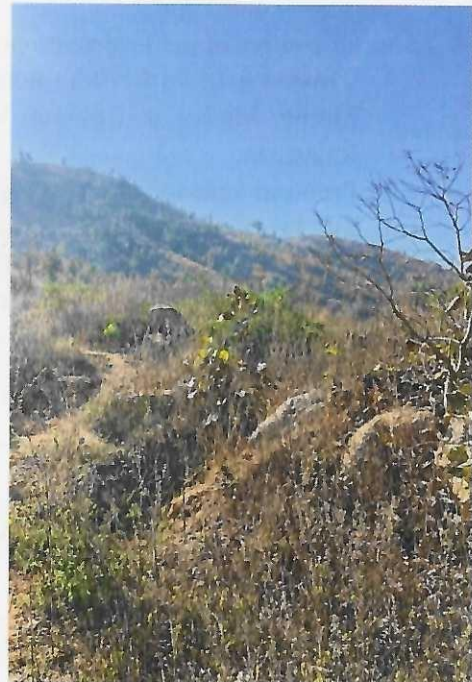
The Site inspection for the proposal was carried out by the undersigned Shrawan Kumar Verma, DIG&RO, with Sudarshan Sharma, AIGF, IRO Jaipur Office) on 9th & 10th February, 2023. The list of official presents during site inspection is as below:

S.No	Official Presents	Districts Visited
1	Shri Sunil, DCF Pratapgarh	Pratapgarh District
2	Shri Manohar Singh, RO Peepal Khunt	
3	Shri Praveen Kalal, Surveyor	
4	Shri V K Ghiya, Representative of User agency	
5	Shri Layal Ali, Representative of User agency	
6	Shri O P Purohit, Representative of User agency	

1. All the data as produced hereinafter is a convergence of perusal of available documents and other pertinent discussion during the course of Site Inspection and relevant data from Government sources.
2. The report of the Site Inspection is in prescribed Performa as per FCA guidelines.
3. Project Location Map and Photographs



CA (NFL) Amlikhora

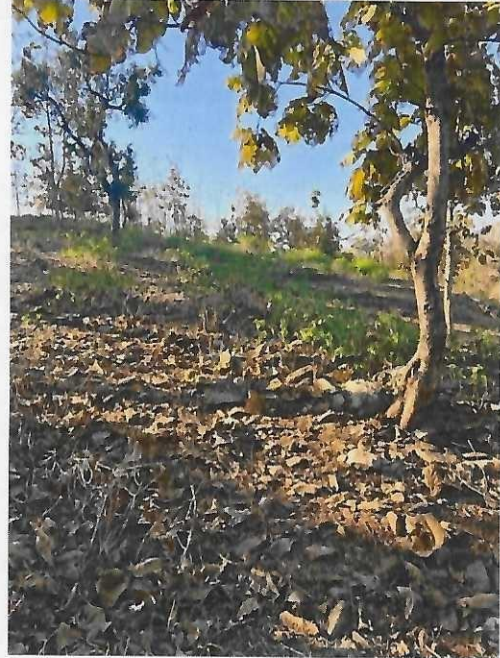


CA (NFL) Miyala

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CA (NFL) Pahada



74 ha Mining Area

4. Short Narrative of the Project proposal with brief time line of important events:
 - i. Diversion of 74.2490 ha Forest Land in favour of RDSA Mining LLP for opencast Marble Mining in Revenue Village-Danta, Tehsil- Pipalkhunt, District- Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.
 - ii. Proposal Uploaded by User agency – 29.06.2021.
 - iii. Site Inspection Request received at IRO Jaipur- 02.02.2023.
 - iv. Proposal Received at Head Office – 11.01.2023.
5. Legal Status of the forest Land proposed for diversion: **Protected Forest (PF)**.
6. Item wise break up and details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

District	Forest Division	Forest Block	Forest Land (ha)	Non-Forest Land (ha)
Pratapgarh	Pratapgarh Territorial	Gamar Garh	74.290	00
Village wise Breakup				
S.No	Village	Forest Land (ha)	Non-Forest Land in Ha	
1	Danta	74.2490	00	
Total		74.2490	00	

Component Wise Break-up			
S.No.	Component	Forest Land (Ha)	Non-Forest Land (Ha)
1.	Mining Pits	70.262	00
2.	Roads & Building	0.75	00

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3.	Safety Zone	3.237	00
Total		74.2490	00

7. Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof: **No. User Agency informed that they will not construct any permanent structures in forest area proposed for diversion and will use the temporary containers at the mining site.**
8. Total Cost of Project at Present Rates: - **Rs.3068.445 Lacs**
9. Wildlife: As per the part II submitted from the division the wildlife present in and around the proposed forest land diversion are: Common Langur, Golden Jackal, Common Mongoose, Striped Hyena, Indian Porcupine, Monitor Lizard, Indian Peafowl, Gray Partridge, Indian Hare, Pale Hedgehog, Common Garden lizard, Common Indian monitor lizard, Leopard etc.
10. Vegetation: **Density is 0.3, Eco Class- III.**
11. Nos of the trees to be felled girth wise:
- Girth less than 60 cm: **25326 trees.**
 - Girth above 60 cm: **995 trees.**
12. Compensatory afforestation: The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is proposed on Non-forest Land at the at the following 3 Sites and for remaining CA is proposed on DFL:

Sr. No.	Name of Forest Division	CA proposed in Area (Ha.)	Details of CA Scheme	Total Financial Outlay for CA Scheme (Rs.)
1.	Pratapgarh Territorial	13.50 NFL	(Khasra No. 10), Village- Miyala, Tehsil - Dhariyavad, Dist.-Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.	27,23,825/-
2.	Pratapgarh Territorial	16.00 NFL	(Khasra No. 88,89,429/83), Village- Amlikhora, Tehsil- Pratapgarh, Dist.-Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.	37,52,498/-
3.	Pratapgarh Territorial	45.50 NFL	(Khasra No. 964,964/1,1457,1457/10,2070), Village- Pahada, Tehsil- Dhariyavad, Dist.-Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.	88,88,947/-
Total NFL		75.00 NFL		1,53,65,270/-
4.	Pratapgarh Territorial	85.00 DFL	(Compartment No. Sukar (RF)), Village- Dhawad, Tehsil- Chotisadri, Dist.-Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.	1,49,54,518/-
Grand Total		160.00		3,03,19,788/-
(Rupees Three Crore, Three Lakh, Nineteen Thousand, Seven-Hundred, Eighty-Eight) only.				

13. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation and management point of view or not: **Yes- The NFL proposed for CA is found to be suitable for carrying out the CA plantation and already have good number of trees and only about 200 trees per hectare**

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is possible to plant. State Govt. proposed to carry out remaining CA plantation on 85.00-hectare DFL in Pratapgarh Division to accommodate the remaining plants.

14. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is free from encroachment/other encumbrances: **Yes**
15. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is important from religious/archaeological point of view. **No**
16. Land identified for raising compensatory afforestation is in how many patches, whether patches are compact or not. **Total 4 Patches (3 Sites of NFL Total area of 75 ha and one DFL site of 85.00 ha) and all patches are compact.**
17. Total financial outlay: **3,03,19,788/-.**
18. Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials- **No Violation.**
19. Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within Eco-Sensitive zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): **No.**
20. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the state Government or not- **NIL.**
21. Cost benefit ratio: **Submitted Ratio is 7.336.**
22. Recommendation of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/ State Government- **Recommended with conditions.**
23. Utility of the project:
 - (A) Employment Generation in the region.
 - (B) Economic Development.
24. Numbers of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes to be benefited by the project- **Regular Employment to 145 persons and temporary employment to 9900 persons.**
25. Whether land being diverted have any socio-cultural/religious value: **No**
26. Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion- **No**
27. Any other information relating to the project- **EDS Raised by MoEF&CC Head Office New Delhi on 02.02.2023, based on information provided during Site Inspection and Reply by State Govt on 13.03.2023 is as follow:-**

S.No.	Query Raised by MoEF&CC Head Office	Reply
1.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA) towards instant proposal has been proposed to be carried out in three patches and one of the CA patches namely Village: Pahada comprising 13.5 ha land is within the forest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pahada land is having area of 45.50 ha instead of 13.5 ha as given EDS. 2. It was informed that as per the revenue records the 45.5 ha. land for CA falls in khasra nos 964,964/1, 1457,1457/10, 2070 of revenue village Pahada and the land belongs to State revenue department. Proper analysis of the area was carried out by cross checking all adjoining block files and maps of Pahada block, Mobi Block and Meva Block. Superimposing the revenue maps and forest maps in scale was carried out and it was found that earlier shown forest department

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	boundary as per DSS analysis.	<p>portal KML of particular area which is now suggested by revenue authority for NFL, was wrongly incorporated.</p> <p>3. Further, 45.5 ha of revenue land for CA in Village Pahada has been again jointly verified on ground with the revenue and forest officers and it is found that above said land belongs to the revenue department and located completely outside the forest boundary.</p> <p>4. In the village Pahada 45.5 ha NFL allotted not 13.5 ha.</p> <p>5. Therefore, a request for correction in KML of forest boundaries was made to the state authorities. In this regard, it has now been informed that the essential correction has been done in the forest block boundaries and the corrected forest block boundaries have been uploaded on the State Forest Department website. Earlier shown non forest land of Pahada village was excluded from updated KML of forest areas.</p>
2.	<p>Few settlements, small area under agriculture and existence of road are found in the proposed forest land for diversion. Moreover, encroachment in form of agriculture and the settlements are also visible just outside the boundary of proposed forest land for diversion. This requires justification and clarification.</p>	<p>DFO during inspection informed that some times tribal people are carry out some agricultural activities seasonally but they are removed and there is no encroachment now.</p>
3.	<p>As per DSS analysis, out of identified 75 ha. non-forest land for CA, 13 ha. Is Moderately Dense (MDF), 39 ha. is Open Forest (OF), 02 ha is Scrub and remaining 21 ha is non-forest. Further, the State Govt has submitted the site suitability certificates intimating that the NFL proposed for CA is suitable for planting. Keeping this in view the justification for submitting details of 85</p>	<p>The NFL proposed for CA is found to be suitable for carrying out the CA plantation and already have good number of trees and only about 200 trees per hectare is possible to plant. State Govt. proposed to carry out remaining CA plantation on 85.00-hectare DFL in Pratapgarh Division to accommodate the remaining plants.</p>

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	ha DFL for the purpose of CA is not understood. This needs clarification.	
4.	The State Govt. has not provided the KML file of 85 ha degraded forest land identified for the purpose of CA in forest block-Sukad (RF) of village- Dhawada, Tehsil- Chotisadri, District-Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.	KML of 85 ha degraded forest land has been uploaded now.
5.	An area of 0.75 ha is proposed to be used for Roads and Buildings, however the nature of buildings proposed to be constructed has not been given. The State Govt. shall explore the possibility of carrying out building construction on non-forest land.	In this regard a detailed reply from user agency was sought of. It is submitted by user agency that out of 0.75 ha forest area proposed for roads and buildings in the proposal. 0.71 ha will be used for roads essentially required to carry out mining activities such as extraction and transportation of mined out mineral while only 0.04 hectare (400 square metre) area is to be used for temporary portable structures such as workshop, storage of tools and plants, rest shelters and small office essential on site to carry out mining activities. All these structures will be temporary in nature and will be removed at the time of closure of mining activities and before handing over the proposed forest land back to the State Forest Department. An undertaking submitted by user agency in this regard is attached here with.

28. Recommendations of the site inspecting officer: **The proposal for diversion of 74.2490 ha Forest Land in favour of RDSA Mining LLP for opencast Marble Mining in Revenue Village- Danta, Tehsil- Pipalkhunt, District- Pratapgarh, Rajasthan is recommended with following specific conditions:**

1. *The User Agency will not use the diverted forest land for construction of buildings and other non-site-specific activities and will use temporary structures only.*
2. *Embankment of sufficient height will be constructed by the User Agency along the bank of the River Mahi so the muck and waste will not enter into the river.*
3. *Muck will not be disposed on forest/charagah land outside the proposed diversion land area.*
4. *Six feet boundary wall shall be constructed along the boundary of the Non-Forest Land (NFL) proposed for CA in all the three patches towards the habitation and agriculture fields to prevent encroachment at the cost of user agency.*


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