GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter. No.1069/For.I(1)/2019 Dated:24-10-2025

From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi -110 003. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept., - Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/32497/2018 – 1st Renewal for diversion of 124 ha (surveyed 124.065 ha) of forest land for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist in favour of M/s. SCCL, Kothagudem area – Compliance Report Furnished - Reg.

Ref: 1.From the PCCF (HoFF),T.S. Hyd. Lr.No.4633/2017/FCA-1/PS, Dated:14.03.2019.
2.Govt.Letter.No.1069/For.I(1)/2019, Dated:18.04.2019.
3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF &CC,(Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi,F.No.8-17/ 1998 FC(VOL), dt. .09.2023.
4.From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Ref.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022, Dated:23.02.2024.
5.Email received from the GoI, MoEF&CC, Forest Conservation Division, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan jor Bagh Road Aliganj, New Delhi, Dated:19.04.2024.
6.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC29/15/ 2022, Dated:26.04.2024.
7.Govt.Lr.No.1069/For.I(1)/2019, dt:09-05-2024.
8.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC,(Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, dt.20.05.2024.
9.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC29/ 15/2022, Dated:26.06.2024.
10.Govt. Letter.No.1069/For.I(1)/2019, Dt:29.06.2024.
11.From Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, Dt.24.09.2024.
12.From the PCCF(HoFF), TG., Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC26/15/2022, Dt:10.10.2025.

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I, am to invite your attention to the reference 11th cited, and to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, have accorded approval in-principle (Stage-I) U/s 2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980, for 1st Renewal for diversion of 124 ha (surveyed 124.065 ha) of forest land for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist in favour of M/s. SCCL, Kothagudem area, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

2. I am to further inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, in his letter 12th cited, has submitted condition

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wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval. The details of compliance report are as follows:-

Sl.No.	Conditions	Compliance
i	Legal status of the diverted forestland shall remain unchanged	Agreed to. The UA also agreed to maintain the Legal Status as forest land submitted an undertaking which is enclosed herewith.
ii	The State Government shall ensure that said NFL shall be notified as RF/PF under IFA, 1927 or other state local acts before grant of the final approval. To prevent any encroachments, the outer boundary of the proposed all Non-Forest Land shall be suitably fenced or boundary wall constructed at the cost by the User Agency before grant of final approval	The Non-Forest land CA land to an extent of 42.965 Ha was notified as Rasannagudem - III CA Block under section 4 of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 (Act No. 1 of 1967) read with section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Central Act 16 of 1927) vide G.O.Ms.No. 53 EFS and T (For.I) Dept dt: 30.05.2025. The DFO has informed that to prevent encroachments in the NFL area, a peripheral trench over a length of 2.50 km with cross section (2.0 m + 1.50 m)/2 x 2.0 m was dug along the outer boundary of CA Block Rasannagudem Bit-III in Sy.No.116 situated at Rasannagudem Village, Mulakalapally MandaI in Mulakalapally Range of Paloncha Division during 2024-25 at the cost of the User Agency before submitting notification proposals of the said CA block. Apart from peripheral trench, chain link fence with 1.50 m height above ground level all along the outer boundary of the said CA block being erected by the User Agency at their cost and so far 1.0 km work has been completed. Soon after completion of the same, further report will be submitted in the matter.
iii	The area found to be under encroachment and area allocated to the I & CADD department with SRILP proposal (81.04 + 61.66 =142.70 Ha) which has been apportioned from the Non-Forest land of 212.04Ha already handed over to Forest department as land bank in Chunchupally, Wadaguda	The District Forest Officer, Mulugu has submitted the DGPS data for Authentication for an extent of 207.114 Ha (Including 142.72 ha). Vide PCCF Lr dated.07.04.2025, the Annexure I&II has been sent to the District Forest Officer, Mulugu, which is under process.

	and Ramachandrunipeta villages of Mangapet Mandal. The State Govt. shall ensure that this land shall also be notified as RF/PF under IFA, 1927 or other state local acts before grant of the final approval.	
iv	The State Government shall ensure that the already technically and biologically reclaimed areas of the GKOC-PH-II mine shall not be used for OB dump.	M/s.SCCL has stated that the areas of the GKOC-PH-II mine (60.43Ha.) which are already technically and biologically reclaimed will not be used for OB dump. Under taking to that effect is enclosed.
v	The State Government shall ensure that the already technically and biologically reclaimed areas of the GKOC Phase-III mine shall be surrender to the SFD as per details given below: (60.43Ha. out of 124.00Ha. (GKOC-II) – Will be handed over to the SFD after Stage-I; 63.57Ha. (balance area of GKOC-III) – Proposed to be surrendered after for 10 years from grant of Stage-II).	The DFO has stated that the area of 60.43 Ha was Handed over by the SCCL to the Forest Range Officer, Ramavaram of Kothagudem Division vide Charge Certificate dated 10.04.2025. But the area has to be reclaimed properly. There are some open gaps and needs to be planted with Native Forest Species, Exotic species i.e., Acacia spirorbis Labill (Australia Tumma), Gulmohar, Peltophorum and invasive weed growth has to be removed properly. Soil Moisture Conservation works and structures to conserve the Rain water to be done. Necessary drains has to be formed for proper discharge of Run of water in slope and along the path ways. Saline dump areas need to be filled with the Top Soil. Further, the area of 63.57Ha. proposed for dumping will be surrendered after 10 years by the SCCL. An under taking to that effect is enclosed.
vi	The State Govt. shall ensure that the UA shall pay the NPV of the entire forest land proposed for renewal.	The User agency has deposited an amount of **Rs.15,24,25,000/-** (Rs.7,81,81,325 + Rs.7,42,43,693) towards Net Present Value(NPV) vide UTR No. SBINR12025021975855705 and SBINR12025021975855644 dated 19.02.2025 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana A/c.No. 155705832497695, of Union Bank of India, IFSC:UBIN0996335, Jetitla towers, Bangalore by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. The pais status has been reflected in the portal.

		Copies of receipts enclosed.
vii	The validity of the FC approval may be considered co-terminus with the validity of the mining lease	Agreed to. Further, M/s.SCCL agreed for the validity of FC approval with Co-terminus with Mining Lease.
viii (a)	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 the 'in-principle' approval 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;	Proposal for carrying out soil moisture conservation works with a budget action plan of Rs.11.81 crores was submitted to the District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem vide Ref.No:KGM/VKCM/PO/75/64/4 dated:08.01.2025 by the SCCL. The District Forest Officer, Kothagudem has approved the SMC plan vide letter Rc.No.241/2020/D1,Dt.02.04.2025. Further, SCCL agreed that the all mitigative measures mentioned in condition No. viii(a), (b), (c)& (d) will be implemented as per the approved Scheme / plan within three years from issue of Stage-II. Undertaking is enclosed.
(b)	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	
(c)	Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme	
(d)	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 28o;	
ix	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	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping along with adjoining diverted forest lands of 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. Hence, no safety zone is maintainable in the 124.065 Ha.

(a)	issued by the Ministry's guideline 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	However, safety zone is maintained as 7.5 mtrs strip all along the outer boundary as cluster of forest diversions. During the initial diversion of the proposal, the User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,66 lakhs to Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem on 23.11.1998 towards plantations in safety zone area and afforestation in 1/2 times of safety zone area is maintain, The diverted area is having with the boundaries of other diverted areas, hence no scope to raise the Safety zone CA of 7.50 mtrs width. Hence, the Forest Department has raised and maintained the equivalent degraded area of 9.311 Ha in Compt.No, 3, Ramavaram Beat & Section of Ramavaram Range during the year 2001 -02, species planted EP, Bamboo and Misc" and present survival percentage is 55%.
(b)	Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping and adjoining the 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. diverted forest lands. Hence no safety zone is maintained. However, safety zone is maintained as 7.5 mtrs strip all along the inner boundary as cluster of forest diversions.
(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	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping and adjoining the 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. diverted forest lands. Hence no safety zone is maintained in the 124.065 Ha. However, Safety zone will be maintained as green belt around mining lease as a cluster of three diversions 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. Copy of undertaking is enclosed.
(d)	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms	An under taking is enclosed that the UA will ensure that safety zone is maintained around the cluster of diversions as per the prescribed norms.

x	No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan	UA agreed to ensure that No damage will be caused to the top-soil and will follow the top soil management plan. An undertaking in this regard is enclosed.
xi	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;	UA agreed to comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order regarding 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, fauna, etc in a timely manner. An undertaking is enclosed.
xii	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	There is no felling of trees involved.
xiii	The State Government shall upload KML files of the forest area proposed for diversion and identified for carried out CA on equivalent, NFL and for balance seedling degraded forest area on the E-Green watch portal with all the requisite details prior to grant of final approval	The KML files of proposed forest land of 124.065Ha. and the identified CA of 42.96 Ha in Rasannagudem village of Bhadradri Kothagudem District, 81.04Ha. at Chunchupalli, Wadaguda & Ramachandrunipeta villages in Rajupeta Block of Mangapeta Mandal of Mulugu district are uploaded in E-Green watch portal with all details.
xiv	The all compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User agency has deposited an amount of **Rs.15,24,25,000/-** (Rs.7,81,81,325 + Rs.7,42,43,693) towards Net Present Value(NPV) vide UTR No. SBINR12025021975855705 and SBINR12025021975855644 dated 19.02.2025 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana A/c.No. 155705832497695, of Union Bank of India, IFSC:UBIN0996335, Jetitla towers, Bangalore by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. The pais status has been reflected in the portal. The User agency has deposited an amount of **Rs.11,26,29,490/-** (Rs.4,86,66,674 + Rs.6,39,62,816) towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) vide UTR No. SBINR1205090597795913 and SBINR12025090597795945 dated 04.09.2025 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana A/c.No. 155705832497602, of Union Bank

		of India, IFSC:UBIN0996335, Jetitla towers, Bangalore by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. The pais status has been reflected in the portal. Copies of receipts enclosed.
xv	The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required	The MoEF &CC, GoI has Grated Environmental Clearance for VKOCP vide F.No IA23-78/2018-IA(III) dated 11.04.2025.
xvi	Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall co- terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under	Agreed to. M/s. SCCL agreed for the validity of FC approval with Co-terminus with Mining Lease. Copy of Mining lease enclosed.
xvii	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Complied.
xviii	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 as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023	There is no ROFR pattas. The complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was obtained. The District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem issued NoC in Form –II vide letter No A6/ITDA/ RoFR/284/2019,dtd:30.06.2019 including all resolutions (Grama Shaba, SDLC & DLC).
xix	Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	SCCL agreed that the layout plan of the proposed forest land will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. An undertaking is enclosed.
xx	No construction of buildings / 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	SCCL agreed that the forest land will not be used for construction of buildings/ no labour camp. As an alternate fuel, the SCCL is providing 12 free LPG cylinders to all employees per annum. An undertaking is enclosed
xxi	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the	The forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under

	proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person	no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person. An undertaking is enclosed by the M/s. SCCL.
xxii	User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting tress are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project	The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem has approved scheme for the alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, for an amount of Rs 3.50Lakh vide Rc.No. 208/2018/D1, dated 06.03.2025. **Copy of scheme and undertaking also enclosed for implementation of approved scheme after Stage-II.**
xxiii	The boundary of the diverted forest land 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	SCCL has constructed 18 Nos. of Big pillars and 186 Small pillars around the boundary of the proposed surrendered land (60.43 Ha.) in 124.065 Ha. with four feet high reinforced cement concrete each duly inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and DGPS coordinates. Copy of photographs of pillars is enclosed. Further, the balance land of 63.57Ha will be utilized for dumping. After completion of dumping boundary pillars will be constructed. An Undertaking is enclosed.
xxiv	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused	No damage to the flora & fauna in the adjacent forest area will be caused. An undertaking is enclosed by the UA.
xxv	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	The UA agreed to submit the annual self compliance report by the end of March, every year regularly to the MoEF&CC, GoI, Regional Office, Hyderabad and the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana and the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem. An undertaking is enclosed.
xxvi	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests	UA agreed to comply any other condition, if imposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

	& wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency	An undertaking is enclosed.
xxvii	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of 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	UA agreed to comply with the provision of all Acts, Rules, regulations & guidelines issued from time to time. An undertaking is enclosed.
xxviii	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.	UA agreed not to violate any of these condition of Stage-I An undertaking is enclosed.

3. I am to also inform that the UA has also published the Stage-I forest clearance granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central government in two widely circulated daily newspapers one is vernacular language and the other in English.

4. I am to enclose a copy of the letter of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in the reference 12th cited along with its enclosures and to request you to obtain and communicate final (Stage.II) approval, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

A. S. Shailaja

for Principal Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad. (w.e.)

Copy to:-

The Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, Singareni Bhawan,
Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500 004.
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force,
Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, **Hyderabad.**

To
The Prl.Secretary to Government,
EFS & T Department,
Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

Ref.No. FC4/FC26/15/2022 Dated: 10-10-2025

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1. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-17/1998FC(VOL) dated.24.09.2024
2. PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 Dated:04.10.2025.
3. CCF, Bhadradri Rc.No.202/2018/M3/DM Dt. 11.09.2025.

EFS & T Dept. TAPPALS 15 OCT 2025 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar TG Secretariat, Hyd-22

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadradri Circle, Warangal vide reference 3rd cited has furnished condition-wise compliance report based on the report received from DFO, Bhadradri Kothagudem in (3) sets, for according necessary approval U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for 1st Renewal for diversion of 124 ha (surveyed 124.065 ha) of forest land for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist in favour of M/s. SCCL, Kothagudem area. **A copy of reference 3rd cited together with its enclosures is enclosed herewith.**

The Condition-wise Compliance report with corrections and remarks are as follows:

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(a)	be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of the 'in-principle' approval 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;	Rc.No.241/2020/D1, Dt.02.04.2025. Further, SCCL agreed that the all mitigative measures mentioned in condition No. viii(a), (b), (c)& (d) will be implemented as per the approved Scheme / plan within three years from issue of Stage-II. Undertaking is enclosed.
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(c)	Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme	
(d)	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 28o;	
ix (a)	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 guideline 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	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping along with adjoining diverted forest lands of 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. Hence, no safety zone is maintainable in the 124.065 Ha. However, safety zone is maintained as 7.5 mtrs strip all along the outer boundary as cluster of forest diversions. During the initial diversion of the proposal, the User agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3.66 lakhs to Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem on 23.11.1998 towards plantations in safety zone area and afforestation in 1/2 times of safety zone area is maintain, The diverted area is having with the boundaries of other diverted areas, hence

	deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department	no scope to raise the Safety zone CA of 7.50 mtrs width. Hence, the Forest Department has raised and maintained equivalent degraded area of 9.311 Ha in Compt.No, 3, Ramavaram Beat & Section of Ramavaram Range during the year 2001 -02, species planted EP, Bamboo and Misc" and present survival percentage is 55%.
(b)	Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping and adjoining the 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. diverted forest lands. Hence no safety zone is maintained. However, safety zone is maintained as 7.5 mtrs strip all along the inner boundary as cluster of forest diversions.
(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	All the diverted forest land will be utilized for dumping and adjoining the 154.96Ha. and 161.31Ha. diverted forest lands. Hence no safety zone is maintained in the 124.065Ha. However, Safety zone will be maintained as green belt around mining lease as a cluster of three diversions 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. Copy of undertaking is enclosed.
(d)	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms	An under taking is enclosed that the UA will ensure that safety zone is maintained around the cluster of diversions as per the prescribed norms.
x	No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan	UA agreed to ensure that No damage will be caused to the top-soil and will follow the top soil management plan. An undertaking in this regard is enclosed.
xi	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	UA agreed to comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order regarding 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, fauna, etc in a timely manner. An undertaking is enclosed.

	fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;	
xii	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	There is no felling of trees involved.
xiii	The State Government shall upload KML files of the forest area proposed for diversion and identified for carried out CA on equivalent, NFL and for balance seedling degraded forest area on the E-Green watch portal with all the requisite details prior to grant of final approval	The KML files of proposed forest land of 124.065Ha. and the identified CA of 42.96 Ha in Rasannagudem village of Bhadradri Kothagudem District, 81.04Ha. at Chunchupalli, Wadaguda & Ramachandrunipeta villages in Rajupeta Block of Mangapeta Mandal of Mulugu district are uploaded in E-Green watch portal with all details.
xiv	The all compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User agency has deposited an amount o f **Rs.15,24,25,000**/- (Rs.7,81,81,325 + Rs.7,42,43,693) towards Net Present Value(NPV) vide UTR No. SBINR12025021975855705 and SBINR12025021975855644 dated 19.02.2025 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana A/c.No. 155705832497695, of Union Bank of India, IFSC:UBIN0996335, Jetitla towers, Bangalore by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. The pais status has been reflected in the portal. The User agency has deposited an amount o f **Rs.11,26,29,490**/- (Rs.4,86,66,674 + Rs.6,39,62,816) towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) vide UTR No. SBINR1205090597795913 and SBINR12025090597795945 dated 04.09.2025 into the Adhoc CAMPA Account of Telangana A/c.No. 155705832497602, of Union Bank of India, IFSC:UBIN0996335, Jetitla towers, Bangalore by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. The pais status has been reflected in the portal. **Copies of receipts enclosed.**
xv	The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required	The MoEF &CC, GoI has grated Environmental Clearance for VKOCP vide F.No IA23-78/2018-IA(III) dated 11.04.2025. **Copy enclosed.**
xvi	Period of diversion of the	Agreed to.

	said forest land under this approval shall co- terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under	M/s. SCCL agreed for the validity of FC approval with Co-terminus with Mining Lease. **Copy of Mining lease enclosed.**
xvii	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Complied.
xviii	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 as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023	There is no ROFR pattas. The complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was obtained. The District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem issued NoC in Form –II vide letter No A6/ITDA/ RoFR/284/2019,dtd:30.06.2019 including all resolutions (Grama Shaba, SDLC & DLC). Copy enclosed.
xix	Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	SCCL agreed that the layout plan of the proposed forest land will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. An undertaking is enclosed.
xx	No construction of buildings / 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	SCCL agreed that the forest land will not be used for construction of buildings/ no labour camp. As an alternate fuel, the SCCL is providing 12 free LPG cylinders to all employees per annum. An undertaking is enclosed
xxi	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person	The forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person. An undertaking is enclosed by the M/s.SCCL.
xxii	User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and	The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem has approved scheme for the alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, for

	maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting tress are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project	an amount of Rs 3.50Lakh vide Rc.No. 208/2018/D1, dated 06.03.2025. **Copy of scheme and undertaking also enclosed for implementation of approved scheme after Stage-II.**
xxiii	The boundary of the diverted forest land 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	SCCL has constructed 18 Nos. of Big pillars and 186 Small pillars around the boundary of the proposed surrendered land (60.43 Ha.) in 124.065 Ha. with four feet high reinforced cement concrete each duly inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and DGPS coordinates. Copy of photographs of pillars is**enclosed.** **Further, the balance land of 63.57 Ha will be utilized for dumping. After completion of dumping boundary pillars will be constructed.** **An Undertaking is enclosed.**
xxiv	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused	No damage to the flora & fauna in the adjacent forest area will be caused. An undertaking is enclosed by the UA.
xxv	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	The UA agreed to submit the annual self compliance report by the end of March, every year regularly to the MoEF&CC, GoI, Regional Office, Hyderabad and the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana and the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem. An undertaking is enclosed.
xxvi	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency	UA agreed to comply any other condition, if imposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. An undertaking is enclosed.
xxvii	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of	UA agreed to comply with the provision of all Acts, Rules, regulations & guidelines

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	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	issued from time to time. An undertaking is enclosed.
xxviii	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.	UA agreed not to violate any of these condition of Stage-I An undertaking is enclosed.

The UA has also published the Stage-I forest clearance granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central government in two widely circulated daily newspapers one is vernacular language and the other in English (Copies enclosed).

Hence, it is requested to forward the condition-wise compliance report to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi for according final approval.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: (As above)

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadradri Circle, Warangal and the District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem for information and necessary action.

The General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Kothagudem Area, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, PO: Venkatesh Khani - 507103 for information.

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for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

13/10/2025