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No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/1/PID-6704/Chandrapur 2004/2024-25/ 1308

Nagpur - 440 001,

Date: 02 / 09/2025

To,
**The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment,
Forests and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division),
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-110003**

Sub:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project by M/s WCL in compartment No 400 and 401 of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State. (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/6704/2014) – regarding.

Ref:- 1. Stage-I (In-principle) approval from MoEF & CC (Forest Conservation Division) vide letter no. 8-123/2003-FCVol. - I/109269/2025, dated 06/05/2025.
2. Compliance Report from Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur vide letter No Desk-3(1)/Land/Sr.No.48(1)/2025-26/ 804 dated 25.08.2025

Sir,

The Government of India has decided to Stage-I sanction for diversion of 80.77 ha Reserve forest land subject to fulfillment of the following conditions. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance to the queries to this office which is being submitted as under:

Sr. No.	Query	Reply/ Compliance Report
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that user Agency has submitted Undertaking (Page No 1)
ii.	The State Government shall ensure that approval of SCNBWL is taken before handing over the forest to the user agency in matter, as applicable;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that the MoEF & CC, New Delhi has recommended diversion of 80.77 Ha Forest Land during the 84 th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of

		Wildlife on 26.06.2025 which is communicated vide MOEF & CC Green clearance no. GCN13709385-15032024, dated 23.07.2025. Copy of the NBWL recommendation letter is enclosed (Page No 2 to 5)
iii.	Safety zone with effective green belt shall be maintained by the User Agency along the inner boundary of the mine;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. This is a renewal of Forest Clearance project for which Safety Zone is already maintained as Green Belt all along the inner boundary of the mine. This office agree with the compliance. (Page No. 6)
iv-a	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, if applicable	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that This is a Renewal of Forest Clearance Proposal. User Agency already deposited Rs.6,26,77,520/- against NPV of 80.77 Ha Forest Land during Stage I Clearance of the earlier diversion. Now, difference amount of NPV, Rs. 1,46,82,371/- has been deposited by the User Agency to CAMPA vide RTGS Payment Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) No. SBINR120250 62890393261 dated 28th June 2025. Payment Details and E-Challan generated through MoEF Portal attached. (Page No. 7 to 15.)
iv-b	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that the user agency has submitted 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. Copy of the same is enclosed as Page No. 16.
v.	All the funds received from the user agency under the proposal shall be transferred / deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that the User agency has generated e-challan through Parivesh Portal and transferred Rs. 1,46,82,371/- to CAMPA vide RTGS Payment Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) No. SBINR120250 62890393261 dated

		28th June 2025. Copy of the details enclosed as Page No. 7 to 10.
vi	The State Government shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion in the e-Green watch portal of FSI, before handling over forest land to the user agency;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that the subject 80.77 ha. was already approved vide MoEF, New Delhi letter dated 08.11.2005. The current proposal is renewal of Forest Clearance of same 80.77 ha. forest land. KML File of the area applied for diversion is uploaded in the E-green watch Portal of FSI. Copy of the Uploaded data from the E-green watch Portal is enclosed herewith as Page No. 16A to 16B.
vii.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act; 1986; if required;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted Environment Clearance vide MoEF letter No. J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M), dated 10/11/2017 as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. Copy of the same enclosed as Page No. 17 to 25.
viii.	The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined out area. The User Agency shall prepare a detailed plan for life of project as per mining plan, clearly linking the progress of mining and felling of the trees. Felling of trees shall be done, when it is absolutely necessary in phase-wise manner in the areas which become due for mining as per mining plan. 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, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the user agency has submitted a detailed plan along with an undertaking for this condition. Relevant documents i.e., details of trees in 80.77 ha. Forest land and breakup of mine closure fund of Durgapur Open Cast Project is also submitted. This office agrees with the compliance submitted by the user agency. Copy of the plan an undertaking enclosed as Page No. 26 to 34.

	concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;	
ix.	The user agency shall prepare a schedule for surrender of the mined out and reclaimed forest land in accordance with existing mining plan and submit the same along with an undertaking to surrender the mined out and reclaimed forest land as per such schedule to the MoEF&CC before grant of 'Final' approval under the Adhiniyam for diversion of the said forest land;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted land surrender schedule with an undertaking. This office agrees with the same and copy of the land surrender schedule and undertaking is enclosed as Page No. 35 to 37.
x.	The rehabilitated forest area after closure of mining operations shall be handed over to the State Forest Department for sustainable forest management in the future;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 38.
xi.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 39.
b	Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 40.

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; and	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 41 .
d	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 42 .
xii	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:	
a	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 'Final' approval in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme in consultation with the State Forest Department;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted a Plan to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as Page No. 43 to 47 .
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 Plan/scheme;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted a Plan to for plantation along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as Page No. 48 to 51 .
c	Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted a Plan for construction of check dams, retention / toe walls along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as Page No. 52 to 55 .
d	Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T)

	as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 280; and	<p>Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted a Plan to stabilize the overburden dumps along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan is enclosed as Page No. 56 to 60.</p> <p>A specific Study on Slope Stability had been conducted by the IIT-Kharagpur for this project. User Agency has submitted the copy of recommendation of the study and given undertaking which is enclosed as Page No. 61 to 66.</p>
e	No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted a Plan for top soil management along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as Page No. 67 to 70.
xiii.	The validity of approval granted under the Adhiniyam shall be for a period co-terminus with the validity of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended from time to time or Rules framed there under, or for such period as may be specified by the Central Government;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the proposed 80.77 ha. Reserve forest land has notified under Section 9(i) of CBA act with All Rights vide notification S.O. No. 450E, dated 04.08.1979. As per the clarification given by the Ministry of Coal dated 11 th December 2019, "neither the execution of mining lease with the State Government is required as per statute nor there is any necessity as it was not along with the Mineral Concessions Rules, 1960 does not apply over the land / rights acquired under CBA (AD) Act 1957 and the mining lease will be co-terminus till the exhaust of Coal Reserve. Copy of letter from Ministry of Coal is enclosed as Page No. 71 to 72.
xiv.	The User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located within the periphery of 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease as	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking against this condition which is enclosed as Page No. 73.

	per approved plan for plantation and SMC activities submitted along with compliance of in-principle approval;	
xv.	The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of village tanks and other water bodies, located within five km from the mine lease boundary, as per approved plan, to mitigate the impact of project on such tanks/water bodies;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted detailed plan and a Google Earth Plan showing the village tanks / water bodies within 5.00 Km. radius from the mine lease boundary for desilting purpose. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and map showing the water bodies are enclosed as Page No. 74 to 77.
xvi.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 78.
xvii.	Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond the designated area and to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency submitted that, overburden will be stored in designated locations within permissible height as per the approved Project Report / Mining Plan. Garland Drains and Trenches are provided along the toe of the dumps to arrest any flow of silt and soil beyond the designated. In addition to this, User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on Page No. 79.
xviii.	The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office along with the in-principle approval;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the scheme for comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost has been prepared by User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department and submitted to IRO Nagpur. Copy of the same is enclosed as Page No. 80 & 80a to 80b.

xix.	The R&R Plan shall be implemented as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF & CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 81 .
xx.	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on Page No. 82 .
xxi.	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the 93 number of trees proposed for felling in this diversion. List of trees is enclosed with condition no. viii of this report as Page No. 27 to 28 and an undertaking submitted by the User Agency is enclosed as on Page No. 83 .
xxii.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User agency has submitted Environment Clearance vide MoEF letter No. J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M), dated 10/11/2017 as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. Copy of the same enclosed as Page No. 17 to 25 .
xxiii.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 84 .
xxiv.	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,	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the proposed 80.77 ha. is located at the middle of mining area and it is

	each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;	already broken. Currently, demarcation is available at the ground level. Demarcation of Mine Lease and Safety Zone Area of the project also ensured at ground level. User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed as Page No. 85 .
xxv.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on Page No. 86 .
xxvi.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 87 .
xxvii	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 88 .
xxviii	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 89 .
xxix.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 90 .
xxx.	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;	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 91 .
xxxi.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T)

	action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry on dated 29.12.2023;	Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 92 .
xxxii	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted the User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Page No. 92 .

This is for your information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above


(Naresh Zurmure)

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur**

Copy Submitted for information to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forests Department, Mantralaya Mumbai-32.

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1. The Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur
3. Area general Manager, WCL Chandrapur Area, Po. Babupeth, Chandrapur



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2. WCL letter WCL/CHA/AGM/PLG/REV/145, dated 19.08.2025
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur vide letter No. Desk-14/ Surv/land/745, Dated 20.08.2025

With reference to the above mentioned subject the Govt. of India has given Stage-I sanction for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha. Reserve Forest land for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project subject to fulfillment of some conditions.

The User Agency has submitted the compliance report vide their letter No. 2 under reference. The compliance report was scrutinized and submitted to this office by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur vide letter No. 3 under reference.

The Compliance report is being submitted herewith in 3 copies for information and necessary action.

Encl :- As above

(R.M.Ramanujam)

**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur**

Copy to- Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur for information.

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No.- Desk-14/Survey/Land/ 745

Dated :- 20/08/2025

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chandrapur Circle,
Chandrapur.

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 3. Submission of NBWL Recommendation from Project Proponent, Durgapur Sub Area, WCL vide letter no. WCL/CHA/SAM/DOCSA/1850, dated 29/07/2025.
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iv-b	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;	As per the condition the user agency has submitted 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. Copy of the same is enclosed as <u>Page No. 16</u> .
v.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be Transferred / deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;	Complied. User agency has generated e-challan through Parivesh Portal and transferred Rs. 1,46,82,371/- to CAMPA vide RTGS Payment Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) No. SBINR120250 62890393261 dated 28th June 2025. Copy of the details enclosed as <u>Page No. 7 to 10</u> .
vi.	The State Government shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion in the E-green watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;	The subject 80.77 ha. was already approved vide MoEF, New Delhi letter dated 08.11.2005. The current proposal is renewal of Forest Clearance of same 80.77 ha. forest land. KML File of the area applied for diversion is uploaded in the E-green

		watch Portal of FSI. Copy of the Uploaded data from the E-green watch Portal is enclosed herewith as Page No. 16A to 16B.
vii.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	User agency has submitted Environment Clearance vide MoEF letter No. J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M), dated 10/11/2017 as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. Copy of the same enclosed as <u>Page No. 17 to 25</u> .
viii.	The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined-out area. The User Agency shall prepare a detailed plan for life of project as per mining plan, clearly linking the progress of mining and felling of the trees. Felling of trees shall be done, when it is absolutely necessary in phase-wise manner in the areas which become due for mining as per mining plan. 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, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;	The user agency has submitted a detailed plan along with an undertaking for this condition. Relevant documents i.e., details of trees in 80.77 ha. Forest land and breakup of mine closure fund of Durgapur Open Cast Project is also submitted. This office agrees with the compliance submitted by the user agency. Copy of the plan an undertaking enclosed as <u>Page No. 26 to 34</u> .
ix.	The user agency shall prepare a schedule for surrender of the mined out and reclaimed forest land in accordance with existing mining plan and submit the same along with an undertaking to surrender the mined out and reclaimed forest land as per such schedule to the MoEF & CC before grant of 'Final' approval under the Adhinyam for diversion of the said forest land;	User agency has submitted land surrender schedule with an undertaking. This office agree with the same and copy of the land surrender schedule and undertaking is enclosed as <u>Page No. 35 to 37</u> .
x.	The rehabilitated forest area after closure of mining operations shall be handed over to the State Forest	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No.</u>

	Department for sustainable forest management in the future;	<u>38.</u>
xi.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 39.</u> ✓
b.	Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 40.</u> ✓
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; and	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 41.</u> ✓
d.	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 42.</u> ✓
xii.	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:	
a.	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 'Final' approval in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme in consultation with the State Forest Department;	User agency has submitted a Plan to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as <u>Page No. 43 to 47.</u>
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 Plan/scheme;	User agency has submitted a Plan to for plantation along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as <u>Page No. 48 to 51.</u>
c.	Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved	User agency has submitted a Plan for construction of check dams, retention / toe walls along with the undertaking. The plan is approved

	Plan/Scheme;	by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as <u>Page No. 52 to 55</u> .
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 280; and	<p>User agency has submitted a Plan to stabilize the overburden dumps along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan is enclosed as <u>Page No. 56 to 60</u>. ✓</p> <p>A specific Study on Slope Stability had been conducted by the IIT-Kharagpur for this project. User Agency has submitted the copy of recommendation of the study and given undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Page No. 61 to 66</u>. ✓</p>
e.	No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.	User agency has submitted a Plan for top soil management along with the undertaking. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and undertaking is enclosed as <u>Page No. 67 to 70</u> . ✓
xiii.	The validity of approval granted under the Adhiniyam shall be for a period co-terminus with the validity of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended from time to time or Rules framed there under, or for such period as may be specified by the Central Government;	The proposed 80.77 ha. Reserve forest land has notified under Section 9(i) of CBA act with All Rights vide notification S.O. No. 450E, dated 04.08.1979. As per the clarification given by the Ministry of Coal dated 11 th December 2019, "neither the execution of mining lease with the State Government is required as per statute nor there is any necessity as it was not along with the Mineral Concessions Rules, 1960 does not apply over the land / rights acquired under CBA (AD) Act 1957" and the mining lease will be co-terminus till the exhaust of Coal Reserve. Copy of letter from Ministry of Coal is enclosed as <u>Page No. 71 to 72</u> . ✓
xiv.	The User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located within the periphery of 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease as per approved plan for plantation and SMC activities submitted along with compliance of 'in-principle' approval;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking against this condition which is enclosed as <u>Page No. 73</u> .
xv.	The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of village tanks and other water bodies, located	User agency has submitted detailed plan and a Google Earth Plan showing the village tanks /

	within five km from the mine lease boundary, as per approved plan, to mitigate the impact of project on such tanks/water bodies;	water bodies within 5.00 Km. radius from the mine lease boundary for desilting purpose. The plan is approved by this office. Copy of the plan and map showing the water bodies is enclosed as <u>Page No. 74 to 77.</u>
xvi.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 78.</u>
xvii.	Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond the designated area and to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;	User agency submitted that, overburden will be stored in designated locations within permissible height as per the approved Project Report / Mining Plan. Garland Drains and Trenches are provided along the toe of the dumps to arrest any flow of silt and soil beyond the designated. In addition to this, User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on <u>Page No. 79.</u>
xviii.	The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office along with the 'in-principle' approval;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 80 & 80a to 80b.</u>
xix.	The R&R Plan shall be implemented as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF & CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 81.</u>
xx.	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on <u>Page No. 82.</u>
xxi.	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	93 number of trees proposed for felling in this diversion. List of trees is enclosed with condition no. viii of this report as <u>Page No. 27 to</u>

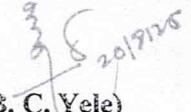
		<u>28</u> and an undertaking submitted by the User Agency is enclosed as on <u>Page No. 83</u> .
xxii.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	User agency has submitted Environment Clearance vide MoEF letter No. J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M), dated 10/11/2017 as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. Copy of the same enclosed as <u>Page No. 17 to 25</u> .
xxiii.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 84</u> .
xxiv.	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;	The proposed 80.77 ha. is located at the middle of mining area and it is already broken. Currently, demarcation is available at the ground level. Demarcation of Mine Lease and Safety Zone Area of the project also ensured at ground level. User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed as <u>Page No. 85</u> .
xxv.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith as on <u>Page No. 86</u> .
xxvi.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 87</u> .
xxvii.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 88</u> .
xxviii.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 89</u> .
xxix.	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 90</u> .

	Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;	
xxx.	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;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 91.</u>
xxxi.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry on dated 29.12.2023;	User Agency has submitted an undertaking. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>Page No. 92.</u>
xxxii	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	Complied.

“FORM – B”

Sr. No.	Conditions	Compliance
1.	Nil	No Compliance Report

Encl.:- As Above.


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