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The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (A Government Company)

Mandamarri Area

Ref. No.MMR/EST/F-20/2017/

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TO The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), Government of Telangana, Arahya Bhavan, HYDERABAD.

Kind Attention of Addl. Prl. CCF & Nodal Officer.

Application for prior approval for diversion of 4.828 Ha. Forest land (surface rights) in Bellampalli RF, Bellampalli Range, Bellampalli Forest Division in Mancherial District in favour of S.C.Co.Ltd., for Sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Longwall Project in Mandamarri Area, Mancherial District - Reg.

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1. PCCF Rc.No.310/2017/FCA-1/PS, dtd.25.02.2017. 2. Online application No. FP/TG/MIN/27545/2017, dtd.29.07.2017.

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (A Government Company) is Jointly owned by Govt. of Telangana and Govt. of India. The Company has been exploiting Coal for more than 125 years. Over the years, the Company has expanded its exploration and exploitation activities in Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Pro. Jayashankar Bhoopalpally, Peddapalli, Mancherial & Komuram Bheem Asifabad Districts of Telangana State. SCCL is having 44 coal mining leases spread over in the above districts and operating 36 Nos. of Underground Mines and 14 Nos. Opencast Mines producing around 60.0 MT of coal per annum.

FOR 1/PS Shantikhani Long wall project is one of such deep shaft projects proposed at 2. Mandamarri Area. It is only an extension of dip side workings of present working Shanikhani Mine with mechanized coal extraction from depth ranging between 400-670 Mtrs. Total coal reserves proposed for extraction through Shantikhani Long wall project are 14 Million Tonnes @ 0.6 Million Tonnes per annum.

The Shanti Khani Long Wall Project is partly falling in existing Tandur Mining 3. Lease and in Shanti Khani Extension Mining Lease granted by MoEF, Gol. Earlier, an extent of 4.88 Ha. Forest land (surface rights) was diverted for sinking of Shaft in Shanti Khani Longwall project by MoEF, Gol vide letter No.F.No.8-87/2001-FC, dtd. 18.07.2006. Since the proposed depth of mining is from 400 to 670 Mtrs. with the only

existing incline mouths and Single Shaft, it will become difficult for ventilation to the workmen in the proposed workings and added with long travelling distance and transportation problem. Hence a deep shaft is proposed for which a minimum of 4.828 Ha. Forest Land (Surface Rights) is required for sinking of another Shaft. This land is for the purpose of locating the Shaft for winding of Men and material and essential infrastructure.

4. The application was submitted through online vide reference 2nd cited and application (in Form-A) for prior approval under Section 2 of F (C) Act, 1980 Part-I duly filled in seven (7) sets is submitted. <u>The lease of the Forest land is required for a period of 30 years.</u>

5. Therefore, it is requested to kindly arrange to process and forward the application to Government of India for prior approval for diversion of 4.828 Ha. Forest land (Surface rights) for Sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Long wall Project for a period of 30 years.

Yours faithfully,

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General Manager, Mandamarri Area.

Encl:- As above.

Copy to: The Chief Conservator of Forests, Nirmal Circle, Nirmal. -- for favour of information please. The District Forest Officer, Mancherial. --The Forest Divisional Officer, Bellampalli -do-