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To,
The Deputy Director General (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,
Nagpur 440 001.

Sub: Diversion of 12.07 ha. Forest land in favour of Western Coalfield Ltd. Ballarpur under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Sakhari-Irawati (Pouni-III) Opencast Mine Project at Village Sakhari, Tal. Rajura, in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State- Regarding.

Ref: 1.Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change letter no. FC-II/MH-165/2021-NGP/8699, dt.30.09.2021.
2.Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur's letter no.Desk-3(1)/Land/C.R.44/21-22/688, dtd.24.08.2022.

The Govt. of India vide letter under reference 1 had raised 8 queries for which the User Agency has to submit the compliance report. Accordingly the User Agency has submitted the compliance report on the conditions laid down by the Govt. of India vide letter under reference 1 to Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda for onward submission to this office through Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur.

The same has been forwarded to this office by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur vide letter under reference 2. The details of conditions and remarks of the User Agency are as follows:-

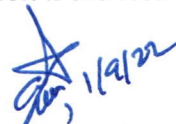
S. No	Conditions	Compliance								
i	The State Government may clarify and furnish detail of approval, if any, obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of Pouni OC project of the user agency. The same may be informed along with status of compliance of approvals granted under the FC Act, as the case may be.	<p>As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentions that the User Agency submits, as per the approved Project Report / Mining Plan, total 1152.66 ha land is involved in the Pauni – III / Pauni-II Expn. Open Cast. The land details are as follows;</p> <table><tr><th>Particular</th><th>Forest land (ha)</th><th>Non Forest Land (ha)</th><th>Total Land (ha)</th></tr><tr><td>Land required for the project</td><td>12.07</td><td>1140.59</td><td>1152.66</td></tr></table>	Particular	Forest land (ha)	Non Forest Land (ha)	Total Land (ha)	Land required for the project	12.07	1140.59	1152.66
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		As such, only 12.07 ha Forest land is involved in the project for which an application under FC act was submitted by WCL on dtd.16.02.2015. Before this there is no approval obtained under the Forest (Conservation), Act 1980 in respect of Pauni-III / Pauni-II Open Cast Expn. Copy of the relevant approved Project Report / Mining Plan is enclosed on Page 6 to 12 for ready reference.																								
ii.	The details of ancillary activities associated with mining activity in instant proposal need to be submitted. Further details of activities proposed in future may also be submitted.	<p>As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur that the User Agency submits as follows;</p> <p>The details of land used for mining as well as associated ancillary activities are as below;</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th><th>Activity</th><th>Area (in Ha)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Quarry Area</td><td>295.35</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>External OB Dump</td><td>308.90</td></tr> <tr> <td>3.</td><td>Infrastructure</td><td>10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.</td><td>Area needed for Rationalisation</td><td>336.41</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.</td><td>Area needed for Blasting Zone</td><td>200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>6.</td><td>Colony Land (Hostel only)</td><td>2.00</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>1152.66</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>However, Out of total Quarry area 295.35 ha, the forest land 12.07 ha would be used for extraction of Coal.</p> <p>Details of land use is enclosed on Page 6 to 12 for ready reference.</p>	Sr. No.	Activity	Area (in Ha)	1.	Quarry Area	295.35	2.	External OB Dump	308.90	3.	Infrastructure	10.00	4.	Area needed for Rationalisation	336.41	5.	Area needed for Blasting Zone	200.00	6.	Colony Land (Hostel only)	2.00	Total		1152.66
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iii.	Name of signing authority is not mentioned in Part- IV submitted along with the proposal. Revised copy of Part- IV mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted.	The revised copy of Part-IV mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission is enclosed on Page 12 A for further necessary action.																								
iv.	KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation uploaded in Parivesh portal is corrupted. Soft copy of the same is not submitted along with the proposal. Correct KML file shall be uploaded in Parivesh portal and soft copy of the same along with shape files needs to be submitted.	As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentions that the KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation is uploaded in Parivesh portal and soft copy of the same in CD is enclosed.																								
v.	CA scheme is submitted only for 7 years. As per Section 2.8 (ii) (e) of new guidelines, CA scheme should be submitted for 10 years. Therefore, revised CA scheme for 10 years shall be prepared and submitted along with soft copies of KML/ Shape files.	As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentions that the revised Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for 10 years is enclosed on Page no. 14 to 18 .																								
vi.	Maps submitted along with the proposal except CA map have not been certified by DCF, concern. Certified copies of all the relevant maps shall be submitted.	As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submits that all relevant maps certified by concern Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) are enclosed on Page no. 18 to 22 .																								
vii.	Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary	As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submits that the Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary																								

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viii.	Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided by the State Government.	As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submits the details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis as follows; A) Permanent employment (Direct) 1. Skilled persons 150 nos. 2. Semi Skilled Persons 218 nos. 3. Un-Skilled Persons 343 nos. B) Temporary Employment (Indirect) 1. Skilled persons 150 nos. 2. Semi Skilled Persons 218 nos. 3. Un-Skilled Persons 346 nos. Copy enclosed on Page no.104.

The copy of letter under reference 2 along with the compliance report is enclosed for perusal and further necessary action.

Encl: As above



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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests And Nodal Officer
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Copy fwc to Principal Secretary (Forests) Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32 for information.

Copy forwarded to Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur for information.

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