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To The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)  
O/O. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha.

Sub: - Proposal for Seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 (ii) of the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coal filed Ltd. for non-forestry use of 125.24 ha forest land for Subhadra OCP Coal mining under Forest Division projects of Subhadra Area by Mahandi Coalfields Limited.

Ref: - (i) Letter No.8-06/2023-FC dated 27.2.2023 of GoI, MoEF 7 CC (FC Division)  
(ii) Memo No.4909/9F(MG)-398/2022 dated 14.3.2023.

In inviting a reference to the letters cited above on the subject-this is to inform that the DFO, Angul Forest Division has submitted point - wise compliance on the observation made by GoI, MoEF & CC(FC Division) vide his Memo No.354 7 dated 28.6.2023 (Copy enclosed). The point-wise compliance is furnished below :-

Condition No. (i) The State Govt has not uploaded its forwarding/ recommendation letter on PARIVESH PORTAL which is required to be done.

Compliance In compliance to this observation, Government of Odisha F&E & Climate Change, Bhubaneswar may be requested to upload its forwarding/ recommendation letter on PARIVESH PORTAL.

Condition No. (ii) As per SIR submitted by DFO (Angul), Elephant movement has been recorded in and around the proposed area for diversion in the past years. Furthermore, it is also mentioned in the report that man-elephant conflict has increased in the area of Angul Division due to increased mining activities. The comments and recommendation of the Chief Wildlife Warden in this regard shall be submitted

Compliance The DFO, Angul Division has furnished his comments vide his Memo No.3522 dated 28.6.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

- Condition No. (iii) The mine closure plan submitted with the proposal gives the detail of land use (post closure). As per the said mine closure plan, the Forest land to be returned post closure has been shown as Nil which needs justification.
- Compliance The User Agency i.e G.M., Subhadra Area has submitted the revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan as **Annexure-II-A.** Accordingly Chapter -6,(Land use revised, page-1Para 6.1..2 has been modified and re-submitted by the User Agency. Signed Extract is attached as **Annexure-IIB.**
- Condition No. (iv) The concerned DFO in his Site inspection report has mentioned that the Mine lease is bound by Singhada stream in the North and Ghurudia nala passes through the mine lease boundary. Singhada jhor stream particularly has large catchment area. The State Govt shall examine the matter and submit the detail safeguards proposed/plan to prevent adverse impact of mining on the water bodies.
- Compliance In compliance to this observation, the DFO,Angul Division vide his Memo No.3545 dated 28.6.2023 has furnished his comments along with Nallah Diversion Report of User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-III**
- Condition No. (v) As per DSS analysis of the KML file submitted with the proposal, the area of the entire mining lease is 1098.16 Ha, whereas the area of the lease as per the mining plan is 1111.85Ha. This needs justification and submission/uploading of correct KML file.
- Compliance As reported by the DFO, Angul the User Agency has uploaded the correct KML file of 1102.14 ha. of mining lease area as determine in DGPS survey in Parivesh Protal which in a **Pen-drive.**
- Condition No. (vi) The CA has been proposed on equivalent non-forest land therefore the details of proposed NFL are required to be uploaded in Part-I under column L, instead of Part-II of the application form.
- Compliance In compliance to this observation, the User Agency i.e G.M., Subhadra Area has intimated that the PARIVESH PORTAL has been requested to create option to upload the details of proposed non-forest land in Part-I under column-L which was not available at the time of submission of Forest Diversion Proposal. Copy of the request made to PARIVESH PORTAL is attached herewith (**Annexure-IV**).
- Condition No. (vii) Mining plan has been approved for 36 years. However, the UA has submitted the proposal of diversion for a period of 30years as mentioned under column A-1(x) of the online application form. The same may be clarified
- Compliance The User Agency i.e G.M., Subhadra Area has submitted the Notification bearing no- G.S.R. 717(E) of MOC, Clause-3, 24C (1) of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules 2021, "All mining leases granted on or after the commencement of the Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to a Government company or corporation for coal or lignite shall be for a period of **fifty years**" (copy enclosed as **Annexure-V**).

As per approved Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of Subhadra project (25 MTY), the life of the mine is 36 years. Therefore, the period of diversion of forest land is updated to 36 years in Form A, Part-I of PARIVESH PORTAL.

Condition No. viii) A legible copy of the DGPS maps of the forest land proposed for diversion is required to be submitted.

Compliance As reported by the DFO, the legible copy of the DGPS maps has uploaded in Parivesh Portal in Form A, Part-I.

Condition No. (ix). KML file of land use (component wise break up) including safety zone is not available on PARIVESH. The same shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.

Compliance The KML file of land use (component wise break up) including safety zone is submitted in a **pen-drive**.

Condition No. (x) The state Govt. shall submit the detail of the other mining leases of the User Agency in close proximity to the area proposed for diversion.

Compliance The User Agency i.e G.M., Subhadra Area has submitted the details of other mining leases of different projects of MCL in Talcher coalfield has been attached as Annexure A including Stage-II FC letter and Form-A Part-I of recent forest diversion proposal. In addition, the fresh proposals submitted adjacent to the mining lease in question have also been submitted with Form A, Part-I of their diversion proposal as **Annexure-VI**.

In view of the above, the point – wise compliance along with supporting documents is sent herewith in four sets for favour of information and necessary action.

**Encl: -1)** Letter No. 3522 dt. 28.06.2023 of DFO, Angul- **Annexure-I**.

2) Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan-**Annexure-II-A** and Re-submitted by the User Agency. Signed Extract is attached- **Annexure-IIB**.

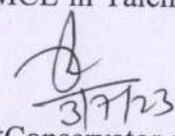
3) Nalah Diversion Report-**Annexure-III**.

4) KML file of land use (component wise break up) including safety zone and KML file of ML area in a **Pen-drive**.

5) Proposed non-forest land in Part-I under column-L which was not available at the time of submission of Forest Diversion Proposal. Copy of the request made to PARIVESH PORTAL is attached herewith (**Annexure-IV**).


6) Notification bearing no- G.S.R. 717(E) of MOC, Clause-3, 24C (1) of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules 2021 **Annexure-V**.

7) Details of other mining leases of different projects of MCL in Talcher coalfield **Annexure-VI**.

  
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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
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Copy along with a copy of Memo No 3522 dated 28.6.2023 of DFO, Angul Forest Division forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha for favour of information and necessary action .

  
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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3522,3545 & 3547 all dated 28.6.2023.

  
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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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Memo No. 2480 / Dated. 03-7-23

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Subhadra Area (MCL) for information and necessary action with reference to his letter No. under reference (3).

  
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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul