

No. Ft. (FCA)  
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(HoFF), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.  
To: The Assistant Inspector General of Forest,  
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Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject:- **Diversion of 2.1532 ha of forest land (1.4612 ha for mining lease and safety zone, 0.3400 ha for approach road and 0.3520 ha for staking of raw material) for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh in the favour of M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr, within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018-Reg.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8B/HP/05/62/2019/FC/321 dated 14-06-2022 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observations as raised vide your above referred letter is submitted as below:-

1. (i) The proponent has applied for mining and ancillary works. The area as per approved "Mining Plan" have total Geological reserve of 136843 tones and mineable reserves of 130001 tones as shown in Page No. 13 & 20 of the Mining Plan uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv). The optimum production capacity is 28330 tons per year. However, the mining operations will only be initiated after the grant of 'Forest Clearance' for non-forest use, Environment clearance and mining lease agreement with the Himachal Pradesh Govt. The pit position (year wise) for next five years of working is shown in Page No. 3 to 7 of the Mining Plan uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv).
- (ii) As intimated by user agency no other mining lease is held by the proponent, as such the information be treated as nil.
- (iii) Information in this regard has been uploaded as additional information in Part-I Sr. No. 20.
- (iv) As intimated by user agency State Govt. has approved the Mining Plan and provided letter of intent of the proposed area only after its satisfaction. The mining plan is in conformity with prevalent Mining Laws of Union of India and the State Govt. and directions of issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and other Courts and concerned Ministries of Central Government from time to time. The approved Mining Plan has been uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv).
- (v) The strip of 14 Mtrs. width for the road is proposed as the haulage mine road to the top of the mine to be constructed with safe gradient preferably with 1:14 gradient detail also given in the reply under Point No. 7.

- 2.(i) to (v) The user agency has intimated that he will provide the FRA certificate complete in all respect well before Stage-II approval. An undertaking to this effect has been uploaded by the user agency in the portal as additional information under Sr. No. 35 of Part-I.
3. CF Rampur has intimated that the user agency will provide the complete FRA certificate with all the annexure and NOCs of FRC committee well before Stage-II approval. The undertaking in this regard has been uploaded as against additional information detail at Sr. No. 35 of Part-I.
4. The user agency has submitted that the case regarding obtaining Environmental Clearance was taken up with Director-cum- Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, HP, who had raised the observation to submit the copy of approval for diversion of forest land from the competent authority. The EC will be provided by the competent authority only after obtaining forest clearance. The letter of Director-cum-Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, HP is uploaded as additional information of Part-I.
5. The environment Management plan has been provided in the approved Mining plan from pages 33 to 35 is uploaded as additional information in the Part-I Sr. No. 23.
6. The copy of revised bill of NPV has been prepared and uploaded as additional information in the portal Part-II Sr. No. 07.
7. DFO Rampur has intimated that the average width of the proposed road has been corrected and reduced to 5Mtrs. This road will be constructed with the safe gradient preferably to 1:14 gradient. Accordingly revised SoI sheet, Geo-referenced map & KML file has been uploaded in the appropriate column. The revised Layout Plan has also been uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 38 &44 of Part-I. Further revised CA scheme has been uploaded in the appropriate column and revenue papers of proposed CA area uploaded at Sr. 14 of Part-II. The revised bill of NPV has been uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 11 of Part-II.
8. DFO Rampur has intimated that at page no 22 of mining plan uploaded at M-2 (iv) of Part-I the distance of mining site from already established stone curser has been mentioned as 200 Mtrs due to typing error. Now the same has been corrected to 25 Mtrs as distance of Mining area from already established stone crusher and also uploaded at appropriate column. The revised Justification for locating the project in forest land has been uploaded against column No D(i) of Part-I. It is also further clarified that the distance of 107 mtrs has been mentioned in the joint inspection report which is the distance of mining area from the National Highway not from the already established stone crusher.
9. The revised KML file has been uploaded by the user agency in online Part-I Para-C.
10. The necessary correction has been done by the user agency in the Para-I E (ii) and (iii) of Part-I.
11. The distance verification certificate issued by the DFO Wildlife, Sarahan District Shimla has been uploaded by user agency as additional information in Part-I Sr. No. 25. The undertaking bearing the cost of Wildlife Management Plan has been uploaded as additional information in Part-II Sr. No. 42.

12. DFO Rampur has intimated as below:- 1. The mining lease area consists of quartzite rock which is hard (Hardness seven in the Moh's Scale of hardness) and is quite stable. Moreover, systematic and scientific mining proposed in the approved mining plan provides for 4x4 Mtrs. benches (4-meter height and 6 meter width), thus eventually the hill will have an angle of 40 degrees post mining. Also, as an abundant precaution measure protection wall will be constructed wherever necessary. Undertaking for the same is uploaded against additional information detail of Part-I. 2. The mine waste will be generated during the five year of the mine work and will be used to establish green belt in the lease area in order to reclaim the land as forest land. Detail plan is in part III (Progressive mine closer plan/Reclamation plan) on page 36-38 of the Mining plan attached as Annexure-XII at Sr. No. 30 as additional information in Part-I.
13. As intimated by DCF Rampur that as explained in point No.12 the rock in the mining lease area is quartzite rock which is hard, stable and least prone to slide due to systematic and scientific mining. Moreover, various mitigation measures will be adopted during and after execution of the project like, construction of R/Wall and B/ Wall etc. Also, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines i.e. 0.5% of the Total Project Cost as and when demanded by the forest department. The undertaking in this regard is also uploaded on the web portal Part-II.
14. The mining area will be reclaimed as per the mine closure plan of approved Mining Plan (Page No. 36 to 38) uploaded in Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv).
15. The certificate of non-availability of same material/ ore in nearby non-forest area duly issued by competent authority has been uploaded against additional information in online Part-I. Sr. No. 37 by the user agency.
16. CF Rampur and user agency has reported that error has been rectified in the mining plan by the user agency and uploaded in Part-I Sr. M-2 (iv).
17. As per user agency the renewal case for crusher site will be dealt separately. However, the layout plan showing both the proposal is uploaded as additional information Part-I Sr. No. 44.

Yours faithfully,

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O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P.