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Memo No. 4413 /4F (Misc) /Dated. 13 /08/2024

To,

**The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.**

**Sub:-** Proposal for non-forestry use of 227.62 ha of forest land within a total mining lease area of 323.92 ha within Basundhara (West) Extension Opencast Coal mining project by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL).

**-Submission of EDS reply.**

**[Proposal No: FP/OR/MIN/20559/2016 & State Serial No. OR-024/2018]**

**Ref:-** 1. Your Memo No.2832 dt.05.07.2024.  
2. This Office Memo No.3590 dt.05.07.2024 & 4212 dt.03.08.2024.  
3. Letter No. MCL/MLA/GM/2024-2025/450 dt.03.08.2024 of GM, Mahalaxmi.

In inviting a reference to the Memo cited above, the User Agency has comply the EDS and intimated that, the DGPS surveyed map No. 4107/5 (attached herewith) of mining lease area (323.92 ha), safety zone (7.5 m inside the mining lease boundary) and forest patches was duly authenticated by ORSAC on 18.01.2024. The same map had been submitted with the Form A, Part II, i.e. forest proposal of Basundhara (West) Extension OCP. Mahalaxmi Area, MCL.

Accordingly, the site inspection has been conducted the site on 03.07.2024 and thereafter has expressed his observations vide your Memo No. 2832 dated 05.07.2024 that the Pillars erected vide Pillar No. 682, 683, 684 by the User Agency in the Reserve Forest Area i.e., Jamkani R.F, proposed for diversion has been found inside forest area, instead of being erected along the existing demarcated Reserve Forest Pillar No. 178, 179, 180 boundary line carried out in this Division & communicated to the User Agency vide this Office Memo No. 3590 dated 05.07 2024 to rectify and erect all the pillars involved in the project area as per the Reserve Forest boundary over proposed forest area required for diversion.

In context of above, the User Agency was written a letter to ORSAC vide his letter No. MCL/MLA/GM/2024- 2025/376 dated 08.07.2024 seeking clarification regarding the difference between DGPS Surveyed map No. 4107/5, as provided by ORSAC in respect of Basundhara (West) Extension OCP, Mahalaxmi Area. MCL and records (existing kml file) of State Forest Department, Odisha regarding the boundary of Jamkani Reserve Forest. ORSAC had reverted back on 24.07.2024 vide letter No. ORSAC/DGPS- FD/1040/2022/2920(4) dated 24.07.2024 seeking the final approved forest boundary of Jamkani R.F. from Sundargarh Forest Division for compilation of forest boundary accordingly.

The KML file provided to the User Agency vide this Office Memo No. 4031dt. 29.07.2024 was forwarded to ORSAC vide letter no. MCL/GM/MLA/2024-25/435 dated 29.07.2024 by the User Agency. However, ORSAC has provided a clarification regarding the same vide ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1151/2023-24/3084 dated 03.08.2024, (ORSAC Vetted DGPS map is attached herewith as **Annexure A** along with the map bearing no. 4107) and stating that:-

***"In inviting reference to the letter and subject cited above, this is to inform you that ORSAC has already clarified that DGPS Survey for Forest Diversion Proposal and Mine Lease of above area has been carried out in the presence of representatives from Revenue and Forest Dept, based on Cadastral sheets on 1: 4000 Scale and the maps has been generated as per Geo-referencing of Cadastral sheets using field DGPS survey data.***

*The R.F. boundary generated after DGPS Survey by ORSAC and KML file supplied by undersigned also verified and found that **R.F. boundary generated after DGPS Survey by ORSAC is in order.** Accordingly, the hard copy of same map bearing no.4107 is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal."*

Thus, based on the above clarification given by ORSAC, ORSAC, Odisha has re-verified the plans and the attached plan shows that the DGPS coordinates and the polygon are matching with the Milan sheet and Revenue lands.

Further, after submission of the above compliances by the User Agency, the Chief Executive, ORSAC, Odisha has been requested to re-conduct the DGPS Survey work over Jamkani Reserve Forest in presence of Forest officials & Technology partner, SPARC Ltd to clarify the discrepancies or differences in RF boundary area, relating to diversion of 227.62Ha of forest land within total mining lease area of 323.92Ha for Basundhara (West) Extension OCP of MCL vide this Office letter No. 4212 dt.03.08.2024.(Copy enclosed) vide Annexure-B).

**Encl:-As above.**

Memo No. 4414 /4F (Misc) dt. 13/08/24.

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer) FC-Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information with reference to this Office Memo No.4211 dt.03.08.2024.

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13.08.24  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Forest Division.

Memo No. 4415 /4F (Misc) dt. 13/08/24.

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Mahalaxmi Area of MCL for information and necessary action with reference to his letter No.450 dt.03.08.2024.

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No. 4210 /4F (Misc) /Dated. 03 /08/2024

To

The Chief Executive,  
ORSAC, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 227.62Ha of forest land within total mining lease area of 323.92Ha for Basundhara (West) Extension OCP of MCL.

Ref: - 1) This Office Memo No.4032 dt.29.07.2024.  
2) Letter No.417 dt.25.07.2024 of GM, Mahalaxmi Area.  
3) Letter No.FE-DIV-MISC-0011-2016-4834 dt.14.03.2024 of FE & CC Deptt.


Sir

With reference to the above cited letter, it is to inform you that, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela had raised certain observations during site inspection held on dated.04.07.2024, the Pillars erected vide Pillar No.682, 683, 684 by the User Agency in the Reserve Forest Area i.e Jamkani R.F, proposed for diversion has been found inside forest area, instead of along the existing demarcated Reserve Forest Pillar No.178, 179, 180 on the Jamkani RF boundary line.

Further, he has intimated General Manager, Mahalaxmi area of MCL to rectify and erect all the pillars involved in the project area as per the Reserve Forest boundary posting vide letter under reference. As per RF boundary pillars are existing in the field since long & the Geo-referencing of forest block-(DGPS survey) is carried out by CDLTP. Technology partner SPARC Ltd during 08.09.2020 is along the existing RF boundary pillars, hence there needs a clarification regarding this difference.

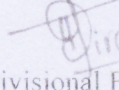
Therefore, you are requested to re-conduct the DGPS Survey work over Jamkani Reserve Forest in presence of forest officials & Technology partner, SPARC Ltd to clarify the discrepancies or differences in RF boundary area, relating to diversion of 227.62Ha of forest land within total mining lease area of 323.92Ha for Basundhara (West) Extension OCP of MCL.

Yours faithfully,

  
03.08.24  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Forest Division.

Memo No. 4211 /4F (Misc)/2024 Dated: - 03 /08/2024.

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, IT & GIS Cell, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for favour of information and necessary action.

  
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Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Forest Division.

Memo No. 4212 /4F (Misc)/2024 Dated: - 03 /08/2024.

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Copy forwarded, to the CDLTP, M/s SPARC PVT LTD for information and necessary action.

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... 03.08.24

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Forest Division.