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No. 10562 / L & LT/2M-38/2021

Dated: 17.01.2023.

To : The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Department of Forest.

Sub.: Tilaboni Coal Mine Project of ECL involving 38.38 ha. of forest land in Durgapur
Division.
(Proposal No. FP/WB/MIN/41301/2019).

Ref. :

1. The Govt. of India, MoEF & CC letter No. IRO/KOL/WB/Min/41301/2019/326 dated 26.07.2022.
2. The Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. letter No. GM/BA/ENV/22-23/27 dated 05.12.2022.

Sir,

ECL in above referred letter has submitted replies (enclosed) to EDS raised.

- (1) ECL has stated that it has only applied for leasehold area of Mine No. 1. After deducting 1.60 ha. of forest land (Tilaboni beat office complex and approach road) from 39.98 ha. of forest land available as per records of BL&LRO, balance 38.38 ha. of forest land has been requested for diversion against Mine No. 1 only.
- (2) Given the subsistence predicted due to mining ECL has agreed to pay for NPV and CA over double the area of degraded forest land (76.8 ha.) with maintenance for 10 years.
- (3) While the project apparently is for underground mining precautionary measures should be adopted to reduce impact of mining. Even with subsistence, underground mining potentially has less environmental impact compared with open cast coal mining.

The proposal may kindly be forwarded to Govt. of India for consideration of grant of Stage-I approval please.

Yours faithfully,

YK 17/1/2023
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer, FCA

Encl.: As stated above.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action, to :-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, South East Circle, W.B.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Durgapur Division.
3. The General Manager (Env.), Eastern Coal Field Ltd., Borachak House, Sitarampur, Burdwan, Pin-713359.

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