## कार्यालय, वनमंडलाधिकारी,पश्चिम छिंदवाड़ा वनमंडल

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प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक,

(कक्ष भू-प्रबंध)

सतपुड़ा भवन भोपाल

विषय:--

वनमंडल पश्चिम छिन्दवाड़ा के परिक्षेत्र जामई के ग्राम जुन्नारदेव विशाला के कक्ष कमांक पी 454 के रकबा 14.00 हे0 वनभूमि में भारत खुली खदान फेस-2 कोयला उत्खनन हेतु मेसर्स वेस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लिमि का व्यपवर्तन का ऑनलाईन प्रस्ताव क्रमांक FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017

संदर्भ :-

- 1. भारत सरकार पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली के पत्र क्रमांक 8-112/2006-FCVol दिनांक 22.02.2023
- 2. आपका पत्र क. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017 /952 दिनांक 02.03.2023
- 3. वेस्टर्न कोल फील्ड लिमि कन्हान क्षेत्र डुंगरिया के पत्र क्रमांक 1446 दिनांक 18. 03.23

विषयांकित पत्र के तारतम्य में निवेदन है कि पश्चिम छिन्दवाड़ा वनमंडल अंतर्गत परिक्षेत्र जामई के ग्राम जुन्नारदेव विशाला के कक्ष क्रमांक पी 454 के रकबा 14.00 हे0 वनभूमि में भारत खुली खदान फेस-2 कोयला उत्खनन हेतु मेसर्स वेस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लिमि कन्हान क्षेत्र बुंगरिया से संदर्भित पत्र कमांक 1 से चाही गई जानकारी प्राप्त कर आपकी ओर संलग्न संप्रेषित है। सहपत्र:- बिंदुवार जानकारी

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प्रतिलिपि:— 1. कुल वन संरक्षक छिन्दवाड़ा वन वृत्त छिन्दवाड़ा की ओर सूचनार्थ संप्रेषित। सहपत्रः – बिंदुवार जानकारी

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## वेस्टर्नकोलफील्ड्सलिमिटेड/Western Coalfields Limited

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दिनांक :-18/03/2023

प्रति,

वनमण्डलाअधिकारी,(सामान्य) पश्चिम, मण्डल जिला छिन्दवाडा।

ं च्या चारीमधी याचळाडी

विषय :-वनमंडल पश्चिम छिन्दवाड़ा के परिक्षेत्र जामई के PF-454 के रकबा 14.000 है0 वनमूमि में भारत खुली खदान फेस- 2 कोयला उत्खनन् हेतु-मेसर्से वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड को उपयोग पर देने बावत्।

सदर्भ :-File No. 8-112/2006-FCVol Dtd 22/02/2023 of MOEFF & CC New Delhi.

उपरोक्त संदर्भित पत्र द्वारा चाहीगई 04 बिन्दुओं की जानकारी निम्नानुसार है :-

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	1	The State Govt has now intimated that the total forest area within mining lease is 145.690 ha, whereas as the KMI file submitted now the total forest area is found to be 150.453 ha. The State Government is requested to examine the extent of forest land within mining lease and do the necessary correction online along with KML file.	( )
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The total forest area within the mining lease of Ghorawari Sub-Area under MCR Lease No. 11 is 145.69 Ha.

It may please be appreciated that the said forest area (including 19.50 Ha - diverted for Opencast mining, 68.704 Ha - diverted for Underground mining & 14 Ha forest land proposed for diversion in subject FC application) has been delineated several times as per the directives of MoEF&CC issued time to time, through ground survey done by the officials of Chhindwara Forest Dept. as well as WCL-Kanhan Area.

The reply in respect of kml file and forest area involved in the mining lease has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi through MP State Govt. vide its letter dtd. 22-06-2022, 22-11-2022 & 25-01-2023. Copies of all relevant correspondences are enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

The same is also substantiated by the Revenue Records in the form of Lease Deed executed with State Government for subject land/ mine. Copy of the same enclosed as Annexure-II.

A snapshot of Google Earth showing forest area as 145.69 Ha in the already submitted kml file is enclosed for ready reference as **Annexure-III**.

As such, in view of the above, it is to humbly submitted that utmost care has been taken while preparing the kml file for subject application.

Under these circumstances, based on our submission as above, MP State Forest Deptt. May kindly confirm the area in the kml file submitted by WCL by using the kml file in the portal being used by State Govt./ MoEF&CC for decision making. A copy of kml file (in the form of CD) is again being submitted for ready reference and enclosed as Annexure-IV.

In this regard, it is to humbly submitted that the proposed 14 Ha land is in North east direction of the already diverted 19.50 Ha forest land,

The plantation done by MP Rajya Van Vikas Nigam is as per the mitigation measure stipulated for the diversion of 19.50 Ha forest land. To the best understanding of the User agency i.e. WCL it is to state that the said mitigation measure was proposed for minimizing the interaction of two ecosystems (diverted forest area of 19.50 Ha which is to be used for Opencast Mining & adjacent Forest area remaining undisturbed at that time over the underground mine area of 68.704 Ha). Furthermore, considering the fact that now the ecosystem containing 14 Ha forest area is also proposed for the diversion, applicability of such mitigation measure under 19.50 Ha forest area is very minimum.

WCL has already agreed for compensating the plantation done by MP Rajya Van Vikas Nigam on 14 Ha forest land (copy of the Undertaking attached as **Annexure-V**). However, WCL is of opinion that this matter may be discussed in the FAC meeting and the decision on the same may be stipulated as a condition of Stage-I FC for 14 Ha forest land.

Subsequent to the submission made above, MP State Govt./ MP State Forest Dep't.may kindly accept the same otherwise suitable information in respect of land identified for carrying out compensatory plantation, its scheme &kml file of the identified area may please be provided to MoEF&CC.

plantation over 14.00 ha area as a mitigation measure stipulated for the diversion of 19.50 ha forest land earlier. The State has now submitted that plantation will be carried out at the cost of user agency by the MP Van Vikas Nigam to compensate the same. However, the KML file or detail of land identified for this purpose has not been provided in this regard the state Govt. has to ensure that the area indentified for plantation is in line with the condition stipulated for this purpose in the approval accorded for the diversion of 19.50 ha forest land.

The Chhindwara Van Mandal had done

 Now the user agency has informed that the 19.50 ha forest land shall be used for overburden (OB) dumping of waste generated from 14 ha forest proposed for diversion. It

In this regard, it is humbly submitted that as mentioned in our earlier reply, the opencast mining is being carried out in small patches thereby extracting the erstwhile left out coal pillars in the

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is pertinent to mention here that a seasonal nala flows on the western flank of 19.50 ha diverted forest land. Therefore, the State Govt, shall examine the matter and submit the justification/proposed safeguards accordingly.

old underground workings. External OB dump is insignificant as excavated OB from the working patch gets dumped into the earlier worked out viod. In this sequence 19.50 Ha quarry of Phase-I has got exhausted. Void is already there. Now, it is proposed to work the adjacent 14.00 Ha patch.

Therefore, following the sequence, OB to be excavated from 14.00 Ha patch will get accommodated inside 19.50 Ha void. As such, there is no flaws in this plan except of the fact that 19.50 Ha patch falls in forest land for which diversion has been accorded. Further it may be noted that backfilling in 19.50 Ha void will be up to ground level only and there will be no overflow of the material from the backfilled area.

Embankment of 3 mtr. higher than HFL and 3 mtr. wide has been constructed to safeguard seasonal nallah flowing on the western flank of 19.50 ha diverted forest land. This is as per the conditions laid down in clause 13.0 of DGMS permission no. 010705/WZ/Nagpur Region No. 1/Perm/2019/3208 Dated 22.05.2020. Copy attached as Annexure-VI.

A cross-section plan is enclosed for ready reference as **Annexure-VII**.

In this regard reference is drawn to the Environmental Clearance awarded to Ghorawari opencast Project by MoEF& CC vide its letter dt: 26.12.2008. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Annexure VIII.

It may be seen from the aforesaid letter that the Ghorawari opencast project has already been proposed to be worked by opencast method in Patches. The proposed working of different patches has also been recorded in the said EC letter. The Actual working may vary depending on the actual acquisition of land, the EC has also recorded that these patches will work old UG working. All these facts have been duly documented in the EIA/EMP of the Project submitted to MoEF based on which the EC was accorded (*Page No-4(a)*). A copy of the EIA/EMP document is attached herewith as **Annexure IX** for ready reference.

In this context, a copy of the reply subsequent to the telephonic query from MoEF is also attached as **Annexure-X** and it may be worthwhile to mention here that based on the reply only EC was accorded by MoEF& CC with due according of the patch-wise working in the Project under

User agency has now reported that 14 ha 4. forest land is required due to change in technology and extraction of substantial coal which is locked up in protective barrier within 68,704 ha diverted forest land for under-ground mining. However, nothing of this fact was reflected in the Mining plan. Moreover, vital project components like safety zone, external dump, infrastructure, approach road etc. should be reflected in the Mining plan and intimated by the State be Government.

consideration.

A Plan of Bharat OC Patch Phase-II showing vital project components like safety zone, surface infrastructure, approach road etc.is enclosed as **Annexure-XI** for ready reference.

It is also to submit that there will be no External Dump in Bharat OC Patch Phase-II.

उपरोक्त जानकारी आपकेआवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु सादर प्रेषित।

संलग्न : उपरोक्तानुसार

भी श्रीय महाप्रबंधक कन्हान क्षेत्र

## प्रतिलिपि:--

- 01. प्रधानमुख्य वनसंरक्षक (भृ–प्रबंध), मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल।
- ०२. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, छिन्दवाड़ावृत्त, छिन्दवाड़ा मध्यप्रदेश।
- 03. महाप्रबंधक (पर्यावरण), वे०को०लि० मुख्यालय नागपूर ।
- 04. महाप्रबंधक (भू० एवं रा०), वे०को०लि० मुख्यालय नागपूर ।
- 05. उपक्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक, घोड़ावाड़ी उपक्षेत्र।
- 06. क्षेत्रीय योजना अधिकारी / क्षेत्रीय सर्वेक्षण अधिकारी कन्हान क्षेत्र।