

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष भू-प्रबंध), सतपुड़ा भवन, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

क्रमांक/एफ-1/622/2021/10-11/ **NO63**
प्रति,

भोपाल, दिनांक **30/11/2022**

वन महानिरीक्षक (एफ.सी.)

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, अलीगंज, जोरबाग रोड़,
नई दिल्ली-110003

विषय:- वन मंडल छतरपुर के परिक्षेत्र बकस्वाहा के कक्ष क्र. PF-280, 281, 284, 285, 286, 287, 296 & 302 के रकबा 382.131 हे. वनभूमि बण्डर आयमण्ड ओपन कास्ट पद्धति से हीरा उत्खनन हेतु मेसर्स ऐस्सेल माईनिंग एण्ड इण्डस्ट्रीज लि. को उपयोग पर देने बाबत। ऑनलाईन प्रस्ताव क्रमांक FP/MP/MIN/45288/2020

संदर्भ:- भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली का पत्र क्र./FC- 8-04/2021-FC दिनांक 08/04/2022

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विषयांकित परियोजना के संबंध में आपके द्वारा संदर्भित पत्र क्र./FC- 8-04/2021-FC दिनांक 08/04/2022 से 06 बिन्दुओं पर जानकारी चाही गई है जो निम्नानुसार प्रस्तुत है:-

- i. The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its 39th meeting held on 23.08.2016 in case of Ken-Betwa proposal had recommended that no new mining lease will be granted in this landscape considering its significance in permitting tiger dispersal.

प्रस्ताव में उल्लेखित खदान केन-बेतवा परियोजना के निर्माण स्थल से लगभग 38 कि.मी. की दूरी पर है। भारत सरकार द्वारा टाईगर कॉरीडोर के रूप में चिन्हित की सूची में यह क्षेत्र सम्मिलित नहीं है। इस तथ्य की पुष्टि DSS Analysis से की जा सकती है। साथ ही आवेदक संस्था द्वारा भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के दिनांक 02.12.2019 द्वारा (प्रतिलिपि संलग्न है) जारी सूची के अनुसार यह क्षेत्र टाईगर कॉरीडोर में नहीं आता है।

- ii. The site inspection committee constituted by the SCNBWL in its recommendation in case of Ken-Betwa proposal has recommended that:

To protect the small landscape of PTR and its surrounding areas and also to reduce sedimentation in the reservoir and maintain water flow in the Ken River, there should be no destructive activities, including mining in the Ecologically Sensitive Zone and catchment area of the river. New industrial development or mining or expansion of the existing mining in and around the landscape would seriously compromise the scope for tiger's survival in Panna Tiger Reserve.

प्रस्ताव में उल्लेखित खदान केन-बेतवा परियोजना के निर्माण स्थल से लगभग 38 कि.मी. की दूरी पर है। अतः इसका प्रभाव केन-बेतवा परियोजना पर पड़ने की सम्भावना नहीं है।

- iii. The project involves 215875 trees. However, out of the total forest land involved, an area of 138.31 ha is proposed for side burden and waste dump and another 66.34 ha is to be used as Tailing Dump. The State Govt. has not provided enough justification for using large chunk of forest area for dumping.

इस बिन्दु के संबंध में आवेदक संस्था द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि इस खदान की स्वीकृति की शर्तों के अनुसार खनिज का परिवहन लीज क्षेत्र के बाहर नहीं किया जा सकता है। अतः प्रस्ताव में ओवरबर्डन हेतु वनभूमि प्रत्यावर्तन का प्रस्ताव सम्मिलित किया गया है।

iv. While deciding the proposal for diversion of 971.595 hectares of forest land for Diamond Mining Project in case of Rio-Tinto the FAC had observed that as per NTCA report, project can potentially disrupt the landscape character vis a vis tiger dispersal around Panna landscape as such this may be taken only when Ken Betwa link project is finalized as well as detailed study done to assess other alternatives. The State Govt. may therefore provide the status of the Ken Betwa link project.

प्रस्ताव में उल्लेखित वनक्षेत्र किसी कॉरीडोर का हिस्सा नहीं है। इसकी पुष्टि DSS Analysis से की जा सकती है। साथ ही आवेदक संस्था द्वारा भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के दिनांक 02.12.2019 द्वारा (प्रतिलिपि संलग्न है) जारी सूची के अनुसार यह क्षेत्र टाईगर कॉरीडोर में नहीं आता है।

v. The project involves diversion of the course of a stream and creation of a water body, which may adversely affect the watershed and the flow of water downstream thereby affecting the biodiversity as well as the effectiveness of Ken-Betwa link project. The State Govt. shall examine whether the ecological impact of diversion of stream and creation of water body has been taken into account or not? A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted.

इस बिन्दु के संबंध में आवेदक संस्था द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि नाले को केवल 1.6 कि. मी. की लम्बाई में परिवर्तित किया गया है। इसके उपरांत यह नाला मूल स्वरूप में बहता रहेगा। इस नाले के पानी का उपयोग केवल वर्षा ऋतु में किया जायेगा। इस नाले पर बांध बनाने से नाले के प्रवाह में किसी प्रकार का प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा।

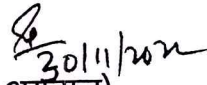
vi. The State Govt. shall submit the latest status of the Original Application pending in the Hon'ble NGT in this regard.

इस बिन्दु के संबंध में लेख है कि माननीय हरित न्यायालय में इस प्रस्ताव पर किसी प्रकार का स्थगन नहीं दिया गया है। माननीय न्यायालय में प्रति उत्तर जमा किया जा चुका है।

आवेदक संस्था द्वारा दिये गये उत्तर की प्रति संलग्न है।

अतः प्रकरण में सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति प्रदान करने का अनुरोध है।

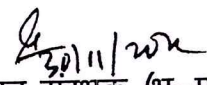
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प्रतिलिपि:-

भोपाल, दिनांक 30/11/2022

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- 2 वनमण्डलाधिकारी, सामान्य वनमण्डल, छतरपुर, मध्यप्रदेश।
- 3 मेसर्स एैस्सेल माईनिंग एण्ड इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड, आदित्य बिड़ला ग्रुप एस.के. अहीर मार्ग, मुम्बई (महाराष्ट्र)
की ओर सूचनार्थ अग्रेषित।


प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

Annexure 2 - Tiger corridors in Country
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The National Tiger Conservation Authority in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India has published a document titled **“Connecting Tiger Populations for Long-term Conservation”**, which has mapped out 32 major corridors across the country, management interventions for which are operationalised through a Tiger Conservation Plan, mandated under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The list of macro/landscape level tiger corridors are as under:

Sl. No.	Landscape	Corridor	States/ Country
1.	Shivalik Hills & Gangetic Plains	Rajaji-Corbett	Uttarakhand
		(ii) Corbett-Dudhwa	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Nepal
		(iii) Dudhwa-Kishanpur-Katerniaghat	Uttar Pradesh, Nepal
2.	Central India & Eastern Ghats	(i) Ranthambhore-Kuno-Madhav	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan
		(ii) Bandhavgarh-Achanakmar	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
		(iii) Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri-Guru Ghasidas	Madhya Pradesh
		(iv) Guru Ghasidas-Palamau-Lawalong	Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand
		(v) Kanha-Achanakmar	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
		(vi) Kanha-Pench	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
		(vii) Pench-Satpura-Melghat	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
		(viii) Kanha-Navegaon Nagzira-Tadoba-Indravati	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh
		(ix) Indravati-Udanti Sitanadi-Sunabeda	Chhattisgarh, Odisha
		(x) Similipal-Satkosia	Odisha
		(xi) Nagarjunasagar-Sri Venkateshwara National Park	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Western Ghats	(i) Sahyadri-Radhanagari-Goa	Maharashtra, Goa
		(ii) Dandeli Anshi-Shravathi Valley	Karnataka
		(iii) Kudremukh-Bhadra	Karnataka
		(iv) Nagarahoie-Pusphagiri-Talakavery	Karnataka
		(v) Nagarahole-Bandipur-Mudumalai-Wayanad	Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
		(vi) Nagarahole-Mudumalai-Wayanad	Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
		(vii) Parambikulam-Eranikulam-Indira Gandhi	Kerala, Tamil Nadu
		(viii) Kalakad Mundanthurai-Periyar	Kerala, Tamil Nadu
4.	North East	(i) Kaziranga-Itanagar WLS	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh
		(ii) Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong	Assam

	(iii) Kaziranga-Nameri	Assam
	(iv) Kaziranga-Orang	Assam
	(v) Kaziranga-Papum Pane	Assam
	(vi) Manas-Buxa	Assam, West Bengal, Bhutan
	(vii) Pakke-Nameri-Sonai Rupai-Manas	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam
	(viii) Dibru Saikhowa-D'Ering-Mehaong	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh
	(ix) Kamlang-Kane-Tale Valley	Arunachal Pradesh
	(x) Buxa-Jaldapara	West Bengal



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Department**

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क्रमांक/मा.चि./2022/ 2131
प्रति,

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प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक
(कक्ष मू-प्रबंध)
सतपुड़ा भवन भोपाल

विषय :- वनमंडल छतरपुर के परिक्षेत्र बकस्वाहा के कक्ष क्रमांक के PF-280, 281, 284, 285, 286, 287, 296 & 302 के रकवा 382.131 हे० वनभूमि बण्डर डायमण्ड ओपन कास्ट पद्धति से हीरा उत्खनन हेतु मेसर्स ऐस्सेल माईनिंग एण्ड इण्डस्ट्रीज लि० का व्यपवर्तन का ऑन लाईन प्रस्ताव क्रमांक FP/MP/MIN/45288/2020

संदर्भ :- आपका पृष्ठां. पत्र क्रमांक/एफ-1/822/2021/10-11 /16450 भोपाल दिनांक 10.05.2018

विषयांतर्गत निवेदन है कि संदर्भित पत्र द्वारा वनमंडल छतरपुर के परिक्षेत्र बकस्वाहा के कक्ष क्रमांक के PF-280, 281, 284, 285, 286, 287, 296 & 302 के रकवा 382.131 हे० वनभूमि बण्डर डायमण्ड ओपन कास्ट पद्धति से हीरा उत्खनन के संबंध में भारत सरकार पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली द्वारा प्रकरण में बिन्दु क्रमांक 03, 05 एवं 06 के संबंध में जानकारी आवेदक संस्थान से टेबूलर फार्म पर तैयार कर चाही गई थी।

आवेदक संस्थान के पत्र दिनांक 18.07.2022 जानकारी टेबूलर फार्म पर तैयार कर इस कार्यालय को सम्प्रेषित की गई है, जो कि संलग्न कर आपकी ओर अवलोकनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु सम्प्रेषित है।
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प्रतिलिपि :- 1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, वृत्त छतरपुर की ओर सूचनार्थ सम्प्रेषित।
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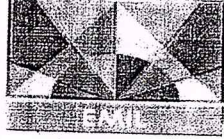
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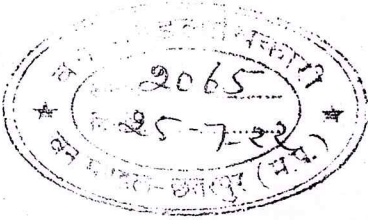
The Divisional Forest Officer
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Subject: Proposal of Forest diversion bearing number FP/MP/MIN/45299/2020 with respect to Bunder Diamond Block for opencast mining of Diamonds in 382.131 Ha at forest compartment numbers 280, 284, 285, 286, 287, 296 & 302 in Buxwaha Range of Chhatarpur Forest Division.

Reference: Letter from your office bearing number 2984 dated 7 June 2022 with respect to the subject matter.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the referred letter from your office responses to point 3, 5 & 6 of the EDS queries sought by MoEF&CC, New Delhi. As requested point wise responses are tabulated as under:

EDS	Response
<p>Point No. 3 The project involves 215875 trees. However, out of the total forest land involved, an area of 138.31 ha is proposed for side burden and waste dump and another 66.34 ha is to be used as Tailing Dump. The State Govt. has not provided enough justification for using large chunk of forest area for dumping</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clause 9.1 of Standard Mine Development Agreement of tender document of Bunder Project issued by the Government of MP, mandates that the successful bidder shall be entitled to conduct mining operations only in the lease area and shall not be entitled to conduct the mining operations in any other area outside the lease area. The rights granted to successful bidder herein to conduct mining operations are exclusive within the lease area. Accordingly, durning of kimberlite, waste and tailings is proposed within mining lease area and the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has approved the same in compliance to Clause 9.1 of Standard Mine Development Agreement. Further, the Mining plan of the project is prepared as per provisions of MMDR Amendment Act 2015, MCR 2016; MCDR 2017 and subsequent guidelines pursuant to these Acts and Regulations. Guidelines stipulated in IBM manual on Appraisal of Mining Plan 2014 state that "In view of the Hon'ble Judgement dated 21 April 2014 in writ petition (Civil) no. 435 of

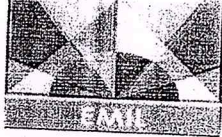
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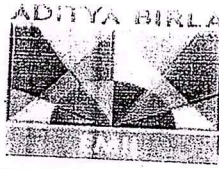
	<p>2012 filed by Goa Foundation Vs Union of India & Others all activities like waste dumping, staking ore, mineral rejects, depositing tailings are to be within the mining lease area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use has been optimally proposed to cater the requirement of waste and tail dump and related infrastructure and the same has been approved by the Regional Controller, Indian Bureau of Mines in exercise of power conferred by the clause (b) of sub section 2 of section 5 of the MMDR Amendment Act 2015. • Bunder diamond block containing 54 Mt of Kimberlite ore with incidence rate of 0.63 carat/ton of rough diamonds is a Greenfield integrated mining project with mining, crushing, processing, diamond recovery, sorting facility proposed within lease area. • In order to recover rough diamonds mining and processing of 54 Mt of Kimberlite and excavation of about 122.78 Mt of waste will be required. Processing of Kimberlite (54 MT) will yield around 34 Million carats of rough diamond, resulting in 99% (~54 Mt) combined generation of waste and tailings. • Thus total waste of 176.78 Mt is proposed to dumped over designate area of 204.65 Ha within the lease as per approved mine plan.
<p>Point No. 5 The project involves diversion of the course of a stream and creation of a waterbody, which may adversely affect the watershed and the flow of water downstream thereby affecting the biodiversity as well as the effectiveness of Ken-Betwa link project. The State Govt. shall examine whether the ecological impact of diversion of stream and creation of water body has been taken into account or not? A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A seasonal nalla (Kandahar) passes over the lease area and bisects the ore body which is the proposed mine area. • For undertaking mining, the nalla will be rerouted outside the mining lease over course of 1.6 kms and will be connected to its natural course downstream. • The rainwater flowing through the nalla will be taped in the rainwater harvesting structure (which is referred as water body) proposed within lease area. The structure will help recharge groundwater and cater process water requirement of the project. • Due to proposed rerouting of the Kandahar seasonal nalla and water harvesting structure, there will be no adverse impact on downstream competitive users nor on the larger watershed of the area. • Further Bunder diamond block is part of Dhasan River Basin. Water from this area after flowing through several streams of Dhasan River finally joins the Betwa River. The creating of water harvesting

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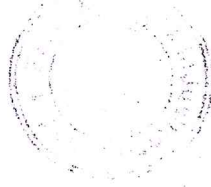
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	structure and rerouting of nalla will have no impact on the competitive users, watershed and biodiversity of the area.
Point No. 6 The State Government shall submit the latest status of the Original Application pending in the Hon'ble NGT in this regard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three cases (OA34/2021; OA35/2021 and OA40/2021) are filed before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Central Zone, Bhopal (MP).• As on date no stay has been granted by the Hon'ble NGT in any of the cases.• Hon'ble NGT last heard cases on 19th May 2022 and Next hearing scheduled on 2 August 2022.

We hope you find the above in order.

Thanking You
For Essel Mining & Industries Limited



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Cc: Chief Conservator of Forest, Chhatarpur for information please