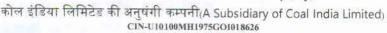


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प्रति,

वनमण्डलाधिकारी,(सामान्य) पश्चिम, मण्डल जिला छिन्दवाडा।

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

संदर्भ :-File No. 8-112/2006-FCVol Dtd 24 April/2023 of MOEFF&CC New Delhi. महोदय,

उपरोक्त संदर्भित पत्र द्वारा चाही गई 2 बिन्दुओं की जानकारी निम्नानुसार है :-

क्रं0	चाहीगयीजानकारी
<b>화0</b>	Upon examination of the KML file through GIS-DSS tool, it was found that the boundaries of Mine Lease Area, 68.704 ha & 19.50 ha already diverted forest area have been changed again. Owing to this changes, this Ministry's vide its letter of even no. dated 16.08.2022 requested the State Govt. to upload the complete KML of instant project on PARIVESH on the basis of ground truthing. Thereafter the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/3935 Dated 22.11.2022 informed about uploading of the complete KML file. On examination of same the DSS analysis revealed that the total forest area within lease is found to be 145.427 ha instead of 152.728 ha as per proposal on PARIVESH. Accordingly, this Ministry vide letter dated 19.12.2022 requested again to upload the complete KML file as per proposal. After
	that the State Government vide letter No.
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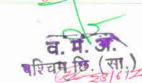
দানকারী
In respect of forest land involved in the mining lease it is once again submitted that the total forest area within the mining lease of Ghorawari Sub-Area under MCR Lease No. 11 is 145,69 Ha.

A snapshot of Google Earth showing forest area as 145.69 Ha was already shared in our previous reply dtd. 18.03.2023 (copy of the snapshot is enclosed for ready reference as **Annexure-I**).

The snapshot of report generated on "Online Proposal Details On GIS" tab of Parivesh Portal of MoEF&CC showing forest area as 145.69 Ha (in round figure 145.7 Ha as shown in snapshot) is also enclosed for ready reference as **Annexure-II**.

As such, the forest area marked in the kml file uploaded in the portal shows 145.69 Ha in Google Earth as well as Parivesh Portal GIS Tab.

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



145,427 ha and further reported that user agency has performed necessary correction in the forest area mentioned in online Part-I form on PARIVESH. The State Govt. again reiterated above said facts in their letter dated 29.03.2023. Keeping in view of the above mentioned facts, the Mining lease boundary has been examined by the DSS Cell of this Ministry wherein it has been reported that the total 150.453 ha forest area is coming under Mining Lease boundary. It is further reported that the above said analysis has been carried out on the basis of the Forest compartment boundary available on the State Forest website. In this regard, the State Government is requested to examine the extent of forest land within mining lease and do the necessary correction.

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.

It is also to submit that this matter has been duly clarified by the MP State Govt. in its letter dtd. 29-03-2023 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-HI**) wherein it has been stated that as per the kml file uploaded in the portal, the forest land is 145.690 Ha and the same has been cross-checked in the O/o PCCF & Nodal Officer-FC, GoMP Bhopal.

Hence, MP State Govt. has also confirmed that the total forest area marked in kml file which is uploaded on Parivesh Portal is 145.69 Ha.

As such, in view of the above, it is to humbly submit that utmost care has been taken while preparing the kml file for subject application and the total forest area within the mining lease of Ghorawari Sub-Area under MCR Lease No. 11 is 145.69 Ha.

It was reported that 14 ha 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 underground mining. Accordingly, State Govt was asked that nothing in this regard 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 may be intimated by the State Government. However, the reply submitted by the State Govt does not mention anything about the Mining Plan in this regard.

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A Plan of Bharat OC Patch Phase-II showing vital project components like safety zone, surface infrastructure, approach road etc. wasalready shared in our previous reply dtd. 18.03.2023. A copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-IV** for ready reference.It is also to submit that there will be no External Dump in Bharat OC Patch Phase-II.

In this regard it is humbly submitted that the Environmental Clearance was 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-V**.

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-VI** for ready reference.

In this context, a copy of the reply subsequent to

the telephonic query from MoEF&CC is also attached as **Annexure-VII** 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 consideration. Subsequently, Stage-II FC for Phase-I of OC Patches i.e. 19.50 Ha for Ghorawari OC Patch was accorded by MoEF&CC on 17.01.2015 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**).

In view of the above, it is again submitted that all the supporting documents related to Mine Planning & Phasing are already shared with MoEF&CC based on which Environmental Clearance and Forestry Clearance (for Phase-I-19.50 Ha) was accorded by MoEF&CC.

उपरोक्त जानकारी आपके आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु सादर प्रेषित।

संलग्न : उपरोक्तानुसार प्रांच प्रीतमा भें)

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