



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government Company)
Adriyala Project Area

Ref: RG3/EST/FL/104-G/ 124

Date: 09.07.2020

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
(Head of Forest Force)
Telangana, Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Kind attention of Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer

Madam,

Sub: -Application for change of land use/ diversion of 17.994 Ha of forest land (from Underground rights to Surface rights) in Compartment No.488, 488/1 of Upperlakesaram RF of Peddapally Forest Division for Ramagundam Coal Mine (RG Coal Mine) (Amalgamation of RG OC-I Exp., RG OC-II Ext., Vakilpalli Mine & Adriyala Shaft Project) -- Reg.

Ref: - PCCF, Lr Rc.No.6963/2019/FCA-1/PS, dtd.17.05.2019

Kind attention is invited to the above subject. It is brought to kind notice that the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a Government Company jointly owned by Government of Telangana and Government of India. The coal mining activities of SCCL are spread over in 7 districts i.e.,Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Jaya Shankar Bhupalapalli, Mulugu, Peddapalli, Mancherial and Komaram Bheem Asifabad Districts. The SCCL is presently having 44 coal mining leases spread over in the above seven Districts. In these sanctioned leases, SCCL is operating 27 Underground mines and 19 opencast mines producing around 64.02 Million Tonnes. The projected demand on SCCL coal is about 70 million tonnes for the year 2020-21.

In order to meet the eve-increasing demand for Coal and to achieve the targets fixed by the government of India time to time, the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has embarked upon large-scale expansion of Coal mining to increase Coal production.

Ramagundam Coal Mine is one of the Projects proposed involving diversion of 17.994 Ha. of Forest land for surface use in Upperlakesaram block in Manthani Range and Peddapally Division in Peddapalli District

SCCL has obtained South Godavari & Pandulapalli Mining Leases over an area of 68.48 & 48.77 Sq.Kms. respectively covering all the mines of Ramagundam region including the present proposal of the Ramagundam Coal Mine. South Godavari Mining Lease was originally granted in 1958 and was subsequently renewed for 20 years from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2034 vide GO Ms.No.02, I&C (M.III) Dept., dtd. 12.01.2015. Pandulapalli Mining Lease was applied in 1980 and was granted in 1991 vide GO Ms No.25, I&C (M.III). Dept., dtd.21.01.1991 for a period of 30 years from 19.7.1991 to 18.7.2021. The forest area of 17.994 Ha is falling in these two leases as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the Lease	Area in Ha	Lease valid up to
1	South Godavari ML	17.194	31.12.2034
2	Pandulapally ML	0.800	18.07.2021

Earlier this land was accepted as CA land by the Forest Department (by mistake of facts as non RF land 412.40Ha) for Manuguru OCP-II in erstwhile Khammam District (present BhadrakriKothagudem District) during 1987-88, which was already under the possession of SCCL and the same was notified as Protected Forest land vide GO Ms.No.270, dtd.29.07.1989.

Later, it was noticed that the Coal deposits are available in the said land of 412.40 Ha., which was handed over to Forest Department for the purpose of CA. Hence, SCCL submitted a proposals for diversion of the above land. Accordingly, the MoEF, Gol vide Lr.No.8-109/2005-FC, dtd.02.05.2008 has accorded final approval for diversion of 412.40 Ha. of forest land in Adriyala RF for underground mining involving 247.00 Ha. for surface use. Thereafter, again MoEF, Gol vide letter

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No.8-109/2005-FC(vol), dtd.01.08.2013 granted final approval for diversion 147.42 Ha. (part of 165.40 Ha. Forest land diverted for Underground rights) for surface use. As such, out of 412.40 Ha. an area of 394.42 Ha. (247.00 Ha. + 147.42 Ha.) of Forest land was diverted for surface rights in 2 phases as mentioned above. Now, it is proposed for change of land use/diversion of balance Forest land of 17.98 Ha. (412.40 Ha. – 394.42 Ha.) from Underground rights to Surface rights for mining purpose.

As per the DGPS survey and the authentication communicated by the Office of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad vide letter Rc.No.6963/2019/FCA-1/PS, dtd.17.05.2019, the extent of Forest land was confirmed as 17.994 Ha. Protected forest land in compartment No.488, 488/1 of Upperlakesaram RF. The total reserves in the proposed mine is 324.19MT. In the RF area for diversion reserve is 7 MT. Annual production is proposed as 14 MT. The cost of the project is 167.62 Crores Life of the project is 42 years. As this area is falling in between other mines wherein mining operations will continue for 42 years, it is not possible to surrender this area before. Hence, the permission is required for 45 years.

With regard to CA land, it is to state that the MoEF vide letter No: 423/2011-Fc dated 31.01.2013 has accorded status of CPSU to SCCL for the purpose of creation of Compensatory Afforestation (Annexure-VI). Accordingly, an Undertaking for payment of CA charges for raising Compensatory Afforestation in double the area of degraded forest land is enclosed. Regarding NPV, SCCL already paid 50% charges at the time of sanctioning of 412.40 Ha. for underground rights. As such, now SCCL will pay the balance 50% amount of NPV for surface use, an Undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure-VIII.

The proposed Forest land for diversion is located just by the side of the existing RG Open cast -II project and the occurrence of Coal deposits are extending into this Forest area as a nature's gift. Thus location is a site specific as the Coal reserves are to be extracted from the place of occurrence only.

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Purpose – wise breakup of the total land required:

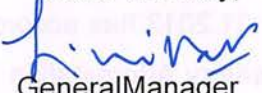
Sl. No.	Purpose	Extent in Ha.
1.	Quarry	- 16.314
2.	Road, HT lines	- 1.640
3.	Dump, Drains	- 0.040
	Total	- 17.994

A Certificate from the concerned Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, as required under F(C) Rules, 2003 is also enclosed with the proposal.

Accordingly, the proposal in Form "A" (in 7 sets) along with relevant Plans, Undertakings, Certificates etc., are enclosed herewith.

It is therefore, requested to kindly arrange to forward the proposal to District Forest Officer, Peddapally, for processing and re-submitting the same to your office for onward transmission to Government of India for prior approval for diversion of 17.994 Ha. of Protected Forest land for Ramagundam Coal Mine for the period of 45 years.

Yours faithfully,


General Manager
Adriyala Project Area
The S.C.Co. Ltd.

Encl: Seven sets.

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The Chief Conservator of Forests, Karimnagar Circle: for favour of information.

The District Forest Officer, Peddapalli : for favor of information.

Advisor (Forestry) : for favour of information