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Dated the 6th December 2004

To
The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 132.904 ha. (approved area 112.521 ha). of forest land in
Talcher Coalfields of Angul District in favour of Bhubaneswar OCP of
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No. 101(Cons)-128/01/2347/F&E dated: 5-2-2002 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby, conveys its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 112.521 ha. of forest land in Talcher Coalfields of Angul District in favour of Bhubaneswar OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over degraded forest area double in extent, at the project cost.
3. Safety zone shall be regenerated and protected and plantations shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest lands elsewhere, over an area one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, by the State Forest Department, at the project cost.
4. Biological reclamation and afforestation shall be done by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
5. Habitat improvement plan for the surrounding areas shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
6. The State Government shall maintain the above-mentioned funds in the form of Fixed Deposits in the name of concerned DFO/ Nodal Officer of the State, in a nationalized bank, till such time the Compensatory Afforestation Fund

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Management and Planning Authority (CAMP) intimates the head of account for transfer/deposition of funds.

7. Demarcation of the area will be done on ground at project cost using four feet high RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.
8. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
9. Concurrent Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional CCF, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the Annual report that the annual programme mentioned in Concurrent Reclamation Plan is not being adhered to by the user agency, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time the annual programme is completed for that year.
10. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
11. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
12. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
13. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
14. Mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan.
15. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to the available wildlife.
16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
17. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.
18. Rehabilitation Plan shall be adhered to by the user agency/State Government.
19. Any other condition that the State Government as well as CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, may impose from time to time for the protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Anuraj Bajpai)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division
6. Guard File.

(Anuraj Bajpai)

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