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Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(F.C. Division)

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Dated, the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2000

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

Subject: Diversion of 24.30 ha. of forest land for Chhendipada Open Cast project of  
M/s.MCL in Angul district of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government, Forest and Environment Department's letter no.10F(Cons)-43/96.6820/F&E dated 18.3.1996 and no.10F(Cons)-43/96.4824/F&E dtd. 22.3.2000 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the 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.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 24.30 ha. of forest land for Chhendipada Open Cast project of M/s.MCL in Angul district of Orissa subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over 25.275 ha. of non-forest land at the project cost and the area will be notified as PF/RP under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- iii. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area will be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest land elsewhere will be done at the project cost.
- iv.  Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
- v. Breaking of fresh forest land will be done as per the phasing mentioned in the approved mining plan.

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No felling of trees shall be done within the lease area unless it is really warranted for mining and such felling should be done with the prior permission and the conditions imposed by the concerned DFO.

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no felling of trees around 4 ha.

- vii. The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of fuelwood preferably alternate energy source to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
- viii. The user agency will dispose off the unsystematic waste dumps and rearrange them in the specifically earmarked dumpyard in benches with boulder wall fencing to prevent washing away of waste dumps.
- ix. Reclamation of leased mined areas shall be done in the renewal period as per the Reclamation plan and in time bound manner in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of user agency. The progress of reclamation shall be assessed by the State Forest Deptt. and Regional Office, Bhubaneswar periodically.
- x. The enclosed environmental safeguards will be strictly adhered to by the lessee.
- xi. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
- xii. The mining lease shall be co-terminus with the lease under C. B. Act, subject to a maximum of 20 years.
- xiii. Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation and protection of flora and fauna of the area.

Yours faithfully,

(J.P. Mista)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
4. Regional Office (Hq), New Delhi.
5. The Chief General Manager, M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Kalinga Area, P.O Balandra, Dist. Angul, Pin-759116 (Orissa).
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