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O/o Nominated Authority / नामनिर्दिष्टप्राधिकारीकाकार्यालय  
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120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: June 24, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:**– Issuance of Minutes of Review Meeting held under chairmanship of Additional Secretary(MN) & Nominated Authority on 20-06-2022 at 11:00 AM to review the the development of Non-Operational coal blocks in state of Madhya Pradesh & Odisha.

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The undersigned is directed to convey that Additional Secretary(MN) & Nominated Authority held the captioned meeting on 20-06-2022 at 11:00 AM. Minutes of Meeting is enclosed herewith as **Annexure** for information and necessary action, if any, please.



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To:

1. The Secretary (Coal)/ Secretary (Power)/ Secretary (MoEF&CC)
2. The Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh
3. The Chief Secretary, Odisha
4. PPS to AS(MN)/Director(NA)/ Director(tech)/NA
5. Concerned staff of O/o Nominated Authority
6. Concerned coal block allottees

**Minutes of the Meeting chaired by Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority on 20.06.2022 at 11:00 AM to address the issue pertaining to operationalization of coal blocks in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.**

**The list of participants is at Annexure 1.**

At the outset, Nominated Authority welcomed all the participants. Mine wise detailed presentations were made, and progress & development of individual coal blocks were discussed.

A. **Madhya Pradesh**

Nominated Authority expressed his appreciation and thanked Government of Madhya Pradesh for active cooperation in early operationalization of the coal blocks during last two years.

**1. Bikram, M/s Birla Corporation Limited**

**Forest Clearance (FC) Stage II**

Allottee informed that FC Stage- I was granted on 21.04.2022. Two patches of CA land have been handed over to forest department and transfer of remaining 40 ha CA land is in process. Suitability certificate has been obtained and site inspection is likely to be done by IRO, MoEF&CC, Bhopal after 21st June, 2022. Afterwards, compliance of FC Stage I along with site inspection report will be forwarded to MoEF&CC for grant of FC-II.

**Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that the proposal is pending with office of SDM, Shahdol .NOC has been obtained and notice is required to be served to land owners by SDM and thereafter process for compensations will be started. State Government representative informed that due to scheduled Panchayat election on 13.07.2022 it is delayed and after lifting of moral code of conduct on 25.07.2022 the issue will be processed.

**2. Brahampuri, M/s Birla Corporation Limited**

**Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that the EC proposal was considered in EAC meeting on 25.04.2022 and EC has been recommended subject to submission of FC-I permission.

**Forest Clearance Stage I**

Allottee informed that the proposal was considered in FAC meeting on 13.06.2022. Minutes of the meeting has been issued and EDS has been raised. It was assured that the compliances

against the EDS will be submitted in a week. It is expected that the FC -I proposal will once again be considered in next FAC meeting.

### **3. Urtan North, M/s JMS Mining Private Limited**

#### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that ToR was granted on 11.10.2021. Draft EIA/EMP report has been submitted to State pollution control board in last week of May, 2022. Due to Panchayat elections, public hearing is yet to be scheduled.

#### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that the State government has forwarded the proposal to regional office of MoEF&CC at Bhopal for final appraisal on 06.05.2022. Representative of MoEF&CC informed that the proposal is under examination and will be processed at the earliest.

#### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that almost all the private land is tribal land. NoC has been obtained from DC office for 80% of private land. Permission for balance land is under progress.

It was also informed that it is an underground mine and only a small patch of forest area is involved. Drivage of Inclines of about 900-meter length may start by January, 2023 provided they receive all clearances for drift drivage.

### **4. Urtan , JMS Mining Private Limited**

#### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that ToR was granted on 11.10.2021, draft EIA/ EMP report has been completed and is under final review. They will submit the draft EIA/ EMP report to Madhya Pradesh Pollution control board by month end for scheduling public hearing.

#### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that registration of land is under progress, and they are working on arrangement of 21 ha land for infrastructure purpose.

Nominated Authority inquired about the scope of enhancement of production capacity of mine. Allottee informed that they are planning for coal washery of 2.0 MT capacity and then they will increase the PRC of both Urtan and Urtan North coal block to 1.0 MT each.

### **5. Sahapur West, M/s Sarda Energy & Minerals Limited**

#### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that ToR amendment was granted on 12.05.2022 and they will submit draft EIA/ EMP report to Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board for scheduling Public Hearing by end of this month.

#### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that DFO, Shahdol has done the site inspection and advised some field work. Compliance is under progress and it will be completed by today itself.

#### **Land acquisition**

It was informed that 25 acre land has been purchased for construction of infrastructure.

### **6. Sahapur East, M/s Chowgule & Company Private Limited**

#### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that the draft EIA/ EMP report has been submitted to State pollution control board and public hearing has been scheduled on 28.07.2022 and 04.08.2022.

#### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that State Government has forwarded the proposal of FC stage-I to regional office of MoEF&CC at Bhopal for final appraisal on 30.05.2022. Representative of MoEF&CC informed that the proposal is under examination and will be processed at the earliest.

#### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee submitted that they will start land acquisition once public hearing is over. 35 acres of land is required, and identification of land has already been done and the mine will be operationalized before the scheduled date.

### **7 & 8. Gotitoria East & West, M/s Boulder Stone Mart Pvt Ltd**

#### **Mining Lease**

Allottee informed that the decision for transfer of Mining Lease has been taken by state government and it is under process for final order at district level.

#### **Consent to Operate (CTO)**

Allottee informed that the compliance of Consent to Establish permission (CTE) is in progress and CTO application will be submitted to Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board in next 15 days.

Nominated Authority inquired that when they are going to start the mine. Allottee informed that 2 pits of the mine are completely filled with rainwater and it will take 2-3 months' time in completely draining out the water from the mine.

### **9. Dhirauli, M/s Stratatech Mineral Resources Private Limited**

#### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that minutes of public hearing has been issued. Final EIA/EMP report will be submitted to MoEF&CC in next month. Wildlife management plan (WLMP) will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The proposal may be considered in EAC in August, 2022.

#### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that the suitability certificate for about 417 ha CA land has been obtained. They have identified the remaining CA land and they will submit the suitability certificate for the complete CA land to DFO, Singrauli in next month.

#### **Land acquisition/Mining Lease**

Allottee highlighted that illegal structure are being raised regularly within the leasehold area of the mine by the local villagers for claiming higher compensation. He requested intervention of ministry in stopping this practice. Representative of State government stated that there are Act/Rules for such issues and it will be resolved accordingly.

#### **10. Bandha, M/s EMIL Mines & Mineral Resources Limited**

##### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that draft EIA/EMP report has been submitted to Madhya Pradesh State Pollution Control Board on 04.03.2022. Public hearing is expected to be arranged after Panchayat election which is scheduled on 13.07.2022.

##### **Forest Clearance Stage- I**

Allottee informed that out of total 785 ha CA land that is required, they have arranged 600 ha CA land in Sagar district and remaining 185 ha land will be arranged in this month.

##### **Land acquisition/ML**

Allottee highlighted the issue of illegal structure being raised within leasehold area after allotment of mine for claiming higher compensation. It was informed that there were 650 houses within leasehold area at time of allotment. Afterwards, drone survey has been done several times with the permission of Collector. In the last drone survey conducted in this month, the number of houses has increased to approximately 6200. Despite the orders issued to stop illegal construction by DM, the construction is still going on and it will create huge challenge in settlement of R&R issue and the project may become unviable.

Representative of State government stated that there are Act/Rules for dealing with such issue and it will be resolved accordingly.

#### **(B) Odisha**

##### **1. Utkal A, M/s MCL**

##### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that the Gram Sabha has been completed for 3 villages on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and it is pending for remaining 7 villages. Dates were given for remaining villages, but it was deferred as the allottee wants to create a positive environment before going for next round of Gram Sabha. In this connection, MoEF&CC advised that State government may process the proposal of FC-I even without completion of all compliances.

Allottee further stated that EDS was raised mainly for tree enumeration and CA land. 125 ha CA land has been identified and remaining CA land will be arranged in next 2-3 months. Tree

enumeration work will be done with help of MDO. Reply of EDS will be submitted to DFO by August 2022.

### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that MDO has been appointed on 17.06.2022 and MDO will prepare EIA/EMP report.

### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that R & R is a major challenge for land acquisition. Nominated Authority informed that guidelines have been issued by ministry for use of de-coaled area for R&R purpose and advised MCL to use readily available mined out land for R&R purpose.

## **2. Naini, M/s SCCL**

### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage II**

Allottee informed that demand note has been received on 17.06.2022 for payment of Rs. 24 crores at rate of 2% of project cost against WLMP. Allottee assured that the payment will be made on 21.06.2022. MoEF&CC representative stated that immediately after confirmation of payment for WLMP they will process the proposal for FC Stage II permission.

Nominated Authority inquired about the arrangement for lifting of coal and about expected month of starting coal production. Allottee informed that coal will be transported to Handapa siding which is at a distance of about 50 KM from the mine and from there it will be transported through rail mode to their thermal power house in Telengana. NA advised allottee to explore the option of swapping of coal or other arrangement with NTPC and other coal consumers to save cost and time.

Allottee further informed that price negotiation is going on with MDO and once it is resolved, coal production will start from October 2022.

NA proposed a meeting with state government and other stake holders to resolve the issue of MCRL. Special Secretary (Steel & Mines) ,GoO ,informed that several meetings have taken place at various level to resolve the issue of evacuation of coal of captive blocks from Talcher coal fields.

## **3. Utkal E ,M/s NALCO**

### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage II**

Allottee informed that EDS was raised by MoEF&CC for Soil & Moisture conservation plan (SMC) on 18.04.2022. DFO,Angul held a meeting with Allottee and CMPDIL for discussion on draft SMC plan on 10.06.2022.Final SMC plan was submitted to DFO, Angul on 17 June 2022. Demand note for payment of SMC plan is awaited.

Allottee further Informed that FC stage-I is pending for 13 Ha of forest land. DGPS survey has been completed and application for forest diversion for this area will be applied shortly.

### **Land Acquisition**

For acquisition of 13.56 ha government land, permission for nallah diversion is required which is under process.

It was informed that mine opening permission has been granted to Utkal-D coal block in May 2021, but coal production has not yet started. Allottee informed that MDO has been appointed but R & R issue is the major challenge as villagers are making demand for job and very high compensation amount.

On being inquired by Nominated authority, allottee informed that they will start coal production by September 2023. NA was not satisfied with this timeline and stated that why they have committed for 1 MT coal production in current year during review meeting in the beginning of financial year. Nominated Authority decided to send a DO letter to secretary (Mines), GoO for early start of coal production.

#### **4. New Patrapara, M/s SCCL**

Allottee informed that they have not yet applied for grant of EC and FC. They are in the process of taking decision for surrendering the mine due to huge cost involved in R & R issue.

#### **5. Mandakini, M/s KPCL**

##### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that Rs. 86.77 crore i.e., 50 % of total land mutation amount has been paid and balance 50% will be paid after mutation of the lease deed. Nominated Authority stated that ministry has already decided that M/s KPCL will make 100% payment and observed that allottee is unnecessarily delaying the lease deed mutation by making only part payment. M/s KPCL was again directed to make balance payment for early mutation of lease deed. Special Secretary (Steel & Mines), GoO stated that he will check the matter with IDCO and will get it resolved.

##### **Consent to Establish (CTE)**

Allottee informed that State Pollution Control Board has turned down the request for transfer of CTE and advised them to apply afresh.

NA was not satisfied with the performance of this coal block and advised allottee to resolve all pending issues at the earliest and start coal production at the earliest.

#### **6. Jamkhani, M/s Vedanta Limited**

##### **Mining Lease (ML)**

Allottee informed that mining lease has been executed on 18.06.2022 and only consent to operate (CTO) and mine opening permission (MOP) are pending. They have already applied for CTO and MOP and these permissions will be obtained within next two weeks.

Allottee further informed that this coal block will become operational in July and they will produce 2.6 MT coal in current financial year. They will also go for increasing annual production capacity from next year.

## **7. Radhikapur West (Vedanta Limited)**

### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that MoEF&CC has returned the proposal for transfer of EC stating that the EC transfer cannot be executed as per the existing rule in absence of any formal letter for grant of EC to prior allottee and advised to apply afresh for TOR. MoEF&CC representative stated that they have advised in all other cases where EC was previously recommended but not granted to apply afresh for TOR.

Allottee informed that baseline data has been collected and they will apply for grant of TOR by end of this month.

### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage II**

Allottee informed that FC stage-I was granted on 06.01.2022 and compliance of FC Stage I conditions including Soil & Moisture conservation study is under progress.

### **Land Acquisition**

Allottee informed that Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study is going on and land acquisition is under progress.

Allottee further informed that they have planned to operationalize the coal block in last quarter of this year, however, they are facing challenge in EC and land acquisition.

## **8. Kurloi A North, M/s Vedanta Limited**

Allottee informed that Mine plan was granted in April 2022. Base line data collection is going on and they will apply for grant of TOR in next month.

## **9. Radhikapur East, M/s EMIL Mines & Mineral Resources Limited**

### **Environmental Clearance**

Allottee informed that final EIA/ EMP report was submitted on 17.05.2022 and reply to the query was submitted on 14.06.2022 to MoEF&CC. It is expected that the proposal will be considered in next EAC meeting. Representative of MoEF&CC informed that the proposal is under examination.

### **Forest Clearance (FC) Stage I**

Allottee informed that the proposal was considered in FAC on 23.12.2021 and 9 queries were raised. Compliances of the queries are in progress. CA land has been identified and DGPS survey is under progress. The compliances will be submitted shortly for grant of FC Stage I permission.

Allottee also informed that the revised BG will be submitted by 30.06.2022.

**Meeting ended with thanks.**

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**List of Participants:-**

S. No	Name of Participant	Designation
<b>Ministry of Coal</b>		
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju	Additional Secretary and NA
2.	Shri. Ajitesh Kumar	Director (NA)
3.	Shri. Marapally Venkatasarlu	Director/Tech (NA)
4.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar	Chief Manager
5.	Shri. Manish Uniyal	Under Secretary
6.	Shri. Abhishek Kumar	ASO
7.	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule	PMU
8.	Shri. Rohit Sharma	PMU
9.	Smt Uma Chakravarty	YP
10.	Shri. Suhel Ahmed	YP
<b>MoEF&amp;CC</b>		
11.	Shri Munna Kumar Shah	Scientist-D, MoEF&CC
12.	Shri Charanjeet Singh	Scientist-D, MoEF&CC
<b>M.P. State</b>		
13.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Shrivastava	Additional Secretary (Mineral Resource)
14.	Shri J P Shrivastava	Joint Director
<b>Odisha State</b>		
15.	Shri S. K Swain	Special Secretary Steel & Mines
16.	Shri Lingaraj Otta	OSD Forest Department
17.	Shri Sunil Agarwal	PCCF
<b>Allottees</b>		
18.	Shri K Bhowmick	AVP Mining EMMRL

S. No	Name of Participant	Designation
19.	Shri B S Chaudhary	Additional VP (Mines), M/S Birla Corporation
20.	Shri Debashish Choudhury	VP (Corporate Affairs), M/S Birla Corporation
21.	Shri Raghu Sharma	General Manager, BSMPL
22.	Shri SS Shrivastava	VP (Coal Mines), M/S Sarda Energy & Mineral Ltd.
23.	Shri Priyaranjan Mukherjee	Unit Head, M/S Chowgule & Company
24.	Shri R V Ringe	GM, M/S MCL
25.	Shri K C Sarangi	AGM (Mining), M/S OMC Ltd
26.	Dr. Ashutosh Roul	GM (Mines), NALCO
27.	Shri Chandra Shekhar	Director (Operations), M/S SCCL
28.	Shri Suresh	GM, M/S SCCL
29.	Shri Himanshu Singh	Director Strategy, M/S Vedanta
30.	Shri Chandan Bhatia	M/S Vedanta
31.	Sri S Sharma	Resident Engineer
32.	Sri Nilay Ghosh	JMS Mining Pvt Ltd
33.	Representative of Stratatech Minerals Resources Pvt Ltd	

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