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120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated : 19th September, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject:— Minutes of Review Meeting chaired by Additional Secretary (MN) & Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal on 05.09.2022 at 11:00 AM to address the issues pertaining to operationalization of Coal Blocks allocated under CM (SP) Act, 2015 and located in the State of Jharkhand.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to subject mentioned above and to circulate herewith the minutes of captioned meeting for information and necessary action please.

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To:

1. PPS to AS(NA)
2. Secretary Mines and Geology, GoJ
3. Director(NA) & Director (Tech), NA
4. Concerned staff of O/o Nominated Authority
5. The Concerned block allocattees as per Meeting Notice dated 31.08.2022.

**Minutes of Review meeting chaired by Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11:00 AM to address the issues pertaining to operationalization of Coal Blocks located in the state of Jharkhand.**

*The list of participants is at Annexure-I.*

At the outset, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority welcomed all participants and appreciated the recent progress/development in the coal blocks of Jharkhand. A brief presentation was made, and progress & development of individual coal blocks were discussed.

**1. BADAM, M/s. NTPC Limited**

Allottee informed that the starting of mine is delayed mainly because of FC stage-II. The proposal of FC-II has been forwarded by Jharkhand Govt on 02.08.2022 PCCF, Jharkhand informed that the issue was delayed due to condition related to CA land. M/s NTPC had requested for use of provision of double degraded land in line with other central PSUs. State Govt has considered the request of NTPC, and it does not have any issue if the existing condition is revised by MoEF&CC. and accordingly forwarded the proposal to MoEF&CC.

The representative of MoEF&CC stated that the proposal has been received on last Friday (02.09.2022) and it is under process.

Regarding MDO, M/s NTPC informed that the tender has been floated and bid opened on 31.08.2022 Three bids have been received and they are under valuation.

Allottee informed that they have made 2/3<sup>rd</sup> payment for the Govt. land as per the demand note raised by Jharkhand Govt. and the remaining amount will be paid. Allottee requested assistance from State Govt. regarding finalization of land rate for private land by District Administration.

**2. BANHARDIH, M/s. PVUNL**

Allottee submitted that the EC proposal was discussed in EAC meeting held on 09.06.2022 and queries were raised. Allottee will submit the reply in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September to MoEF&CC. FC Stage-I clearance proposal was submitted to DFO. EDS was raised with three conditions related to identification of CA land, NOC under FRA & tree enumeration by DFO. CA land identification has been done. The main issues are NOC under FRA. Gram Sabha of 7 villages has been completed while it is pending in 2 villages due to disputes. Tree enumeration works are in progress.

PCCF (Jharkhand) informed that DFO has highlighted some discrepancies in degraded land and allottee should give undertaking/certification for payment of additional degraded for resolution of this issue.

**3. DUMRI, M/s. HIL**

Regarding FC stage-II, it was informed that the State Forest Department has directed allottee for arrangement of additional 40-acre CA land and for payment of Rs 10 crores for integrated WLMP. This issue was discussed several times in previous review meetings and allottee was directed to fulfil this direction of State Govt. Allottee stated that the payment for WLMP will be made after grant of FC-II and insisted for acceptance of CA land which was earlier agreed by State.



AS(MN) and NA stated that the direction has been given several times in review meetings for the compliance of the demand of State Govt and therefore no further discussion will be made on this issue and asked allottee to comply it immediately without any excuse.

#### **4. LOHARI, M/s. Araanya Mines Pvt. Ltd.**

Allottee informed that the Mining Lease (ML) was granted on 11.04.2022 and they have submitted the required documents for mining lease execution along with stamp paper of Rs. 85 lakhs. Allottee further informed that the security money issue has been resolved. AS(MN) & NA asked from GoJ the expected date of execution of mining lease.

Director (Mining & Geology), GoJ, informed that he has recently received 2 queries from DC regarding conditions of ML and it will be resolved shortly, and ML will be executed by end of September. PCCF, Jharkhand informed that the ML has been granted for non-forest area and they are proposing to work on non-forest area only in first phase, NPV is not required.

#### **5. MERAL, M/s. Trimula Industries Limited**

Allottee informed that they are waiting for approval of mining plan and for decision on their request for surrendering of 74.05 Ha non-coal bearing forest land from last one and half years. Coal Controller (CCO) informed that the allottee has applied for mine plan long back and it has not been granted, then the mine plan must have been rejected as only 15 days' time extension is being given for compliance of the observation of the scrutiny committee on mine plan. Allottee was advised to apply afresh for revised mine plan with an undertaking that they will develop the forest area in phase -II of working.

#### **6. MOITRA, M/s. JSW Steel Limited**

Allottee informed that the Mining lease was granted long back on 31.10.2019 but its execution got delayed due to stamp paper issue. Positive development has happened recently, and they have submitted the stamp paper. Deputy Director (Mines & Geology), GoJ confirmed that lease deed on stamp paper has been submitted on 29.08.2022 and it is under process and ML will be executed shortly.

#### **7. RAJBAR E&D, M/s. TVNL**

Allottee informed that the major problem is in arrangement of CA land. They have recently identified 200 acres of CA land and 590 acres of CA land was identified earlier. Within a couple of months, they will get the suitability report also.

Deputy Director (Mines & Geology), GoJ advised allottee to appoint MDO and expedite the project and asked to give time frame for availability of CA land. State representative also stated that they will give part mining lease if at least 1000 ha CA land is arranged out of total 1351 ha land and they will facilitate in arrangement of CA land from the land bank created for the purpose,

Allottee informed that the board of the company has given approval for MDO, and they will complete CA land details by end of December.

#### **8. SAHARPUR JAMARPANI, M/s. UPRVUNL**

Allottee informed that they had given consultancy services to NLCIL for preparation of tender document for MDO. Pre NIT consultation with the vendors had been done and they have corrected the final document. Further by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 they are going to float the tender. Allottee also



informed that they have covered all the clearances with MDO route. They are expecting to complete the exploration work in 18 months from the time MDO is appointed.

GoJ advised allottee to first plan drilling/exploration in non-forest area in phase-I of the working and assured that they will help in expediting the drilling & Exploration activity.

#### **9. KOTRE BASANTPUR & PACHMO, M/s. CCL**

Allottee informed that FC Stage-I proposal had been forwarded by PCCF (Jharkhand) on 03.6.2022. MoEF&CC raised EDS On 22.6.2022. Compliance has been submitted to state forest department. PCCF (Jharkhand) informed that they have received the compliance recently on 29.8.2022& within two days they will sent it to the state government.

MoEF&CC informed that they had requested certain information & Site Inspection Report from the regional office and upon compliance, it will be put up in next FAC meeting. AS(MN) &NA informed that it is a coking coal mine and the proposal has already been considered in two previous 2 FAC meetings and hoped that FC-I will be granted now.

Regarding EC, Allottee informed that the proposal was considered in EAC meetings on 01.04.2022 and 25.07.2022. MoEF&CC raised EDS asking assessment of revised mine plan by an internationally reputed agency other than CMPDIL and they are finding it difficult to go for such agency. MoEF&CC informed that 3 streams are running in the area and asked to do the cost benefit analysis. Site visit by committee is scheduled on 15-17 September.

#### **10. TOKISUD NORTH, M/s. NMDC Limited**

Regarding Mining lease, allottee informed that the DGPS survey has been completed on 07.08.2022, however, final report from CMPDI is still awaited. Allottee assured to submit the report as soon as possible and thereafter they will submit all the compliances to the State govt. Allottee also informed that with respect to freehold land, State government has raised the issue of non-compliance of CNT Act by the previous allottee. In this regard, State govt. has obtained the opinion of Advocate General who has suggested that there is no provision for post facto permission u/s 49 of CNT Act.

Deputy director (Mining&Geology), Jharkhand advised allottee to do the fresh land acquisition under the CNT Act and the earlier acquired land by prior allottee cannot be regularised. Allottee was also advised to submit the DGPS survey report at the earliest.

In respect of Forest Land transfer, allottee informed that they had submitted all the compliances. DFO, Hazaribagh (West) raised demand note for additional CA charges of 3.2 crores in June and they are in process of getting approval for this payment. Allottee assured that payment will be done by end of September. PCCF (Jharkhand) informed that the compliance related to 2-3 conditions is still incomplete and soil & moisture conservation plan report has not yet been submitted.

#### **11. ROHNE, M/s. NMDC Limited**

Allottee informed that application for transfer of vested private freehold land was submitted on 14.03.2022. Out of total 93 ha vested land, 23 acres land is disputed and even rest of the vested land has not been mutated. Director (Mines), GoJ stated that he will take the updated information from district and will get it resolved.



In respect of FC Stage-II, MoEF&CC has sought comment from State Govt. regarding CA land. PCCF, GoJ, informed that the State has given its recommendation regarding change in condition for CA to MoEF&CC on 20.05.2022. Director, MoEF&CC stated that he will sort it out based on recommendation of state government. Regarding proposal for prospecting, some information has been sought from user agency and the proposal for prospecting will be processed after the compliances are submitted.

#### **12. SUGIA CLOSED, M/s. JSMDC Limited**

Allottee informed that approved mine plan and EC was vested to them with allotment order. Regarding transfer of EC and for fresh FC they have appointed agency (M/s. Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd.) on 07<sup>th</sup> June 2022. By end of September, application for transfer of EC will be submitted to MoEF&CC.

#### **13. BRAHMADIHA, M/s. APMDC Limited**

Allottee informed that TOR has been issued today. Base line study has already been done. Draft EIA/EMP report would be submitted to SPCB by this week, and they are expecting that Public Hearing would be completed the end of October. Allottee further informed that in line with decision taken in meeting dated 25.08.2022, CMPDI had issued revised bounding coordinates. Application for mining lease along with revised bounding coordinates would be submitted to State Government soon.

Coal Controller (CCO) informed that earlier submitted Mine Plan has been rejected and advised allottee to apply afresh.

#### **14. CHAKLA, M/s. HIL**

Allottee informed that the mine plan has been approved. TOR has been issued. Draft EIA/EMP is ready and they will submit the draft EIA/EMP to SPCB by end of September 2022. Further, in case of FC, inspection of forest area has been done by DFO, Latehar and verification of draft report of WLMP is in progress. Application for diversion of 6.8 ha forest land including CA land details for construction of rail and road pathways for coal transportation submitted on 22.07.2022. DGPS survey, KLM file and tree enumeration is under progress for this patch of 6.8 ha land.

#### **15. URMA PAHARITOLA, M/s. ARIPL**

Allottee informed that PL application had been submitted to District Commissioner (DC) office of both "Pakur" and "Dumka" districts on 31.01.2021 & 30.12.2021 respectively and DC, Dumka & Pakur forwarded the application to the Director, Mines DMG, GoJ and the matter is still pending with State Government. CMPDIL has given exploration plan in March 2022. State Government informed that the matter was pending due to absence of NOC from DFO stating that borehole plan is not on forest area.

PCCF, GoJ asked allottee to share all the communication made with DFO office in this regard and assured that he will expedite it in consultation with DFO.

#### **16. RAJHARA NORTH (CENTRAL & EASTERN), M/s. Fairmine Carbons Pvt. Ltd.**

Allottee informed that they have sufficient land for starting the mine, however, the ML application is pending due to non-surrender of ML by CCL. AS(MN) & NA informed that CCL land transfer require approval of ministry and it may take some time and therefore advised allottee to proceed

on non-CIL land. GoJ asked that why allottee is insisting for transfer of old ML as we are not asking for it and instead advised allottee to apply afresh for new ML.

Allottee also mentioned that the DFO has not yet given certificate regarding distance of the mine from any wildlife sanctuary/National Park etc. PCCF, Jharkhand advised allottee to share the correspondences made with the DFO and he will get it resolved.

**17. GONDULPARA, M/s. Adani Enterprises Ltd.**

Allottee informed that the mine plan was vested, however, they have applied for a revised mine plan due to change in area. Internal committee asked to get NOC from State Govt. for grant of lease beyond vested geological boundary and certificate from CMDIL regarding absence of any coal in the additional area. Due to local law & order problems, CMPDI was not able to conduct drilling & exploration in the additional area.

CCO informed that the compliances to the observation of committee was not fulfilled within the stipulated time and therefore proposal for revised mine plan has been rejected and advised allottee to apply afresh.

**19. JOGESHWAR & KHAS JOGESHWAR, M/s. Southwest Pinnacle Exploration Limited**

Allottee informed that application of PL submitted to DMO, Ramgarh & Bokaro districts. The application has been forwarded from DMO, Ramgarh to Director (Mines), Ranchi on 12.07.2022 while it is still with DMO, Bokaro. Allottee further informed that DMO, Bokaro has sought certain information from DFO but the same has not been provided to him. PCCF asked allottee to share with him the correspondences made with DFO, and he will get it resolved.

Director (Mines) informed that he is waiting for recommendation of DMO, Bokaro and he will expedite the PL grant issue once he is having recommendation of both the districts. Deputy Director(M&G), GoJ advised allottee to provide the scheme of exploration vetted by CMPDIL. He also requested ministry for completion of DGPS survey of all coal mines by CMPDIL immediately after allotment as it will help in solving the boundary coordinates issue.

AS(MN) & NA directed to send a letter from his side to CMPDIL for DGPS survey of all such coal blocks.

**20. RAUTA CLOSED, M/s. Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd.**

State government informed that they have received the proposal for PL application from DMO (Ramgarh) and this is under examination.

At last, AS(MN) and NA once again appreciated the progress that has taken place in Jharkhand mines during last few months and hoped that the positive trend will continue.



**Annexure 1- List of participants: -**

Sl. No.	Name
<b>Ministry of Coal</b>	
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority
2.	Ms. Santosh, Coal Controller (CCO)
3.	Shri. Marapalli Venkateshwarlu, Director (Tech)-(NA)
4.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager (Mining)
5.	Shri Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary (NA/SDC)
6.	Shri. Harishchand, Manager
7.	Shri Ramawtar Kumar Yadav, Management Analyst
<b>SBI capital market (PMU)</b>	
8.	Shri Subham Goel, VP
9.	Shri Bharath, Consultant
10.	Shri Anuj Choudhary, Consultant
11.	Dr. Vijay Kr. Singh, Land Consultant
<b>Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change</b>	
12.	Shri Lalit Bokolia, Director
13.	Shri Charan Jeet Singh, Scientist 'D'
<b>Government of Jharkhand</b>	
14.	Shri Sanjay Srivastava, PCCF, Jharkhand
15.	Shri Amit Kumar, Director (Mines), Department of Mines & Geology
16.	Shri Arun Kumar, Dy. Director (Mines), Department of Mines & Geology
<b>Coal block Allocattes</b>	
17.	Shri Partha Mazumdar, ED (Coal Mining), NTPC
18.	Shri Vivek Mishra, HIL
19.	Shri Swaminathan, Sr. Manager (Geology), NMDC Ltd.
20.	Shri DLR Prasad, Advisor, APMDC
21.	Shri A.K. Rai, Sr. GM, ARIPL
22.	Shri M. Gopal Reddy, GM, ARIPL
23.	Shri Afroj, VP, Adani Enterprises Limited
24.	Shri Vivek Shukla, AGM, Adani Enterprises Limited
25.	Shri Prem Prakash, CEO, PVUNL
26.	Shri Jibanendu Mohapatra, DGM (Mining), PVUNL
27.	Shri S.K. Singh, Sr. VP, JSW Steel Limited
28.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, GM, Araanya Mines Pvt. Ltd.
29.	Shri A.K. Tewari, Sr. Adv (Tech), UPRVUNL
30.	Shri Mahendra Kumar, CE (NCB), UPRVUNL
31.	Shri Sudhanshu Bansal, MD, Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd.
32.	Shri Mrigank S., VP (BD), Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd.
33.	Shri Bhim Ray, GM (Oper.), Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd.
34.	Shri Rajeev Singh, Director, Fairmine Carbons Pvt. Ltd.
35.	Shri Debjit Banerjee, In-charge Coal (HQ), JSMDCL
36.	Shri Rajiv ,Chief Manager (M), CCL

37.	Shri A.K. Sharma, MD, TVNL
38.	Shri R. Ranjan, ESE, TVNL
39.	Shri Vikas Jain, MD, South West Pinnacle Exploration Ltd.
40.	Shri Dinesh Agarwal, CPO, South West Pinnacle Exploration Ltd.

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