

No.J-11015/1001/2007-IA-II (M)pt.  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Jorbagh Road, N Delhi-3  
Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

To,

The General Manager (Environment),  
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**Nagpur** - 1 (Maharashtra)

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**Sub: Expansion of Gokul OCP from 1.0 MTPA to 1.875 MTPA in an area of 756.92 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in District Nagpur (Maharashtra) - Amendment in EC - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No WCL/HQ/Env/9-G & 20-C/711-713 dated 28.08.2017 along with online proposal No.IA/MH/CMIN/7059/2010 and subsequent letters dated 21.10.2017 and 27.10.2017 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for amendment in environmental clearance granted vide letter No.J-11015/1001/2007-IA.II(M) dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for the project 'Expansion of Gokul Opencast Coal Mine' from 1.0 MTPA to 1.875 MTPA in an area of 756.92 ha in District Nagpur (Maharashtra).

3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Projects in its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The EAC, has recommended for amendment in the environmental clearance dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 for the above project, in respect of certain specific and general conditions stipulated therein, to be deleted/replaced with and now read as under:-

**Specific Condition**

(ix) *Of the total quarry area of 231.73 ha (on floor) & 291.21 ha (on surface), the backfilled quarry area of 115.39 ha shall be reclaimed with plantation in conformity with the post mining land-use plan, which remains an integral part of the approved mining plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry*

**General Conditions**

**(a) Mining**

(iv) *A progressive Mine Closure Plan duly approved by the Ministry of Coal / Company Board as applicable should strictly be complied with.*



**(b) Land Reclamation**

*(iii) Final Mine void depth of 100 m shall be in conformity with the post mining land-use plan, which remains an integral part of the approved mining plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry.*

**(c) Emission, Effluents & Waste Disposal**

*(x) ..... To check run off and siltation, retaining wall of adequate dimension to be constructed at the toe of OB dumps and OB benches, as applicable, based on rainfall data.*

**(e) Occupational Health & Safety**

*(iv) Provision shall be made for housing of construction labor within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical care, health care, creche etc as applicable to the project. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after completion of the project, as applicable.*

**(f) Biodiversity**

*(i) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operations for conservation and protection of endangered fauna, if any, spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. A copy of the Action plan as applicable shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office.*

**(g) Implementation of Action Plan as per public hearing & CSR activities**

*(iv) The project proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements, wherever required, in consultation with the State government to provide alternate areas for livestock grazing, if any. In this context, the project proponent shall implement the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court for acquiring grazing land. The sparse trees on such grazing ground, which provide mid day shelter from the scorching sun, should be scrupulously guarded against felling and plantation of such trees should be promoted, as applicable.*

**(j) Monitoring of Ambient Air & Water quality and Reporting**

*(i) Monitoring of Ambient Air Quality to be carried out based on the Coal Industry Standards notified vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25.9.2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board,.....*

4. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed amendments in the environmental clearance dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 for the project 'Expansion of Gokul Open Cast coal mine' from 1.0 MTPA to 1.875 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in an area of 756.92 ha located in District Nagpur (Maharashtra), in respect of specific and general conditions, as mentioned in the para 3 above.



5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the said Environmental Clearance dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 shall remain unchanged.

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10/11/2018  
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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Admn. Bldg, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 32
3. The APCCF, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (Western Central Zone), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 1 (Maharashtra)
4. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, Sion, Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 2
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
7. The District Collector, **Nagpur**, Government of Maharashtra
8. Monitoring File 9. Guard File 10. Record File 11. Notice Board

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