

A report on the status of compliances of various conditions stipulated in Environment Clearance granted by MOEF & CC vide letter no- J-11015/332/2008-IA. II (M) dated 22-10-2010

regarding

Expansion of Saoner UG Project from 0.96 MTPA to 2 MTPA in ML area of 2871.39 ha) located in village-Borgaon, Tehsil-Saoner, District Nagpur in Maharashtra State

for

the period from 01/04/2022 to 30/09/2022 submitted in fulfilment of the compliance of EC Condition

Submitted by:

Office of the Sub Area Manager,
Bhanegaon Singhori Sub Area,
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M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Nagpur

A report on the status of compliances of various conditions stipulated in Environment Clearance granted by MOEF & CC vide letter no- J-11015/67/2006-IA. II(M) Pt. dated 22.08.2019 for Expansion of Singhori OC Mine from 0.80 to 1.12 MTPA in mine lease area of 425.04 Ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in Nagpur Area, Village-Singhori, The-Parseoni of Nagpur District in Maharashtra State.

A monitoring report on the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in Environmental clearance is given as under:

S. N	Condition as per EC dated 22.08.19	Compliance Status as on 30.09.22
4.	Specific Compliance	Compliance Status
i)	The project Proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish from the State Pollution Control Board for the proposed Peak capacity of 1.12 MTPA prior to commencement of the increased production.	Complied. Direct Consent to Operate granted vide consent order no.CR-2112001542 dated 27.12.2021 and valid upto 31.03.2023 for 1.12 MTPAfrom MPCB considering the Consent to Establish application in the CAC meeting dated 12.03.2020. (Annexure-1)
ii)	Transportation of coal from face to Coal heap to Coal Handling Plant shall be carried out through covered trucks.	Complied Transportation of coal from face to Coal heap is carried out by trucks and coal transportation is done through tarpaulin covered trucks. (Annexure-2)
iii)	To control the production of dust at source, the crusher and in-pit belt conveyor shall be provided with mist type sprinklers.	Complied. The mine has started its operation in F.Y 2017-18 and CHP has not constructed yet. Mobile crusher has been provided with dust control arrangement for crushing of coal. Adequate dust suppression arrangement will be commission in the proposed CHP. The details air pollution control measures are as follow 1. 18 nos. of rain guns installed at coal stock 2. 1 no. of mist canon deployed at mobile crusher. 3. Such as fixed sprinklers and mist canon system. 4. Three nos. (3) of the mobile water tanker having a capacity of 28 kl, 12 kl and 06 kl are deployed for water spraying are in operation. 5. 86,500 nos. of saplings planted within the ML area covering an area of 36.6 ha. Proposed Pollution Control measures:

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		02 nos. of mist canon system. Transportation of coal through closed pipe conveyor belt system from mine pit to 2 nos. of Thermal Power Stations named Khapadkheda Koradi of MAHGENCO. (Annexure-3)
iv)	Mitigating measures shall be	Complied.
	undertaken to control dust another fugitive emission all along the road by providing sufficient water sprinklers. Adequate corrective measures shall be undertaken to control dust emission, which would include mechanized sweeping, water sprinkling/mist spraying on haul roads and loading sites, long range misting/fogging arrangement, wind barrier wall and vertical greenery system, green belt, dust suppression arrangement at railway siding, etc.	Adequate mitigation measures have been put in place at various dust generating sources to control dust and other fugitive emissions. Existing measures will be appropriately augmented/strengthened. The details air pollution control measures are as follow 1. 18 nos. of rain guns installed at coal stock 2. 1 no. of mist canon deployed at Mobile crusher. Such as fixed sprinklers and mist canon system. 3. Three nos. (3) of the mobile water tanker having a capacity of 28 kl, 12 kl and 06 kl are deployed for water spraying are in operation. 4. 86,500 nos. of saplings planted within the ML area covering an area of 36.6 ha. Proposed Pollution Control measures: 02 nos. of mist canon system. Transportation of coal through closed pipe conveyor belt system from mine pit to 2 nos. of Thermal Power Stations named
		Khapadkheda Koradi of MAHGENCO. (Annexure-3).
v)	The company shall obtain approval of CGWA for use of groundwater for mining operations at its enhanced	Complied. No Objection Certificate (NOC) for ground
	capacity of 1.12 MTPA.	water abstraction has been obtained from Central Ground Water Authority, (CGWA), New Delhi vide NOC no CGWA/NOC/MIN/ORIG/2019/6526 dated 25.10.2019 and valid up to 24.10.2021. The same has been applied for first renewal through online portal of CGWA, which is under consideration at link - https://www.cgwa-noc.gov.in/ExternalUser/ApplicantHome.aspx

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vi) Continuous monitoring of occupational safety and other health hazards and the corrective actions need to be ensured.

(Annexure-4)

Complied.

As, regular and periodical medical examination is carried out with the purpose of detecting occupation diseases and hearing, impairment in the 2 nos. of 50 bedded each hospital with qualified doctors catering to the medical need of the employees and local populace, which are well equipped with necessary infrastructure viz.

- Qualified Doctors
- Qualified lab technician
- Spirometerinstrument,
- Audiometry facilities
- ECG machine
- facilities for X-Ray
- Laboratory facilities for bio-chemical tests
- and qualified medical personnel are available.

The prevention measures / medicine for burned, malaria and provision of anti-snake venom are ensured.

Initial Medical Examination (IME) is carried out during joining period of the workers. Periodical Medical Examination (PME) is done once in five years for below 45 years age workers and once in year for 55 years age workers and reports of medical examination carried out at Area Hospitals are submitted to DGMS on regular basis and are well maintained. PME is done with the purpose of detecting and keeping records of diseases with specific importance of coal works new such as pneumoconiosis. This is covered under statute.

During PME the candidates are subjected to complete clinical examination (including acuity of vision and hearing) radiological examination of chest and routine examination of blood and urine.

The details of the IME/PME of last 4 years are as below:

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		Year	PME	PME	IME
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		2019	59	0	87
		2020	62	0	107
		2021	0	0	4
		2022	26	19	61
		Total	147	19	259
		(Annex	cure-5)		
vii)	Persons of nearby villages shall be	Complie	ed.		
	given training on livelihood and skill				
	development to make them	Skilled	developme		•
	employable.		ed for persoi		-
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		(Annexเ	ure-6)		
viii)	To ensure health and welfare of	Complie	ed.		
	nearby villages, regular medical				
	camps shall be organized at least	Regular	medical car	nps are co	onducted at
	once in six months.	Walni aı	nd J N Hos	pital of Wo	CL, Nagpur
			all nearby v	•	
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F.Y.	Total no. of camp	Total no of benefi ciaries	Health camps
18-19	12	1886	diagnostic
19-20	02	207	camps, health
20-21	06	509	awareness
21-22	07	486	camp/ specific health camps (HIV/AIDS, eye diabetes cancer etc.), mobile health camps

Year wise detail with photos is attached (Annexure-7)

Thick green belt of adequate width at Complied. ix) the final boundary in the down wind direction of the project site shall be developed to mitigate/check the dust pollution.

Year	No. of	Location	Specie
	saplings		s
	planted		planted
18-19	25000	Plain land	Mix of
		near	medicin
		Singhori	al,
		&Dorli	fruiting,
		village	orname
19-20	15000	Plain land	ntal tick
20-21	1500	Plain land	
		near mine	
		boundary	
21-22	45000	Plain land	
		and	
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		transporta	
		tion road	

Till date 86,500 nos. of saplings planted within the ML area covering an area of 36.6 ha (approx.). Plantation program is carried out through State expert agencies with 4 years maintenance after year of plantation. Further plantation will be carried out as per the EC conditions and the EIA/EMP progressively by planting native species in consultation with the forest state department.

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		(Annexure-8)
x)	Effort shall be made for utilizing alternate sources of surface water, abandoned mines or else whatsoever and thus minimizing the dependability on a single source.	At present project water requirement is fulfilled by the mine discharge water only. Additionally, all the lighting in the office has been replaced by LED andInstalled a Solar power plant of 70 KW capacities at Sub Area Manager Office, Bhanegaon Singhori Sub Area to reduce the dependability on a single source. 80 KW roof top solar power plant installed at AGM Office, Nagpur Area. 70 KW roof top solar power plant installed at J N Hospital, Kamptee. (Photo: Annexure-58)
xi)	A third-party assessment of EC compliance shall be undertaken once in three years through agency like ICFRI/NEER/IIT or any other expert agency identified by the Ministry.	PP has consented to condition to comply with due course of time. Since, EC for this mine has been accorded in Aug 2019 and accordingly mine is eligible forthird party environment audit after Sept.2022, which will be ensured very shortly through agency like ICFRI / NEERI / IIT or any other agency identified by the Ministry.
4.1 (a)	Statutory Compliance	Compliance Status
(i)	The project proponent shall obtain forest clearance under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1986, in case of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose involved in the project.	Complied. Project Proponent has obtained Forest Clearance (FC) from MoEF&CC, Nagpur vide letter no F.No-MHC 026/2014-BHO/2887 dated 20.11.2017 (stage-I) and F.No 6-MHC 026/2014-BHO/3996 dated 31.07.2018 (stage-II) in favor of M/s. Western Coalfields Limited for diversion of 14.23 ha of Zupdi Jungle under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980. (Annexure-57).
(ii)	The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.	Not applicable for this project. There is no National Parks, Wild life

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	Sanctuaries and Eco sensitive zones found
	in 10 KM boundary of the project.
(iii) The project proponent shall prepare a	Not applicable for this project.
Site-Specific Conservation Plan /	
Wildlife Management Plan and	There is no National Parks, Wild life
approved by the Chief Wildlife	Sanctuaries and Eco sensitive zones found
Warden. The recommendations of the	in 10 KM boundary of the project.
approved Site-Specific Conservation	
Plan /Wildlife Management Plan shall	
be implemented in consultation with	
the State Forest Department. The	
implementation report shall be	
furnished along with the six-monthly	
compliance report (in case of the	
presence of schedule-I species in the	
study area).	
(iv) The project proponent shall obtain	Complied.
Consent to Establish/Operate under	The consent to Operate has been obtained
the provisions of Air (Prevention	for 1.12 MTPA which is valid up to
&Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and	31.03.2023.
the Water (Prevention & Control of	(Annex-9)
Pollution) Act, 1974, from the	
concerned State pollution Control	
Board /Committee.	
(v) The project proponent shall obtain the	Complied.
necessary permission from the	
Central Ground Water Authority.	No Objection Certificate (NOC) for ground
	water abstraction has been obtained from
	Central Ground Water Authority, (CGWA),
	New Delhi vide NOC no
	CGWA/NOC/MIN/ORIG/2019/6526 dated
	25.10.2019 and valid up to 24.10.2021.
	The same has been applied for renewal
	through online portal of CGWA and is
	under consideration (Annex-10).
(vi) Solid /hazardous waste generated in	` ,
the mines needs to addressed in	Not applicable.
accordance to the Solid Waste	Not applicable.
	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said
Management Rules, 2016 / Hazardous	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of
& Other Waste Management Rules,	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016.	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of Equipment).
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016.	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016.	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of Equipment).
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016. (b) Air quality monitor	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of Equipment). Ting and preservation
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016. (b) Air quality monitor (i) Continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations as prescribed in the status be established in the core	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of Equipment). ing and preservation
& Other Waste Management Rules, 2016. (b) Air quality monitor (i) Continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations as prescribed in	Not applicable. There is no residential colony for the said project as it is a HoE project (Hiring of Equipment). ing and preservation Complied.

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 $PM_{2.5}$, SO_2 , NO_2 , NO_X . Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and sensitive ecologically targets consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Online ambient air quality monitoring stations may also be installed in addition to the regular monitoring stations as per requirement and/or in consultation with the SPCB. Monitoring of heavy metals such as Hq, As,Ni, Cd, Cr, etc. to be carried out at least once in six months.

CAAQMS is proposed to be installed on or before March 2023.

(Annexure-11).

Four ambient air quality monitoring station covering core as well as buffer zone are established as follows

- NSOA-1-ContractorCamp-Singhori OC
- NSOA-2- Sohali Village
- NSOA-3 Hingana Village
- NSOA-4-Dorli Village

The stations have been fixed considering the meteorological data, topographical features etc. The monitoring is carried out with due prior intimation to MPCB.

Monitoring data is being submitted to MOEF &CC & MPCB regularly.

The monitoring results for period of 01.04.2021 to 31.07.2022 attached as(Annexure-12).

Visited the Online CAAQMS Room and checked the censors, data login systems etc. the system was maintained satisfactorily.

Moreover, monitoring of heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr, etc. are being carried out every six months. Latest report of heavy metal monitoring is also enclosed as (Annexure-13).

(ii) The Ambient Air Quality monitoring in the core zone shall be carried out to ensure the Coal Industry Standards notified vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25th September 2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality and heavy metals such as HQ. As, Ni, Cd, Cr, and other monitoring data shall be regularly reported to the Ministry / Regional Office and to the CPCB/SPCB.

Complied.

Ambient air quality monitoring of PM_{10} , $PM_{2.5}$, SO_2 and NO parameters are being carried out on fortnightly basis as per GSR 742(E) 2000 and monitoring of heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr, etc. are being carried out every six months and the reports are being submitted to RO, MoEF & CC and SPCB regularly.

(Annexure-12 and annexure-13).

Complied.

At present, the coal is transported to the

permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks/conveyors.

Transportation of coal, to the extent

(iii)

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Effective control measures such as regular water/mist sprinkling/rain gun etc. shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution (with higher values of PM₁₀/PM_{2.5}) such as haul road, loading/unloading and transfer points. **Fugitive** dust emissions from all sources shall be controlled regularly. It shall ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central /State **Pollution Control Board.**

nearest Thermal Power Plants named TPS Koradi and TPS Khapadkheda via black topped road (BT) and all the coal carrying trucks are properly covered by tarpaulin to reduce fugitive dust emission.

(Photo attached as annexure-14)

Further to eliminate the air pollution due to coal transportation by road, installation of pipe conveyor has been proposed for transportation of coal from mine to thermal power plants.

The installation and commissioning of the closed pipe conveyor belt system by MAHAGENCO is in final stage expecting to be completed on or before Sept. 2023 then after the major portion of coal will be transported by conveyor system transportation of the coal from coal mine pit (Singhori OCM) to the Thermal Power Plants named TPS Khaperkheda and TPS Koradi of the MAHAGENCO. The system is installed by MAHAGENCO by capitalizing about amount of Rs.491 Cr. intended for transportation of coal from 4 nos. of mine pits of opencast coal mines command range of Nagpur Area namely Amalgamated Inder Kamptee Deep OCM, Gondegaon OCM, Bhanegaon OCM and Singhori OCM with a total conveyor length of about 17 km. Project Proponent confirmed that the system is expected to be commissioned on or before Sept.2023 (delayed due to covid-19) leading to shifting of the majority of the existing coal transportation from trucks (by road) to through closed pipe conveyor belt system which will contribute in the reduction of the fugitive dust generation during mineral transportation, saving of the fossil fuel used during the coal transportation directly effecting the environment and national economy. Indirectly, it will also reduce the stress on fossil fuel (diesel), reduction in disease caused due to the fugitive emission, road accidents/ traffic and carbon

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emission.

((photo attached as annexure-15.A)

The following air pollution control measures are in place to mitigate air pollution due to mining activities; coal transportation and allied activities are placed below:

18 nos. of Fixed Water Sprinklers have been installed and are in operation near to coal stock yard to the weigh bridge to suppress the fugitive dust.

One no of mist canon trolley mounted system type for dust suppression has deployed on mobile crusher.

Three nos. (3) of the mobile water tanker having a capacity of 28 kl, 12 kl and 06 kl are deployed for the water spraying regarding effective dust suppression oncoal transportation roads, haul road &near coal stock yard.

All Coal Carrying trucks are being properly covered by Tarpaulin to minimize the fugitive dust emission (arise due to coal spillage) and trucks are being monitored through via CCTVs cameras & GPS system for the compliance.

To minimize the dust generation during coal transportation the roads has been black topped.

Road Sweeping is done by manual mean on as and when required basis.

The mine is operated under HoE (Hire of Equipment. All the operating vehicles are having valid PUC certificates. HEMMs are serviced, washed and other maintenance works are carried out at authorized service centers outside project area. That limits the use of ETP at the Project Site.

To reduce electricity consumption LED lights have been installed in all offices &Chankapur Colony.

To reduce air pollution in colony area, (12 km away from project), all workers have facilitated with LPG cylinders by management. No Coal is issued to workers for domestic purpose.

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Four number of AAQ monitoring stations have established for been regular monitoring (TPM, PM 10, PM 2.5, SO₂, NO_X) of the ambient air quality and water also. The monitoring is done by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Regional Institute no-IV, Nagpur-A NABL Accredited Lab on fortnight basis. And reports are regularly being submitted to MOEF&CC, New Delhi & Regional Office also Till date 86,500 nos. of saplings planted within the ML area covering an area of 36.6 ha (approx.). Plantation program is carried out through State expert agencies with 4 years maintenance after year of plantation. The transportation of coal shall be Complied. (iv) carried out as per the provisions and route envisaged in the approved At present, coal is transported as per the provisions and route envisaged in the Minina Plan environment monitoring plan. Transportation of the approved Mining Plan or Environment coal through the existing Management Plan. passing through any village shall be avoided. In case, it is proposed to Presently, coal transportation is done construct a 'bypass' road, it should be through newly constructed so constructed so that the impact of transportation road (3.8 km) as per the sound, dust and accidents could be route plan proposed in the approved Mining appropriately mitigated. plan by eliminating the use of the existing road passing through Dorli village. For more details, please refer 4.b (iii) Additionally, the newly constructed coal transported road is covered with avenue plantation on both sides with native species to appropriately reduce the impact of sound, dust, and accidents from the local villages. (Annex-15.B). (v) Vehicular emissions shall be kept Complied. under control and regularly As per the present practice, the PUC (Pollution Under Control) Certificate from monitored; All the vehicles engaged in mining and allied activities shall the authorized pollution testing center is operate only after obtaining the mandatory for all vehicles in the mine premises area and the same will be authorized pollution testing centers. continued in future also (Annexure-16). (vi) Coal stock pile /crusher feeder and Complied. breaker material transfer points shall At present, mist and water spraying system

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invariably be provided with suppression system. Belt-conveyors shall be fully covered to avoid air borne dust. Side cladding all along the conveyor gantry should be made to avoid air borne dust. Drills shall be wet operated or fitted with dust extractors.

is installed at belt conveyor system and exchange points by deployment of 01 no. of mist canon system having 100 m throw for the dust suppression in the mobile crusher system and Drills are wet operated and are fitted with dust collectors during drilling.

(Annexure-17)

(vii) Coal handling plant shall be operated with effective control measures w.r.t. various environmental parameters. **Environmentally friendly implemented** for mitigating such parameters.

Complied.

CHP hasn't been constructed Adequate dust suppression arrangement will be put into operation once it comes up. At present, mist and water spraying system are provided at belt conveyor system and exchange points by deployment of 01 no. of mist canon system having 100 m throw for the dust suppression near to the mobile crusher system.

(Annexure-18)

Regarding Fugitive dust monitoring, it is submitted that as per CMR 123 of 1957, 8 hour weighted work zone standard for fugitive emission is 3000 µg/m3. Fugitive dust monitoring is carried out at. Singhori OCM-Coal Stock-NSOF-1 Singhori OCM-Weighbridge-NSOF-2

Fugitive dust concentration report for the period July 2022 is given below:

Monitoring stations	Concentration (24 hourly µg/m3)	values in
	SPM	STD
CHP	329	3000 (as
Weighbrid ge	304	per CMR, 1957)

(Reports: Annexure-12).

(C)	Water quality monitoring and preservation		
(i)	The effluent discharge (mine	Complied.	
	wastewater, workshop effluent) shall		
	be monitored in terms of the The quality of mine pu		
	parameters notified under the Water	being monitored fortnig	

Act, 1974 Coal Industry Standards

Complied.

The quality of mine pumped out water is being monitored fortnightly by CMPDIL, RI-IV, Nagpur and the reports are submitted to

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vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25thSeptember 2000 and as amended from time by the Central Pollution Control Board.

RO, MoEF & CC and SPCB regularly. In Singhori OC, a sump has been provided with adequate capacity of 63 million gallons with retention period of 12hrs to allow proper settling of silt material before pumping it onto surface sedimentation tanks of 60 m (L) * 30 m (B) * 1.2 m (D), for further treatment. The treated mine pumped out water is being utilized within the mine premises for maintenance of greenbelt & dust suppression etc. and the surplus water is discharged into nallah/Kanhan river.

Water Quality Monitoring Station. 1.NSOW-1Mine Water discharge.

A copy of the last one-year monitoring report of mine discharge is attached.

(Annexure-12)

Additionally, a copy of the mine water analysis report (third party) from a MoEF&CC certified agency is attached as **Annexure-19.**

(ii) The monitoring data shall uploaded on the company's website and displayed at the project site at a suitable location. The circular No.J-20012/1/2006-IA.11 (M) dated 27th May, 2009 issued by **Ministry Environment, Forest and Climate** Change shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.

Complied.

Environmental monitoring reports are being uploaded onto company's website regularly at link - http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticPag e/153

(Annexure-20)

Regular monitoring of ground water (iii) level and quality shall be carried out in and around the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operations. The monitoring of ground water levels shall be carried out four times a year i.e. pre-monsoon, postmonsoon and winter. The ground water quality shall be monitored once a year, and the data thus collected shall be sent regularly MOEFCC/RO.

Complied.

Monitoring of ground water level in core and buffer zone is carried out four times in a year and water quality analysis is done once in a year by establishing a network of the existing wells. Additionally, two nos. of the piezometers are fitted with Digital Water Level recorder with and without telemetry system (deep and shallow) are in operation to monitor the impact of mining on ground water level in core zone. Moreover, quality of ground water is being monitored by NABL accredited lab on fortnightly basis. A copy of the report is attached and is regularly submitted to RO, MoEF&CC and MPCB Office.

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(IV) Monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies shall be carried out once in six months and record of monitoring data shall be maintained and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change / Regional Office.

(Annexure-21)

Complied.

Kanhan River passes about 250 m away from the project through western direction of the mine. Monitoring of water quality in the upstream and downstream of Kanhan River is being done.

Analysis reports are being submitted to IRO, MoEF&CC and SPCB on regular basis.

Latest Monitoring reports are enclosed (Annexure-22).

(v) Ground water, excluding mine water, shall not be used for mining operations. Rainwater harvesting shall be implemented for conservation and augmentation of ground water resources.

Complied.

PP informed that no ground water, other than pumped water from mine is being used for meeting the industrial demand viz. dust suppression, plantation etc. No ground water is used for extraction of coal or evacuation of OB/Soil is being used for mining operation.

Water conservation measures implemented in project are Roof top rainwater harvesting system has been installed at the Office of the Sub Area Manager, Mine Manager, Sub stations and hostel building etc. for conservation and augmentation of ground water resources.

(Annexure-23)

Additionally, out of total land of 425.04 ha, only96.50 Ha is in use for excavation160 ha for OB dumping,40 ha for embankment and infrastructure which comes to about70% of the total land. The remaining land of 30 Ha is still untouched and serving as a water recharge structures.

The level of the ground water and the wells in buffer zone is being monitored continually round the year at quarterly interval. Reports attached.

(Annexure-24)

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Catch and/or garland drains siltation ponds in adequate numbers and appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, coal heaps & OB dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into river and water bodies. Further, dump material shall properly consolidated/ compacted and accumulation of water over dumps shall be avoided by providing adequate channels for flow of silt into the drains. The drains/ponds so constructed shall be regularly desilted particularly before onset of monsoon and maintained properly. capacity should provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. The water so collected in the sump shall be utilized for dust suppression and green belt development and other industrial use. Dimension of the retaining wall constructed, if any at the toe of the OB dumps within the mine to check run-of and siltation should be based on the rainfall data. The plantation of native species to be made between toe of the dump and adjacent field /habitation/water bodies.

Complied.

To arrest the silt, catch drains of size $1850 \, \text{m(L)} \times 21 \, \text{m}$ (W) $\times 03 \, \text{m}$ (D) has been constructed around the OB dump and quarry to arrest flow of silt and sediments into natural water course. The drains & sedimentation ponds are desilted periodically & maintained properly especially onset of monsoon.

Further, one no. of Garland drain having size 1100 m (L) x 20 m (W) x 3 m (D) has also been provided around the dump has been designed keeping 50% safety margin over and above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mines site.

The accumulated water after proper settling of silt material is reused internally.

For collection and treatment of strata water seepage, cross drains are construction for directing the strata seepage towards mine sump at quarry floor area. In Singhori OC, a sump has been provided with adequate capacity of 63 million gallons with retention period of 12hrs to allow proper settling of silt material before pumping it onto surface sedimentation tanks of 60 m (L) * 30 m (B) * 1.2 m (D), for further treatment.

The treated mine pumped out water is being utilized within the mine premises for maintenance of greenbelt& dust suppression etc. and the surplus water is discharged into nallah/Kanhan river.

Till date, 86,500 nos. of saplings planted covering an area of 36.6 Ha. The following native species are planted:

Ganga Imli, Amla, Neem, Karang, Pipal, kachnar, Acasia, Sisoo, peltform, Raintree, Safedsiras, Gulmohar, Casia, Saptparni, etc.

The plantation programmed has been carried out by State expert agency MPRVVN with maintenance of 4 years after the year of plantation.

(vii) Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for

Complied.

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augmentation of ground water. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) after due treatment conforming to the specific requirement (standards).

Roof top rainwater harvesting system has been installed at the Sub Area Manager office building, Mine Manager Office, Sub Station office& hostel building.

Further, it may be mentioned here that, the leftover mine voids after life of mine will act as water body & rainwater harvesting structures helping in water conservation & in improving groundwater levels.

WCL is committed to provide the water to nearby villagers. At present, the excess treated mine pumped out water discharged to local streams/ nallah is being used by the neighboring community for irrigation purposes after treatment through sedimentation tank.

(viii) Industrial wastewater generated from CHP, workshop and other waste water, shall be properly collected and treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under the standards prescribed under Water Act 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules made there under, and as amended from time to time. Adequate ETP/STP needs to be provided.

Complied.

The quality of mine pumped out water is being monitored fortnightly by CMPDIL, RI-IV, Nagpur and the reports are submitted to RO, MoEF & CC and SPCB regularly. In Singhori OC, a sump has been provided with adequate capacity of 63 million gallons with retention period of 12hrs to allow proper settling of silt material before pumping it onto surface sedimentation tanks of 60 m (L) * 30 m (B) * 1.2 m (D), for further treatment. The treated mine pumped out water is being utilized within the mine premises for maintenance of greenbelt & dust suppression etc. and the surplus water is discharged into nallah/Kanhan river.

A copy of the last one-year monitoring report of mine discharge is attached.

(Annexure-19)

As, the mine is being operated under HoE, there is no township for employees in the mine premises, no sewage is generated and eliminate the need of the sewage treatment plant.

Regular monitoring of treated mine discharge water is being carried out on fortnightly by CMPDIL, RI-IV, Nagpur and reports are being submitted to IRO, MoEF

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& CC and SPCB on regular basis.

(ix) The water pumped out from the mine, after siltation, shall be utilized for industrial purpose viz watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly.

Complied,

The mine discharge water is treated initially in the sump at quarry floor area (63 million Galleons capacity) and then pumped onto the surface sedimentation tanks of size of 60 m (L) * 30 m (B) * 1.2 m (D) for secondary treatment before utilized for industrial purposes viz. water sprinkling in the mine area, roads, green belt development etc.

The catch drains/garland drains area regularly de-silted before onset on monsoon as a part of monsoon preparedness.

The mine pumped out water is being utilized within the mine premises for watering of plants & spraying on haul roads etc. & only after passing it through the sedimentation tank having size of 60 m (L) * 30 m (B) * 1.2 m (D), the surplus water is discharged into nallah/Kanhan river. The drains &sedimentation pond are desilted periodically & maintained properly.

(Photo of the sedimentation tank attached as Annexure- 25).

The surface drainage plan including surface water conservation plan for the area of influence affected by the said mining operations, considering presence of river/rivulet /pond/lake etc. shall be prepared and implemented by the project proponent. The surface drainage plan and /or any diversion of natural water courses shall be as per the approved Mining Plan /EIA/EMP report and with due approval of the concerned State /Gol Authority. The construction of embankment to prevent any danger against inrush of surface water into the mine should be as per the approved Mining Plan and as per the permission of DGMS or any other

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Complied.

As per approved mining plan of the project, there are no surface water bodies like river/pond/lake in the project area and also there is no diversion of natural water courses. Further, as per statute, the mining is being carried out at a safe distance of 45-meter from (the cutting edge) nallah/river flowing within the lease boundary.

In addition to this mine embankment has been constructed having dimensions of length of 800 m, top width 20 m, bottom width 30 m & height of 6m from HFL.

As per the MOU signed between WCL & MPRVVN, the work regarding to the plantation of 86,500 nos. of various plants has been successfully completed in 2018-

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authority as prescribed by the law. 19 , FY 2019-20 & FY 2021-22 by the MPRVVN, Chindwara with maintenances work for coming 04 years. Name of species planted during are Ganga Imli, Amla, Pipal, kachnar, Acasia, Neem, Karang, Sisoo, peltform, Raintree, Safedsiras, Gulmohar, Casia, Saptparni, etc. The project proponent shall take all Complied. (xi) precautionary measures to ensure In view of the mining potential of the area riverine / riparian ecosystem in and and the prevailing environmental concerns, around the coal mine up to a distance a study related to the carrying capacity of of 5 km. A rivarine / riparian riverine eco system of Kanhan river was ecosystem conservation and carried out for Gondegaon OCM by CMPDI management plan should be prepared to assess impacts on the environmental and implemented in consultation with components. It was observed that five coal irrigation / water resource mines named Kamptee Deep OCM, Inder department in the state government. UG to OC, Singhori OCM, Bhanegaon OCM and Gondegaon OCM (WCL) and two thermal power plants (MAHAGENCO) were also existed along Kanhan river basin and it was concluded in the study that the riverine ecosystem in the study area is having enough carrying capacity, both in terms of supportive and assimilative capacity, to support the development and ecosystem of the area. (Annexure-59) River passes about 250 m away from the project through western direction of the mine. Precautionary measures are taken to ensure riverine / riparian ecosystem in and around the coal mine. Additionally, monitoring of water quality in the upstream and downstream of Kanhan River is being done bi-annually and analysis reports are being submitted to IRO, MoEF&CC and SPCB on regular basis. Monitoring reports are enclosed (Annexure-12& Annexure-22). (d) Noise and Vibration monitoring and prevention.

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Adequate measures shall be taken for

control of noise levels as per Noise Pollution Rules, 2016 in the work

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Adequate measures are taken for control of

blasting and drilling operations, operation of

engaged in

pollution. Workers

Operation of HEMM, etc. shall be provided with personal protective equipments(PPE) like ear plugs/muffs in conformity with the prescribed norms and guidelines in this regard. Adequate awareness programme for users to be conducted. Progress in usage of such accessories to be monitored.

HEMM, etc. are being provided with PPE like Ear plugs/ muffs etc. with personal protective equipments. Regular awareness programme for training and retraining of workers are also conducted in vocational training center.

Details of VTC training are as follows:

Year	VTC	
	Contract ual	Departme ntal
2017-18	61	26
2018-19	37	16
2019-20	39	02
2020-21	11	302
2021-22	293	40

(Annexure-26)

(ii) Controlled blasting techniques shall be practiced in order to mitigate ground vibrations, fly rocks, noise and air blast etc, as per the guidelines prescribed by the DGMS.

Complied.

Controlled blasting is practiced as per DGMS permission. Copy of the permission from DGMS along with under taking attached as **Annexure-27**).

(iii) The noise level survey shall be carried out as per the prescribed guidelines to assess noise exposure of the workmen at vulnerable points in the mine premises, and report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry/RO on six-monthly basis.

Complied.

Controlled blasting techniques with use of delay detonators are practiced during daytime to control ground vibration and to arrest the fly rocks. Controlled Blasting Technique as permitted by DGMS is being adopted. Further, regarding the noise level monitoring covering working areas such as drilling at active mine bench and ground vibration reports and the records are accordingly maintained at project level for routine inspection by DGMS officials as per Mines Act, 1952.(Annexure-28)

Noise level monitoring is carried out regularly on fortnightly basis at different locations covering core & buffer zones and the reports are submitted to RO, MoEF &CC on regular basis. The monitoring stations are as below:

NSON-1-Contractor camp.

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		2.NSON-2-Sohali Village 3.NSON-3-New drilling site	
		4.NSON-4-Near Doasing site (Annexure-12).	
(e)			
(i)	Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.	Complied. Mining operations are being carried out and continue to be carried out as per provision of Mine Act 1952 ad no deviation is being made during operations. Copy of the permission from DGMS attached as (Annexure-29).	
(ii)	Mining shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan (including Mine Closure Plan) abiding by mining laws related to coal mining and the relevant circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS).	Complied. Mining operations are being carried out as per mining plan by abiding all the mining rules and DGMS guidelines issued time to time and will continue to be carried out accordingly. (Annexure-30).	
(iii)	No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forest Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.	Project Proponent has obtained Forest Clearance (FC) from MoEF&CC, Nagpur vide letter no F.No-MHC 026/2014-BHO/2887 dated 20.11.2017 (stage-I) and F.No 6-MHC 026/2014-BHO/3996 dated 31.07.2018 (stage-II) in favor of M/s. Western Coalfields Limited for diversion of 14.23 ha of Zupdi Jungle under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.(Annexure-31).	
(iv)	Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.	All efforts are being made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by energy conservation & making improvement in efficiency and use of renewable energy such as: (i) A rooftop solar system of 80 KW has been installed at Nagpur Area HQ office building & residential buildings. (ii) Additionally, a solar power plant of 70 KW is installed at Bhanegaon Singhori Sub Area Manager Office near Singhori OCM. (iii) For improvement in energy efficiency, all light bulbs are replaced by LED bulbs.	

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(Photo: Annexure-32)

As far as fuel consumption is concerned, PP submitted that, installation of pipe conveyor has been underway for transportation of coal from mine to thermal power plants, which will save thousand liters of diesel used for coal transportation and fossil fuel directly contributing in the nation's economy and reduction in the air pollution due to transportation of coal and generation of fossil fuel.

For more details, please refer 4.b(iii)

(f) Land reclamation

Digital Survey of entire lease hold (i) area/core zone using Satellite Remote Sensing survey shall be carried out at least once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and report in 1.50,000 scale or as notified by Ministry of **Environment Forest and Climate** Change (MOEFCC) from time to timeshallbe submitted to MOEFCC/Regional Office (RO).

Complied.

Digital Survey of entire lease hold area/core zone using Satellite Remote Sensing survey is carried out once in three years. Latest survey has been done in the year 2019 and report submitted on Feb 2020 is attached as (Annexure-33).

The reports are submitted to Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the same are uploaded onto the company's website link-http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticPage/155.

(Annexure-34).

ne void depth should PP has consented to condition.

The mine has started its operation in FY 2017-18 and at present is in its 6th year of operation. The progress of mining activities is being carried out as per approved mining plan. The Mine Closure Plan is a integral part of the approved Mining Plan. The post mining land use will be as per approved reports. As per the approved mining plan, mine closure plan and Addendum EIA/EMP, total final mine void would be in 96.50 ha with depth of 150 m against the total quarry area is 96.50 ha. No Backfilling will be made in quarry area. Final mine void will be covered into water body. The Project has two nos. of dumps in an area of 160 Ha.(135 ha.-external OB dump & 25 ha.top soil dump) with 5mt height and (58.73

(II) The final mine void depth should preferably be as per the approved Mine Closure Plan, and in case it exceeds 40m, adequate engineering interventions shall be provided for sustenance of aquatic life therein. Therein, the remaining area shall be backfilled and covered with thick and alive top soil, post-mining land be rendered usable for agricultural/forestry purposes and shall be diverted. Further action will be treated as specified in the guidelines for Preparation of Mine Closure Plan issued by the Ministry of Coal 27th August 2009 and subsequent amendments.

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Mm³-external OB dumps & 5.56 Mm³ soil dumps) Mm³ of OB. The OB from the current mining operation will not be backfilled. No internal OB dump is envisaged in the project.

The land after completion of all closure activities and re-imbursement of corpus deposited appropriate action for handling over the land will be taken. A mine closure plan was approved by the WCL Board along with opening of account no. 323203800000470 at Union bank, Gandhi Bagh Nagpur. The total fund available in account as on date is Rs. 18,75,58,591.00 as on 31.03.2022.

Annexure-35).

Post Mining land will be made usable for agricultural /forestry purposes and shall be handed over to the respective State Government as per the Final Mine Closure Plan. Till date, there is no backfilling.

- The (iii) entire excavated area. backfilling, external OB dumping (including soil) top and afforestation plan shall be in conformity with the "during mining" / post mining" land-use pattern, which is an integral part of the approved Mining Plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry. Progressive compliance status visa-vis the post mining land use pattern shall be submitted to the MOEFCC/RO.
- (iv) Fly ash shall be used for external dump of overburden, backfilling or stowing of mine as per provisions contained in clause (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (8) of fly notification issued vide SO 2804 (E) 3rdNovember, dated 2009 amended from time to time, Efforts shall be made to utilize gypsum generated from Flue Desulfurization (FGD), if any, along with fly ash for external dump of overburden, backfilling of mines. Compliance report shall

Complied.

The excavation, external OB dumping, plantation etc. is being carried out as per the approved Mining Plan in conformity with the submitted mining land use plans & EIA-EMP submitted to MoEF&CC.

Six monthly EC compliance is regularly submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur which comprises data sheet with data excavated area, backfilling, external OB dump including top soil and afforestation data.

PP has consented to condition.

(Annexure-36).

PP has noted for compliance with due course of time.

Stowing is not applicable in Opencast coal mines.

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	submitted to Regional Office of	
(1/1)	MoEF &CC, CPCB and SPCB. Further, it may be ensured that as	DD Language and the same PC and
(v)	per the time schedule specified in	PP has consented to condition.
	mine closure plan it should remain	At present, topsoil and hard soil is stored at
	live till the point of utilization. The	earmarked site(s) separately only and topsoil
	topsoil shall temporarily be stored	will be used for land reclamation and
	at earmarked site(S) only and shall	plantation purposes during mine closure.
	not be kept unutilized. The topsoil	Further, the excavated area will be backfilled
	shall be used for land reclamation	with due in line with the approved Mine
	and plantation purpose. Active OB	Closure Plan. Reports are being submitted to
	dumps shall be stabilized with	the said office regularly and on time. The
	native grass species to prevent	surface layout plan showing OB &Topsoil
	erosion and surface run off. The	dumps is enclosed as (Annexure 55).
	other overburden dumps shall be	
	vegetated with native flora species.	
	The excavated area shall be	
	backfilled and afforested in line with	
	the approved Mine Closure	
	Plan.Monitoring and management	
	of rehabilitated areas shall continue	
	until the vegetation becomes self-	
	sustaining. Compliance status shall	
	be submitted to the Ministry of	
	Environment, Forest, and Climate	
	Change/Regional Office.	
(vi)	The project proponent shall make	Not applicable on as no grazing land is
` ′	necessary alternative	involved in the project area.
	arrangements, if grazing land is	, -
	involved in core zone, 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 with regard	
	to acquiring grazing land.	
(g)	G	reen Belt
(i)	The project proponent shall take a	1
	precautionary measures during	9 9
	mining operation for conservation and	·
	protection of endangered/endemi	
	flora/fauna, if any, spotted/reported in	
	the study area. The Action plan in thi	
	regard, if any, shall be prepared and	
	implemented in consultation with th	
	State Forest and Wildlife Department.	

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(ii) Greenbelt consisting of 3-tier plantation of width not less than 7.5 m shall be developed all along the mine lease area as soon as possible. The green belt comprising a mix of native species (endemic species should be given priority) shall be developed all along the major approach/Coal transportation roads.

Complied.

A 3-tier plantation of width not less than 7.5 m has been developed along the mine lease area on the mine embankment, where a coal transportation road has been constructed.

Till date, 86,500 nos. of saplings planted within the ML area covering an area of (approx.). 36.6 ha Plantation program is carried out through State expert agencies (MPRVVN) with 4 years maintenance after year of plantation.

The following native species are planted: Ganga Imli, Amla, Neem, Karang, Pipal, kachnar, Acasia, Sisoo, peltform, Raintree, Safedsiras, Gulmohar, Casia, Saptparni, etc and project authority is committed for further rest of the plantation as per EMP in the succeeding years.

(Annexure-56).

(h) Public hearing and Human health issues.

(i) Adequate illumination shall be ensured in all mine locations (as per DGMS standards) and monitored weekly. The report on the same shall be submitted to this Ministry & it's RO on six -monthly basis.

Complied.

Illumination has been maintained as per new CMR guidelines. Latest illumination report attached as (Annexure-37)

(ii) The project proponent shall undertake occupational health survey for initial and periodical medical examination of the personnel engaged in the project and maintain records accordingly as per the provisions of the Mines Rules, 1955 and DGMS CIRCULARS. Besides regular periodic health check-up, 20% of the personnel identified from workforce engaged in active mining operation shall be subjected to health check-up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any, as amended time to time.

Complied.

Personal working in dusty areas is provided with dust masks. Periodical health check-up of mine workers are carried out once in 5 years with the purpose of detecting occupational diseases & hearing impairment. Every worker in the mine is examined in 5 years- up to the age of 45; the workers who are above 45 years are subjected to periodic medical examination at three years interval.

Area Hospitals such as J N Hospital and Walni Hospital is having 50*2 total 100 nos. of bedding capacity.

At present, since opening no such occupational diseases and or hearing impairment has been recorded. Year wise PME/IME details are as below

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		DNAE	PME	IME
		PME	(Contra	act (Contract
	Year	(Employ	ù ual	ual
		ee)	worker	
	2019	59	0	87
	2020	62	0	107
	2021	0	0	4
	2022	26	19	61
	Total	147	19	259
			19	259
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(iii) Personnel (including outsourced	Compli	ed.		
employees) working in core zone shall	Personi	nel working	(includi	ng outsourcing
wear protective respiratory devices	employ	ee) in dus	ty areas	provided with
and shall also be provided with	protecti	ve respirato	ry device	es and advised
adequate training and information on	to wear	the same	during th	e work. Details
safety and health aspects.	for distr	ibution of P	PE kit in	FY 21-22 is as
	follows:			
	Sr	PPE		Nos.
	no	Equipme	ent	Distributed
		• •		
	1	First Aid Ki	t	42
	2	Helmet		195
	3	Earmuffs		59
	4	Masks		1954
	5	Florescent jackets		362
	6	Life Jacket	s	28
	7	Water Bott	le	365
	8	Mining Sho	es	965
	9	Gum Boot		199
	10	Goggles		48
	_		_	ne& training are
		•	y for pe	ersonnel of the
	project.			
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(iv) Implementation of the action plan on	Compli	ed.		
the issues raised during the public				
hearing shall be ensured. The project	The issues raised during the public hearing			
proponent shall undertake all the	The iss	ues raiseu (auring the	public nearing

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tasks/measures as per the action plan submitted with budgetary provisions during the public hearing. Land outsees shall be compensated as per the norms laid down in the R&R policy of the company / State Government / Central Government, as applicable.

outsees has being compensated and employment has been given to all the eligible persons as per R&R policy. All the guidelines will be adhered from time to time framed by Government body in future.

Details up to September, 2022.

Employment – 105 nos.

Monetry Compensation given to – 54 nos. Land compensation paid – 14.925 crores Land outsees has been compensated as per the norms laid down in the R&R policy of the company.

Tenancy land compensation- 305.7 Ha (as per new rate)- is Rs. 71.25 Cr.

Land compensation given for 5.50 Ha Govt land -Rs. 2.77 Cr.

(v) The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No. Z-11013/5712014-IA.I1 (M) dated 29th October, 2014, titled 'Impact of mining activities on habitations-issues related to the mining projects wherein habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area.

Not applicable on current mine lease area and PP consented to the condition in future, if required.

No habitation and villages are part of mine lease areas or surrounded by mine lease area. A copy of the mine working plan showing mine lease area is attached as (Annexure-39).

(i) Corporate Environment Responsibility

(i) The project proponent shall comply with the provisions contained in this Ministry's OM vide F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 1st May 2018, as applicable, regarding Corporate Environment Responsibility.

Not applicable.

The expansion of Singhori OC from 0.80 MTPA to 1.12 MTPA does not involve any additional capital investment. Please refer condition no 6(IX) of OM dated 01.05.2018 which state that "CER is not applicable in name change, transfer and amendment involving no additional project investment. In case of amendment in EC involving additional expenditure. CER will applicable only on the additional expenditure as per column-IV of the table given in para 6(II) above".

(Annexure 40).

The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approve by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating

(ii)

Complied.

The Coal India Limited Corporate Environment Policy 2019 duly followed WCL is attached as (Annexure-41).

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procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focusanyinfringements/deviation/viola tion of the environmental /forest / wildlife norms / conditions. The company shall have defined system of reporting

infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms / conditions and /or shareholders/ stake holders.

(iii) A separate Environmental Cell both at the project and company head quarter level, with qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of senior Executive, who will directly to the head of the organization.

Complied.

There exists a three-tier environment management set up in WCL as detailed below:

At HQ, WCL- The cell is headed by GM (Env) reporting to Director Technical. The team comprises of multi-disciplinary trained executives.

At Area level – Area General Manager heads the Environment Department assisted by GM (Oprn), &Area Nodal Officer (Environment) of Environment discipline.

At Unit Level-Environment Management Cell is headed by Sub-Area Manager and assisted by Mine Manager, Project Nodal Officer (Env) at unit level.

Organizational chart of the Company at link

http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticPage/123

attached as (Annexure-42)

(iv) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the

Being complied.

The funds earmarked for environment protection measures are kept in separate account and it is not used for any other purpose. Expenditure statement is shown in every six-monthly compliance report sent to MoEF&CC. (Annexure-43)

Capital Expenditure till 30/09/2022 is Rs. 78.80 lakhs

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	Ministry/Regional Office along with	Revenue Expenditure till 31/03/2022 is Rs.
	the Six-Monthly Compliance Report.	166.14 lakhs. A copy of the last three
	the Six-Monthly Compliance Report.	• •
		financial year environmental expenditure is
<u></u>		attached as (Annexure-44)
(v)	Self-environmental audit shall be	PP has consented to condition.
	conducted annually. Every three years	
	third party environmental audit shall	Self-internal environmental audit system
	be carried out.	has been setup in the company recently. At
		Area level, a multi-disciplinary committee
		has been constituted by order of competent
		authority to review the compliance status
		every month through a formatted checklist.
		Inter-area inspection to review compliance
		status is being done on quarterly basis.
		The report of the inspection is put up to the
		subsidiary level apex committee which has
		been constituted under the chairmanship of
		Director (Technical), WCL. Mechanism for
		internal monitoring of EC compliance is
		enclosed as (Annexure- 45)
		Since, EC for this mine has been accorded
		in Aug 2019 and accordingly mine is
		eligible for third party environment audit
		after Sept. 2022, which will be ensured
		very shortly through agency like ICFRI /
		NEERI / IIT or any other agency identified
		by the Ministry.
(j)	Miscel	laneous
(i)	The project proponent shall make	Complied.
	public the environmental clearance	
	granted for their project along with the	PP has given advertisement in two news
	environmental conditions and	
	safeguards at their cost by prominently	
	advertising it at least in tow local	
	newspapers of the District or State, of	1) HITVADA (English) dated 28.08.2019.
	which one shall be in the vernacular	2) PUNYA NAGRI (Marathi) dated
	language within seven days and in	, ,
	addition this shall also be displayed in	(Annexure- 46)
	the project proponent's website	
	permanently.	
(ii)	The copies of the environmental	Complied.
	clearance shall be submitted by the	A copy of the receiving from Gram
	project proponents to the Heads of	Panchayat is attached.
	local bodies. Panchayats and Municipal	
	Bodies in addition to the relevant	
	offices of the Government who in turn	•
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has to display the same for 30 days

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	from the date of receipt.	
(iii)	The project proponent shall upload the	Complied.
	status of compliance of the stipulated	
	environment clearance conditions,	Copy of EC has been uploaded on
	including results of monitored data on	company website at link-
	their website and update the same on	http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticP
	half-yearly basis.	age/154
		(Annexure- 48)
		A copy of six monthly has also been
		uploaded. (Annexure- 49) at link-
		http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/Stati
		cPage/155
(iv)	The project proponent shall monitor the	Complied.
	criteria pollutants level namely, PM ₁₀ ,	
	SO ₂ , NOx (ambient levels) or critical	CAAQMS installed at Singhori OCM and
	sect oral parameters, indicated for the	results are displayed by installing LED on
	projects and display the same at a	the roof of the CAAQMS room and also
	convenient location for disclosure to	available on Company website at link-
	the public and put on the website of the	http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticP
	company.	<u>age/153</u>
		(CAAQMS photos attached as
		Annexure- 50)
(v)	The project proponent shall submit six-	Complied.
	monthly reports on the status of the	
	compliance of the stipulated	Submitted report covering letter and
	environmental conditions on the	emails are enclosed as (Annexure- 51)
	website of the Ministry of Environment,	
	Forest, & Climate at environment	
(:)	clearance portal.	
(vi)	The project proponent shall follow the	Not applicable on current mine lease
	mitigation measures provided in this	area but PP has consented to
	Ministry's OM No Z-11013/5712014-IA. II	condition, if required.
	(M) dated 29 th October,2014. Impact of	No habitation and villages are part of
	mining activities on habitations-issues	mine lease areas or surrounded by mine
	related to the mining projects wherein	lease area. A copy of the mine working
	habitations and villages are the part of	plan showing mine lease area is attached
	mine lease area or habitations and	as (Annexure-39)
	villages are surrounded by the mine	
(\/;:\	lease area.	Complied
(vii)	The project proponent shall submit the environment statement for each	Complied.
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	<u>,</u>	The Environmental Statement for each
		transporter transporter to the first transporter transporter to the first transporter transporter transporter to the first transporter
	concerned State Pollution Control	financial year is filled online in Form-V
	Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986,	before 30th September of each year for onward submission to Maharashtra

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	as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.	Pollution Control Board. Acknowledge receipt for the Environmental Statement for FY 2020-21 and FY 21-22 is attached as (Annexure-52).
		The audit statement is also uploaded on company website at link-http://www.westerncoal.in/index1.php/StaticPage/265 (Annexure-53).
(viii)	The project authorities shall inform to	Complied.
	the Regional Office of the MOEF&CC	
	regarding commencement of mining operations.	PP informed to the IRO, Nagpur with the submission of Six-monthly report regarding commencement of project.
(ix)	The project authorities must strictly	Complied.
	adhere to the stipulations made by the	
	State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.	Consent to Establish and Operate has been obtained from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai by PP and attached as (Annexure-54)
(x)	The project proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA / EMP report, commitment made during Public Hearing and that during their presentation to the Expert Appraisal Committee.	PP has consented to condition.
(xi)	No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the-Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.	PP has consented to condition.
(xii)	Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act,1986.	PP has consented to condition.
(xiii)	The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.	PP has consented to condition.
(xiv)	The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.	PP has consented to condition.

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(xv)	The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/ information/monitoring reports.	PP has consented to condition.
(xvi)	The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution b) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.	PP has consented to condition.

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(Sanjeev Agarwal)

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