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File No.: J-11015/86/2005-IA-II (M)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
IA Division

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Dated 01/04/2024



To,

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**Subject:** Proposal of Umrer Expansion OCP Western Coalfields Limited Nagpur (Capacity: 4.9 MTPA Area: 944.65 Ha) by M/s Western Coalfields, located in Tehsil Umrer, Nagpur, Maharashtra– For Validity Extension of Environmental Clearance – Reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to Ministry vide proposal number IA/MH/CMIN/461145/2024 dated 08/02/2024 for an extension in validity of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) granted to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) Validity Extension Identification No.	EC24A0101MH5419525N
(ii) File No.	J-11015/86/2005-IA-II (M)
(iii) Clearance Type	Application for Validity Extension of EC- Form-6
(iv) Category	A
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vi) Sector	Coal Mining
(vii) Name of Project	Umrer Expansion OCP
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA
(ix) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(x) EC date	11/01/2019
(xi) Status of implementation of the project	Project is operational for complete components/units envisaged in the EC
(xiii) Whether any amendment to the earlier EC has been sought?	No

3. Ministry had granted Environmental Clearance vide MoEF&CC letter No J-11015/86/2005-IA-II(M) dated 20-05-2005 for production capacity of 3.50 MTPA within ML area of 944.65 ha under the provisions of EIA notification, 1994.

Subsequently, the project was granted environmental clearance for increase in production capacity from 3.50 MTPA to 4.90 MTPA (40%) within existing ML area of 944.65 ha vide ref no J-11015/86/2005-IA-II(M) dated 11.01.2019 u/s Clause 7(ii) (a) of EIA Notification, 2006 and as per S.O 1530(E) dated 6.4.2018. Extension of validity of EC was granted vide letter dated 06.12.2019 & 15.01.2021. Considering the Ministry's OM dated S O 221(E) dated 18.01.2021, EC is valid till 31.03.2024.

4. M/s. Western Coalfields Limited has made an online application vide proposal no. IA/MH/CMIN/461145/2024 dated 08.02.2024 along with Form-6 for extension of validity in Environmental Clearance granted vide letter No. J-11015/86/2005-IA-II (M) dated 11.01.2019 read with subsequent EC validity letter dated 15.01.2021 for Umrer Expansion OCP (4.9 MTPA). Project proponent vide aforesaid application informed that as per revised Mining Plan, additional coal reserves of 4.298 MT need to be extracted for better conservation of Minerals and therefore, the validity of environmental clearance may kindly be accorded till 31.03.2025. Project Proponent informed that the Mining Plan has been approved by WCL in its 359th meeting held on 25-12-2023 as communicated vide letter no WCL/BD/SECTT/BM-359/2023-24/1023 dated 12.01.2024.

5. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by EAC in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28/02/2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above. The EAC, in its meeting held on 28/02/2024 based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on the proposal including undertaking submitted by the PP on utilization of OB for backfilling & details on mine closure plan, recommended the proposal for extension in validity in Environment Clearance under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

6. The MoEF&CC has examined the proposal in accordance with the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee hereby **accords** extension in Validity of Environment Clearance till 31.03.2025 for the instant proposal of M/s Western Coalfields Limited under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of EC conditions, general instructions issued vide previous EC letters.

7. All other Terms and conditions stipulated in all the previous EC granted read with subsequent extension granted shall remain unchanged.

8. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

#### **Copy To**

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of environment, Government of Maharashtra-15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Admin Bldg, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32 (Maharashtra)
5. The Chairman, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, Sion, Matunga Scheme Road No 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion circle, Sion ( E ) Mumbai-2.
6. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA),18/11Jamnagar House, Man Singh Road, New Delhi-11001.
7. The Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Central Region, N.S. Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur 440001 Maharashtra
8. District Collector, Nagpur, Government of Maharashtra
9. PARIVESH Portal

**Annexure 1**

#### **Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)**

##### **1. Specific Condition**

S. No	EC Conditions
1.1	<i>PP shall comply with the conditions stipulated in previous Environment Clearances in a time-bound manner.</i>

