



F. No. J-11015/56/2008-IA-II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 26th November, 2019

To,

The General Manger (Environment),
Durgapur Extension Deep OC Phase-II
Western Coalfields Limited,
Koyla Vihar, Civil Lines - 01
Nagpur (Maharashtra)

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Sub: Durgapur Extension Deep OC Phase-II Coal Mining Project of 3 MTPA in total project area of 1622.50 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra)- Amendment in Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This refers to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/62601/2008 dated 16th January, 2018, on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for amendment in the environmental clearance dated 10th November, 2017 granted in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Durgapur Extension Deep OC Phase-II Coal Mining Project of 3 MTPA of in total project area of 1622.50 ha, located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra).

3. The amendment has been sought in condition No. 4.1 (b) (ii) of the environmental clearance dated 10th November, 2017 relating to depth of final mine void, stipulated therein as under:-

'Final mine void depth should not be more than 40 m. The void area should be converted into water body. The remaining areas should be backfilled up to the ground level and covered with thick top soil. The land after mining should be restored for agriculture or forestry purpose.'

4. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Sector, in its meeting held on 17-18 May, 2018 and 22nd October, 2019. The EAC, after deliberations, has recommended the proposal for amendment in the environmental clearance dated 10th November, 2017.

5. Based on recommendations of the EAC and provisions relating to final mine void depth specified in the Ministry's OM dated 9th August, 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords amendment in the environmental clearance dated 10th November, 2017 for the above said project as under

'4.1 (b) (ii) The final mine void depth should preferably be as per the approved Mine Closure Plan, and in case it exceeds 40 m, adequate engineering interventions shall be provided for sustenance of aquatic life 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 dated 27th August, 2009 and subsequent amendments.'

6. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the EC dated 10th November, 2017, shall remain unchanged.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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4. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3rd & 4th Floors, Sion, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 2
7. The District Collector, **Chandrapur**, Government of Maharashtra
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