## No. J-11015/43/2004-IA.II(M) Pt. file Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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To,

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Sub: Expansion of Bhanegaon Opencast Coal mine project from 0.70 MTPA to 1.15 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd in an area of 347.46 ha in Tehsil Kamptee, District Nagpur (Maharashtra) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to your application No.WCL/HQ/ENV/20-C/1055-1075 dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 along with the online proposal No.IA/MH/CMIN/8951/2004 dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and subsequent letters dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> October & 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 on the above mentioned subject.

- 2. The proposal is for grant of environmental clearance to the expansion of Bhanegaon Opencast Coal mine project from 0.70 MTPA to 1.00 MTPA (Normative)/1.15 MTPA (peak) of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd within the existing ML area of 347.46 ha in Tehsil Kamptee, District Nagpur, (Maharashtra).
- 3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining sector in its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The details submitted by the project proponent and/or as informed during the earlier meeting, are as under:-
- (i) The original proposal was for environmental clearance to the expansion of Bhanegaon Opencast Coal mine project from 0.60 MTPA to 1.00 MTPA (Normative)/1.15 MTPA (peak) of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd within the existing mine lease area of 347.46 ha in Tehsil Kamptee, District Nagpur (Maharashtra).
- (ii) The proposal was considered by the EAC in its 53<sup>rd</sup> EAC meeting held on 17-18 March 2016, wherein the Committee recommended the project for expansion from 0.6 MTPA to 0.7 MTPA in the mine lease area of 347.46 ha for one year only. The Committee desired that further increase in capacity (up to 1 MTPA normative, & 1.15 MTPA peak) could be considered after one year, and after the air quality shows improvement on desired lines, and a fresh compliance report from the RO office showing satisfactory compliance of the existing EC conditions is obtained.
- (iii) The project for expansion from 0.6 MTPA to 0.7 MTPA in mine lease area of 347.46 ha, was granted EC vide letter No.J-11015/43/2004-IA.II(M) dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.
- (iv) The present proposal is for grant of EC to the expansion of Bhanegaon Opencast Coal mine project from 0.70 MTPA to 1.15 MTPA in the same area of 347.46 ha.
- (v) The mine is an operating mine.



- (vi) The latitude and longitude of the project are 21° 16' 37" N to 21° 15' 36" N and 79° 10' 12" E to 79° 8' 41" E respectively.
- (vii) Joint Venture: there are no joint venture.
- (viii) Coal Linkage: Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO & Miscellaneous consumers.
- (ix) Employment generated/to be generated: Direct Manpower for the proposal of expansion is 117. In addition with the proposed expansion, 200 indirect employment opportunities will be created.
- (x) Benefits of the project: The Proposed expansion will bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal to the extent of peak capacity.
- (xi) The land usage of the project is as under:

## Pre-Mining:

S. N.	Particular	Land (ha)
1.	Agricultural land	317.80
2.	Waste Land	29.66
	Total	347.46

Post-Mining:

S. N.	Land use	Land (ha)
1.	Plantation	171.45
2.	Water body	70.15
3.	Public Use	7.00
4.	Undisturbed/Reclaimed	98.86
	Total	347.46

- (xii) The total geological reserve is 20.70 MT. The mineable reserve is 14.11 MT and extractable reserve is 14.11 MT. The per cent of extraction would be 68.16%.
- (xiii) The coal grade is G8 stacked in seven seams with the average gradient 1 in 4.5 to 1 in 6. The stripping ratio is 4.75 cum/tonne.
- (xiv) The total estimated water requirement is 338 KL/day. The level of ground water ranges from 0.30 m to 17.45 m bgl.
- (xv) The Method of mining is Opencast with Shovel-Dumper Combination.
- (xvi) There would be one external OB dump and one top soil dump with Quantity of 57.80 Mm3 in an area of 137.20 ha
- (xvii) The final mine void would be in 70.15 Ha with depth of 155m against the total quarry area is 88.15 ha. Backfilled quarry area of 18.00 Ha shall be reclaimed with plantation. The mine void of 70.15 ha with depth of 155 m is proposed to be converted into a water body.
- (xviii) The seasonal data for ambient air quality has been documented and all results at all stations are within prescribed limits.
- (xix) The balance life of mine is 18 years.
- (xx) Transportation: In pit transportation is being carried out by Dumpers & also from surface to siding. At siding, coal is being loaded into wagons by pay loaders.
- (xxi) There are no house oustees. Rehabilitation involves land oustees only.
- (xxii) Cost: Total capital cost of the project is Rs. 193.2753 Crores. The fund for the CSR will be allocated based on 2% of the average net profit of the Company for the three immediate preceding financial years or Rs. 2.00 per Tonne of Coal Production of the previous year whichever is higher. R&R Cost is Rs. 24.82 Crores. In the approved project report, environmental management cost of Rs. 97.09 lakhs has been envisaged for environmental protection measures under capital head and Rs. 6/ tonne under revenue head.

(xxiii) Water body: Pench and Kanhan River flows at a distance of 50 mtrs from the mine site.

- (xxiv) Approvals: Ground water clearance is not applicable as it is not falling in critical area as per CGWA, Board's approval has been obtained on 18.02.2015. Mining plan has been approved on 18.02.2015. Mine closure plan is an integral part of mining plan and the same has been approved along with the Mining plan on 18.02.2015.
- (xxv) Wildlife issues: There are no National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuary, biosphere reserves found in the 10 km buffer zone.
- (xxvi) Forestry issues: No forest area is involved.
- (xxvii) Total afforestation plan shall be implemented covering an area of 221.45 ha at the end of mining. Green Belt over an area of 50 ha with a density of tree plantation @ 2500 trees/ ha shall be provided.
- (xxviii) There are no court cases/violations pending with the project proponent.
- (xxix) Public Hearing is not applicable since the application has been made u/s 7(ii) of EIA Notification, 2006.
- (xxx) The monitoring report on compliance status of EC conditions indicates that air quality levels found to be within the prescribed standards. Monitoring of heavy metals has been carried out and the heavy metals levels found to be within the prescribed standards.
- (xxxi) The monitoring report on compliance status of existing EC conditions has been forwarded to the Ministry by Regional Office, MoEF&CC Nagpur vide letter no. F.No.-3-32/2005(Env.) dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- (xxxii) Action Taken Report on the observations of the RO, MoEF&CC vis-à-vis partially complied conditions has been submitted to them for verification and necessary action.
- 4. The Expert Appraisal Committee in its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, has recommended the proposal for grant of environmental clearance to the project. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords environmental clearance to the project for expansion of Bhanegaon Opencast Coal mine from 0.70 MTPA to 1.15 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd in an area of 347.46 ha in Tehsil Kamptee, District Nagpur (Maharashtra), under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, read with subsequent amendments/circulars thereto, and subject to compliance of the terms and conditions and environmental safeguards as below:
- (i) Standard Operating Procedures are required to be prepared and vetted by the company headquarters for adoption of environmental measures in course of various mining activities right from drilling, blasting to coal dispatch be submitted to EAC for monitoring.
- (ii) Transportation of coal should be carried out by covered trucks. Mitigative measures to be undertaken to control dust and other fugitive emissions all along the roads by providing sufficient numbers of water sprinklers.
- (iii) The project proponent shall facilitate in land acquisition for construction of pipe conveyor system by MAHAGENCO from the coal mine to its nearby TPPs to be completed in 24 months.
- (iv) Continuous monitoring of occupational safety and other health hazards, and the corrective actions need to be ensured.
- (v) Controlled blasting techniques should be adopted to control ground vibration and fly rocks.
- (vi) Mitigative measures to be undertaken to control dust and other fugitive emissions all along the roads by providing sufficient numbers of water sprinklers.
- (vii) Thick green belt of 30-45 m width to be provided to mitigate/check the dust pollution. A 3-tier avenue plantation should also be developed along vacant areas, storage yards, loading/transfer points, and also along internal roads/main approach roads.



- 4.1 The grant of EC is further subject to compliance of the generic conditions as under:
- (a) Mining
- (i) Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.
- (ii) No change in mining method i.e OC to UG, calendar programme and scope of work shall be made without obtaining prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- (iii) 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).
- (iv) No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forestry Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also adhering to The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 read with provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- (b) Land reclamation and water conservation
- (i) Digital Survey of entire lease hold 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 shall be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office (RO).
- (ii) The surface drainage plan including surface water conservation plan for the area of influence affected by the said mining operations, considering the 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.
- (iii) 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 handed over to the respective state government as specified in the guidelines for Preparation of Mine Closure Plan issued by the Ministry of Coal dated 27<sup>th</sup> August. 2009 and subsequent amendments.
- (iv) The entire excavated area, backfilling, external OB dumping (including top soil) 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 vis-a-vis the post mining land use pattern shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office on six monthly basis.
- (v) The top soil shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and shall not be kept unutilized for long. The top soil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation

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purposes. Active OB dumps shall be stabilized with native grass species to prevent erosion and surface run off. The 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 on six monthly basis.

- (c) Emissions, effluents, and waste disposal
- (i) Transportation of coal, to the extent permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks/conveyors. 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 PM<sub>10</sub>/PM<sub>2.5</sub>) such as haul road, loading/unloading and transfer points. Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be controlled regularly. It shall be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central/State Pollution Control Board.
- Greenbelt consisting of 3-tier plantation of width not less than 7.5 m shall be (ii) developed all along the mine lease area in a phased manner. The green belt comprising a mix of native species shall be developed all along the major approach/ coal transportation roads.
- The transportation of coal shall be carried out as per the provisions and route (iii) proposed in the approved Mining Plan. Transportation of the coal through the existing road passing through any village shall be avoided. In case, it is proposed to construct a 'bypass' road, it should be so constructed so that the impact of sound, dust and accidents could be appropriately mitigated.
- Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. All the (iv) vehicles engaged in mining and allied activities shall operate only after obtaining 'PUC' certificate from the authorized pollution testing centres.
- Coal stock pile/crusher/feeder and breaker material transfer points shall invariably be provided with dust 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.
- Coal handling plant shall be operated with effective control measures viz. bag filters/water or mist sprinkling system etc to check fugitive emissions from crushing operations, conveyor system, transfer points, etc.
- 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.
- Catch/garland drains and siltation ponds of 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 the river and water bodies. Further, dump material shall be 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 de-silted particularly before onset of monsoon and maintained properly. Sump capacity should provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt

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material. The water so collected in the sump shall be utilised for dust suppression measures and green belt development. Dimension of the retaining wall constructed, if any, at the toe of the OB dumps within the mine to check run-off 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.

- (ix) Industrial waste water generated from CHP, workshop and other waste water, shall be properly collected and treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules made there under, and as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap shall be installed and maintained fully functional with effluents discharge adhering to the norms. Sewage treatment plant of adequate capacity shall be installed for treatment of domestic waste.
- (x) Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for augmentation of ground water. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.
- (d) Illumination, noise & vibration
- (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 & its RO on six-monthly basis.
- (ii) Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dB(A) in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, 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.
- (iii) Controlled blasting techniques shall be practiced in order to mitigate ground vibrations and fly rocks as per the guidelines prescribed by the DGMS.
- (iv) 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.
- (e) Occupational health & safety
- (i) The project proponent shall undertake occupational health survey for initial and periodical medical examination of the workers 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 workers identified from workforce engaged in active mining operations shall be subjected to health check-up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any.
- (ii) Personnel (including outsourcing employees) working in dusty areas shall wear protective respiratory devices and shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
- (iii) Skill training as per safety norms specified by DGMS shall be provided to all workmen including the outsourcing employees to ensure high safety standards in mines.

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- (f) Ecosystem and biodiversity conservation
- (i) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered flora/fauna, if any, spotted/reported in the study area. The Action plan in this regard, if any, shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department.
- (g) Public hearing, R&R and CSR
- (i) Implementation of the action plan on the issues raised during the public hearing shall be ensured. The project proponent shall undertake all the tasks/measures as per the action plan submitted with budgetary provisions during the public hearing. Land oustees shall be compensated as per the norms laid down in the R&R policy of the company/State Government/Central Government, as applicable.
- (ii) The project proponent shall ensure the expenditure towards socio-economic development in and around the mine, in every financial year in pursuance of the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy as per the provisions under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013
- (iii) The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No.Z-11013/5712014-IA.I1 (M) dated 29<sup>th</sup> 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'.
- (iv) The project proponent shall make necessary alternative 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.
- (h) Corporate environment responsibility
- (i) The Company shall have a well laid down environment policy duly approved by Board of Directors. The environment policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental or forest norms/conditions. Also, the company shall have a defined system of reporting of non-compliances/violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors and/or shareholders/stakeholders.
- (ii) The hierarchical system or Administrative Order of the company to deal with environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the environmental clearance conditions should be displayed on website of the Company.
- (iii) A separate environmental management cell both at the project and company headquarter level, with suitable qualified personnel shall be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- (iv) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions shall be prepared and shall be 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 Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six Monthly Compliance Report.

- (v) Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
- (i) Statutory Obligations
- (i) The environmental clearance shall be subject to orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, NGT and any other Court of Law from time to time, and as applicable to the project.
- (ii) This environmental clearance shall be subject to obtaining wildlife clearance, if applicable, from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.
- (iii) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish/Operate under the Air Act, 1981 and the Water Act, 1974 from the concerned State Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).
- (j) Monitoring of project
- (i) Adequate ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for monitoring of pollutants, namely PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in 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 the requirement and/or in consultation with the SPCB. Monitoring of heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr, etc to be carried out at least once in six months.
- (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 25.9.2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality and heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr and other monitoring data shall be regularly reported to the Ministry/Regional Office and to the CPCB/SPCB.
- (iii) The effluent discharge (mine waste water, workshop effluent) shall be monitored in terms of the parameters notified under the Coal Industry Standards vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25.9.2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) The monitoring data shall be 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 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.
- (v) Regular monitoring of ground water 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, monsoon, post-monsoon and winter. The ground water quality shall be monitored once a year, and the data thus collected shall be sent regularly to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office.

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- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental conditions to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office. For half yearly monitoring reports, the data should be monitored for the period of April to September and October to March of the financial years.
- (viii) 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.
- (k) Miscellaneous
- (i) Efforts should be made to reduce energy consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.
- (ii) The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office regarding commencement of mining operations.
- (iii) A copy of the environmental clearance shall be marked to concerned Panchayat. A copy of the same shall also be sent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, District Industry Sector and Collector's Office/Tehsildar Office for information in public domain within 30 days.
- (iv) The EC shall be uploaded on the company's website. The compliance status of the stipulated EC conditions shall also be uploaded by the project authorities on their website and updated at least once every six months so as to bring the same in public domain.
- (v) The project authorities shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at <a href="https://www.environmentclearance.nic.in">www.environmentclearance.nic.in</a> and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Regional Office.
- (vi) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31 March in Form-V is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent for the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be uploaded on the Company's website along with the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC by e-mail. Concerns raised during public hearing
- (vii) The Ministry may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection, if so required in due course of time.
- (viii) The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991

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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.

- 5. The proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report and also that during presentation to the EAC. All the commitments for the issues raised during public hearing shall also be implemented in letter and spirit.
- 6. The proponent shall obtain all necessary clearances/approvals before the start of the project. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.
- 7. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- **8.** Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
- 9. The EC shall be subject to settlement of the liability, if any, with the State Government of Maharashtra, in view of the observations/directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 in WP (Civil) No.114/2014 in the matter of 'Common Cause Vs Union of India & Ors'.

10. This EC supersedes the earlier EC dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 for the project.

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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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