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Western Coalfields Limited

(मिनिस्तना कपनी) (A Miniratna Company) (कोल इंडियर मिल्ल की अनुष्यंग्र कार्गत)



Environment Department

पर्यावरण विभाग

(A Subsidiary of Coal Ludia Limited) क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय, माजरी क्षेत्र

Office of the Area General Manager, Majri Area Po: Kuchna; Th; Bhadrawati: Dist: Chandrapur – 442503

संदर्भ संख्या / Ref. No. वेकोलि/माक्षे/क्षेमप्र/पर्यावरण/2024/291

दिनांक/ Date : 09.11.2024

प्रति,

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय (WCZ), बाउंड फ्लोर, ईस्ट विंग, न्यू सेक्रेटरियट बिल्डिंग, सिविल लाइंस, नागप्र-440001, (महाराष्ट्र)

নিষয়: Six Monthly Report against compliance of conditions of Environmental Clearance for Dhorwasa Opencast Coal Mine Extension Project of Majri Area, WCL (As on 30th September 2024)

संदर्भ: Environment Clearance letter no. J-11015/308/2008-IA.II(M) Dt.03.05.2012

महोदय,

Please find enclosed herewith Six Monthly Report against compliance of conditions of Environmental Clearance as referred above for Dhorwasa Opencast Coal Mine Extension Project of Majri Area, WCL (As on 30th September 2024).

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

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भवदीय

क्षेत्रीय केन्द्ररथ अधिकारी (पर्यावरण),

माजरी क्षेत्र

संलग्नक : यथोपरी

प्रतिलिपि :

- प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, उद्योग भवन, पहला माला, रेल्वे स्टेशन रोड, चंद्रपुर 442 401
- क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक, माजरी क्षेत्र
- महाप्रबंधक (पर्यावरण), वैकोलि मुख्यालय, नागप्र
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WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED MACRIAGEA

DEGRESS OPENCAST GOAL WINE EXTENSION PROJECT

SIX MONTHLY EC COMPLIANCE REPORT

AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED SIX MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

PART-I

Name of the project	DHORWASA OPENCAST COAL MINE EXTENSION PROJECT		
Location and Address	Office of the Sub Area Manager, Telwasa Sub Area, Majri Area PO: Bhadrawati, Dist: Chandrapur, Maharashtra		
Address for correspondence	Office of the Sub Area Manager, Telwasa Sub Area, Majri Area PO: Bhadrawati, Dist: Chandrapur, Maharashtra		
MOEF's clearance letter no. & date	J-11015/308/2008-IA.II(M) Dt.03.05.2012		
Period of this status report	As on 30 th September 2024		
Date of last report submitted	26.05.2023		
Date of commencement of project work	01.03.2002		

STATUS OF LAND ACQUISITION:

Type of land		Required as per EMP (Ha)	Actual acquired (Ha) as or 30.09.2024	
Forest		26.44	9.17	
Agriculture	•	224.42	220.35	
Other		57.74	9.65	
Total		308.60	239.17	

STATUS OF LEGAL COMPLIANCES:

a.	Consent under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act	Mine discontinued.	
b.	Consent under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Cess Act	withe discontinued.	
c.	Environment (Protection) Act	Env. Clearance obtained vide letter no. J-11015/308/2008-IA.II(M) Dt.03.05.2012 for 2.00 MTY capacity.	
d.	Forest (Conservation) Act	Obtained. Vide letter of Dy. Conservator of Forest, Chandrapur Division No.Kaksh-5/Survey Jamin/ 3769 dt. 15.03.2002 for 26.44 Ha out of which, 9.17 Ha forest land belongs to Dhorwasa Open Cast Coal Mine Extension Project.	

PART - II

STATUS OF ENVIRONMENT

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL:-

- a. No. Of ambient air monitoring stations: Four
- b. Name of the location:
 - SAM Office
 - 2. Dhorwasa village
 - 3. Ekta Nagar Colony.
 - 4. RC Office.
- c. Ambient air quality status for the parameters prescribed by State Pollution Control Board (Average 95% time weighted values):

SI. No	Location	SPM	RPM	SO ₂	NOx
1	SAM Office	Not applica			
2	Dhorwasa village	years post	mine closure	e monito	rina has
3	Ekta Nagar Colony	been comp		0 111011110	inig iluş
4	RC Office				

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL:

- No. of stations and frequency of monitoring: There is one station & frequency of monitoring is fortnightly.
- b. Description of locations:
 - Mine water discharge
- c. Average concentration of major pollutants prescribed by State Pollution Control Board (fig. in mg/lit except pH):

SI. No	Location	рН	BOD	COD	DO	TSS	O/G
1.	Mine water discharge	Not ap	plicable ine disc	as mine harae fr	e is clo	sed ar	nd there

NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL:

- a. No. of noise monitoring stations:- Two.
- b. Description of location and dB(A) value:- 1. Near Project Office
 2. Colony.

SI.No	Location	Day	Night
2.	Near Project Office Colony	Not applicable as min years post mine closs been completed.	ne is closed and 3

PART-III

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF EMP

LAND USE STATUS:-

Area reclaimed biologically: NIL

SI. No	Particulars	As per EMP	01.04.2024 to	Pro
1.	Area excavated (Ha)	 	30.09.2024	Progressive
2.	OB removed (Mm3)	86.10	Nil	64.75
3.	Top soil removed (Mm3)	24.58	Nil	29.520524
4.	<u> </u>	Not available	Nil	1.38461
 5.	OB backfilled (Mm3) OB dumped (Mm3)	15.06	Nil	18.980862
6.	Area recovered for	9.52	Nil	10.990911
	reclamation (physical reclamation)	Not available	Nil	13.0

PRODUCTION:-

Targeted Capacity: - 2.0 MTY (sanctioned capacity) (i)

Present Capacity: - 2024- 25 - 0.00 MTY (ii)

AFFORESTRATION :-

SI.	Location		
No 1. 2. 3. 4.	OB Dump & Safety zones Embankment Other areas Total	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 Nil Nil Nil	Progressive (nos.) 75,000 Nil 20,000 Nil
		Nil	95,000

Area under plantation (Progressive): - 38.0 Ha.

No. of plants per Hectare :- 2,500 plants

Species planted: -Shivan, Gulmohar, Bamboo, Neem, Behada, Amla, Arjun,

Shikekai, Ber, Jamun, Amrud, Vilayatiimli, Mahua, cassia

REHABILITATION & RESETTLEMENT :-

SI.No	Particulars	SC	CT -	T
1.	No. of land oustees		ST	Others
		02	06	90
2.	No. of land oustees rehabilitated	02	06	90
3.	No. of PAPS/PAFS to be resettled			T
4.	No. of PAPS/PAFS resettled			
5.	Area of new site (Ha)			
6.	Status of development	Not applicable		
7.	Civic amenities provided at new resettlement site			

Organizational setup at project level :-(Name and designation of the personnel to be given)

- Shri S.K. Bairva
 Sub Area Manager.
- Shri Vilas Warutkar SOE(Civil)/Nodal Officer (Env).

EXPENDITURE:-

<u>CAPITAL</u>

Account head	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	Progressive
Reclamation (HEMM)	Nil	Rs. 270.00 lakhs
Air pollution control •	Nil	Rs. 33.03 lakhs
Water pollution control	Nil	Rs. 32.50 lakhs
Others	Nil	Nil

REVENUE

Account head	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	Progressive
Afforestation	Nil	Rs. 73.66 lakhs
Monitoring	Nil	Rs. 45.22 lakhs
Statutory expenses	Nil	Rs. 22.29 lakhs
Water pollution control at colony	Nil	Rs 1.52 lakhs
Others (Cost of operation & maintenance of mobile tankers, etc.)	Nil	Rs. 175.73 lakhs

PART - V

Clearance letter No.

: J-11015/308/2008-IA.II (M)

Date

: 3rd May 2012

1	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS				
SI.No	Conditions	Compliance			
i.	The embankment constructed along the river boundary shall be of suitable dimensions and critical patches shall be strengthened by stone pitching on the river front side & stabilized with plantation so as to withstand the peak water flow & prevent mine inundation.	The embankment is 30 m at top, 58 to 60 m at bottom. The height is 6 m above HFL (190 m). The plantation done over embankment is 20,000 nos.			
ii.	There shall be no overflow of OB in to the river & in to the agricultural fields & massive plantation of native species shall be taken up in the area between the river & the project.	The mine is closed now and OB dumps are stable. However, Necessary steps has been taken to check the overflow of OB into the river and into the agricultural field like grass turfing on slope of embankment, making of wall of sand bags at the toe of embankment, tree plantation etc			
iii.	OB shall be stacked at two earmarked external OB dumpsite(s) only. The ultimate slope of the dump shall not exceed 28°. Monitoring & management of existing reclaimed dumpsites shall continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Compliance status shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests & its Regional Office, located at Bhopal on yearly basis.	There is only one OB dump and OB was stacked at the earmarked site only. The height of OB dump is 33 m with 2 benches of 20 m height each. The ultimate slope is 28 degree. The plantation has been done on this dead dump. Monitoring of dump was done when mine was operational. Now, the dumps are completely covered with plantation and vegetation is self sustaining.			
iv.	Catch drains & siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed to arrest silt & sediment flows from soil, OB & mineral dumps. The water so collected shall be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted and maintained properly. Garland drains (size, gradient & length) and sump capacity shall be designed keeping 50% safety margin over and above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine site. Sump capacity sshall also provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material.	The mine is closed now and there is no mine pumping. Catch drains of size 1.0 m bottom x 2.0 m top x 1.50 m height for 1200 m long has been constructed around OB dump. Cross drainage has been provided in quarry, OB and coal benches to divert all strata water along with silt and sediments to the sump provided at the bottom of the quarry. The sump capacity is more than 62 MG. The water collected in sump acts as ground water recharge structure.			
v	Dimensions of the retaining wall at the toe of dumps and OB benches within the mine to checkup run-off and siltation shall be based on the rainfall data.	Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. OB Dumps are stable and covered with vegetation. There is no requirement of retaining wall now			
vi i	Crushers at the CHP of adequate capacity for the expansion project shall be operated with high efficiency bag filters, water sprinkling system shall be provided to check fugitive emission from crushing operations, conveyor system, haulage roads, transfer points etc.	Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. There is no coal production, hence no CHP or crusher deployed in the mine. However, when the mine was operational, the crushers were provided with dust suppression arrangements			

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vii	Drills shall be wet operated.	Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. There is no drilling and blasting in the mine. However, when mine was operational, the drills were wet operated.
∨iii	The project authorities shall undertake regular repairing & tarring of roads used for mineral transportation. A 3- tier green belt comprising of mix of native species shall be developed all along the major approach roads.	Mine is closed and there is no movement of vehicles either from mine or through the mine. Hence, there is no use of road except random inspection of mine. A thick green belt comprising of native species has already been developed along the major approach roads. In addition, it is proposed to cover the all other coal transportation roads also in phase manner.
ix	Controlled blasting shall be practiced with the use of delay detonators and only during day time. The mitigative measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest the fly rocks and boulders shall be implemented.	Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. There is no blasting in the mine. However, when mine was operational, the Controlled blasting was practiced with the use of delay detonators and electronic detonators. Also, blasting was practiced only during day time
X	A Progressive afforestation plan shall be implemented covering an area of 161 ha, which includes reclaimed external OB dump (58 ha), backfilled area (60 ha), along ML boundary, along roads & infrastructure (1 ha), embankment & within vacant land/blasting zone (42 ha) & in township located outside the lease by planting native species in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department. The density of the trees shall be around 2500 plants per Ha. Massive plantation shall be carried out in open spaces in and around the mine & a 3 tier avenue plantation along the main approach roads to the mine.	Details of tree plantation done till date are as follows:- 1. Reclaimed external OB dump – 30.0 Ha 2. Backfilled area – Nil 3. Along ML boundary – Nil 4. Along roads & infrastructure - Nil 5. Green belt - Nil 6. Embankment – 8.0 Ha 7. Area in township located outside the lease – Nil The plantation was carried out by Forest development Corporation of Maharashtra, Maharashtra State Govt. undertaking under the supervision of their forest experts.
хi	Of the total quarry area of 86.10 ha, the backfilled quarry area of 60 ha shall be reclaimed with plantation, & a void of 26.10 which is proposed to converted in to water body shall be gently sloped & the upper benches shall be terraced & stabilized with plantation/afforestation by planting native plant species in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department. The density of the trees shall be around 2500 plants per Ha.	Backfilling was done and condition shall be complied. However, Details of tree plantation done till date are as follows:- 1. Reclaimed external OB dump – 30.0 Ha 2. Backfilled area – Nil 3. Along ML boundary – Nil 4. Along roads & infrastructure - Nil 5. Green belt - Nil 6. Embankment – 8.0 Ha 7. Area in township located outside the lease – Nil The plantation was carried out by Forest

		development Corporation Maharashtra, Maharashtra State Go undertaking under the supervision their forest experts
xii	No groundwater shall be used for mining operations.	No groundwater is being used fo mining operations. However, the water collected or stored in mine sump acts as ground water recharge structure.
xiii	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and construction of new piezometers. The monitoring for water levels should be done at least four times a year in pre-monsoon (May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus collected shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the Central Ground Water Board, Regional Office quarterly within one month of monitoring.	The mine is closed and there is not mining activity. Hence, there is not Ground water monitoring in the mine. However, Well water monitoring in nearby operational mines for assessing the ground water level in the villages of buffer zone is being carried out through M/s Anacon, nagpur. Report of the period December 2022 to August 2024 monitoring has been submitted to your good office vide our letter no. WCL/MA/AGM/ENV/
xiv	The company shall put up artificial groundwater recharge measures for augmentation of groundwater resources in case monitoring indicates a decline in water table. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village (s) in case the village wells go dry due to de-watering of the mine.	artificial ground water recharge measures & adopted rain water harvesting for various infrastructure, buildings. The project will provide drinking water to the nearby villages in case of village wells go dried due to dewatering of the mine. At present there is no such case. However, the water stored and collected in mine sump acts as
xv	Sewage Treatment Plant shall be installed in the existing colony. ETP shall also be provided for workshop & CHP wastewater.	ground water recharge structure Sewage treatment plant of 0.40 MLD capacity has already been installed in the existing colony. Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now, Workshop ETP is not operational.
xvi	Besides carrying out regular periodic health checkup of their workers, 10% of the workers identified from work force engaged in active mining operation shall be subjected to health checkup for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any, through an specialized agency/institution within the District/State & the results reported to this Ministry & to DGMS.	Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. The PME of the employees deployed in the mine is being done on regular basis. However, as there is no mining activity in the mine there is no person deployed in any kind of active
xvii	Land oustees shall be compensated as per the norms laid out R&R Policy of CIL or the National R&R Policy or R&R Policy of the State Government whichever is higher.	mining activity. Land oustees were compensated as per the norms laid out R&R Policy of CIL.
xviii	For monitoring land use pattern and for post mining land use, a time series of land use maps, based on satellite imagery (on a scale of 1:5000) of the core zone and buffer zone, from the start of the project until end of mine life shall be prepared once in 3 years (for any one particular season which is consistent in the time series), and the report submitted to MOEF and its	Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique has been done for monitoring land use pattern with the mine was operational. Now, as the mine is closed and there is no mining activity, the said study is not being

	Decision of Office 101	
	Regional Office at Bhopal.	taken up. However, the dumps are completely covered with tree plantation & Land use pattern report using satellite imagery uploaded on WCL website.
XX	A detail Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forest within 6 months of grant of Environmental Clearance.	Final Mine Closure plan has been prepared During 2023-24, an amount of Rs 8,95,52,000.00 has been deposited in Escrow account (A/c no. 0897107600002196 (Renewed)). Progressive Mine closure claim of Rs 23.88 crores for the period 2012-13 to 2016-17 is reimbursed. Balance as on 31.03.2024 is Rs
- vvi	The president authority I the	24,28,94,558.17
xxi	The project authorities shall in consultation with the Panchayats of the local villages & administration identify socio-economic & welfare measures under CSR to be carried out over the balance life of the mine.	CSR action plan is prepared with the consultation of Panchayats of the local villages.
xxii.	Corporate Environment responsibility :	
а	The company shall have a well laid down Environment Policy approved by the Board of Directors.	The company has a well laid down Environment Policy approved by the Board of Directors.
b	The Environment Policy shall prescribe for standard operating process/procedures to bring into focus any infringements/ deviation/violation of the environmental or forest norms/conditions.	The Environment Policy prescribes for standard operating process/ procedures to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental or forest norms/conditions.
c	The hierarchical system or Administrative Order of the company to deal with environmental issues & for ensuring compliance with the environmental clearance conditions shall be furnished.	The hierarchical system or Administrative Order of the company to deal with environmental issues & for ensuring compliance with the environmental clearance conditions is clearly defined in the environmental policy of the company.
d	To have proper checks & balances, the company shall have a well laid down system of reporting of non-compliances/violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large.	The company has a well laid down system of reporting of non-compliances/violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large.
2	GENERAL CONDITIONS	
S. N	Condition	Compliance
i,	No change in mining technology and scope of working shall be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.	Noted.
ii.	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral coal & waste shall be made.	Noted.
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	iii. Four ambient air quality monitoring stations shall established in the core zone as well as in the but zone for PM10, PM2.5, SO2, NOx monitoring. Locati of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features, a environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.	ffer are exhausted, mine is closed now and 3 years post mine closure monitoring has been completed.
	Fugitive dust emission (PM ₁₀ & PM _{2.5}) from all the sources shall be controlled regularly monitored data recorded properly. Water spraying arrangements on haul roads, wagon loading, durn trucks (loading & unloading points) shall be provided & maintained.	fugitive emission due to mining activity such as coal transportation roads, coal stock yard etc.
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Data on ambient air quality, (PM10, PM2.5, SO2, NO shall be regularly submitted to the Ministry includin its Regional Office at Bhopal and to the Stat Pollution Control Board & the Central Pollutio Control Board once in six months.	g are exhausted, mine is closed now and 3 years post mine closure monitoring has been completed.
vi.	noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations operations of HEMM, etc should be provided with ear plugs/muffs. Industrial waste water (workshore)	maintenance of HEMM and controlled blasting was taken when the mine was in operation to control noise levels below 85 dB(A). However, Since the Coal reserves of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now.
	so as to confirm to the standards prescribed under GSR 422(E) dated 19th May 1993 and 31st December 1993 or as amended from time to time before discharge. Oil and grease trap shall be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.	of the mine are exhausted, mine is closed now. There is no mine water pumping. However, water stored and collected in mine sump acts as ground water recharge structure. When mine was operational, adequate treatment to mine water
viii.	Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Vehicles used for transporting the mineral shall be covered with tarpaulins and optimally loaded.	and workshop ETP effluent was done Mine is closed and there is no movement in the mine. There is no requirement of PUC of light vehicles as there is no light vehicles on-roll in this mine.
ix.	Monitoring of Environment Quality parameters shall be carried out through establishment of adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with State Pollution Control board and data not analysed through a laboratory recognized under EP Rules, 1986	Hence, Not Aplicable A full-fledged Environmental laboratory under CMPDIL exists at Nagpur, which monitors all the mines of WCL.
	Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance programme of the workers shall be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed & records maintained thereof.	Since, the mine is close now, no worker is working in dusty areas in this mine. All the workers are shifted to other mines/ areas of WCL

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	xi.	A separate environmental management cell wit suitable qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will repodirectly to the Head of the Company.	& project level. GM (Environment) of HQ directly reports to the head of
	xii.	The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and shall not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure shall be reported to this Ministry and it concerned Regional Office.	Funds have been earmarked for environment protection measures and is kept in separate account and is not diverted for other purpose.
	xiii	The Regional Office of this Ministry located a Bhopal shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend ful cooperation to the officer(s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/information/monitoring reports.	
	xiv	A copy of the clearance letter shall be marked to concerned Panchayat/ Local NGO if any, from whom any suggestions/ representation has been received while processing the proposal	concerned Panchayats vide letter no.WCL/MA/43 dated 12.05.2012.
	XV	the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industry Sector and Collector's Office/ Tahasildar's Office for 30 days.	,
		The project authorities shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days of issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been according environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen at web site of the Ministry of Environment & Forests at http://envfor.nic.in .	Complied. Advertisement given in following 2 Newspapers:- 1. The Hitwada (English) dated 21.05.2012 2. Mahavidhrabha (Marathi) dated 21.05.2012
	,	The ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environment protection.	Noted.
		Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted.
	f F F 1 tt	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 along with heir amendments and rules. The proponent shall ensure o provide for the costs incurred for taking up remedial neasures in case of soil contamination, contamination of groundwater and surface water and occupational and other diseases due to the mining operations.	Noted.

Sub Area Manager Dhorwasa Opencast Project Majri Area, Western Coalfields Limited