

No.J-11015/165/2009-IA-II (M)pt.  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, N Delhi-3  
Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

To,

The General Manager (Environment),  
M/s Western Coalfields Ltd,  
Coal Estate, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civil Lines,  
**Nagpur** - 1 (Maharashtra)

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**Sub: Expansion of Ghonsa OCP of capacity 0.60 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd with increase in land area from 128.79 ha to 278.683 ha located in District Yavatmal (Maharashtra) - Amendment in EC- reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No WCL/HQ/Env/11-B & 20-C/717-719 dated 28.08.2017 along with online proposal No.IA/MH/CMIN/61865/2010 and subsequent letters dated 21.10.2017 and 27.10.2017 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for amendment in environmental clearance granted vide letter No. J-11015/165/2009-IA.II(M) dated 8th June, 2017 in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for the project 'Expansion of Ghonsa Opencast Coal Mine' of capacity 0.60 MTPA with increase in land area from 128.79 ha to 278.683 ha located in District Yavatmal (Maharashtra).

3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Projects in its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The EAC, has recommended for amendment in the environmental clearance dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 for the above project, in respect of certain specific and general conditions stipulated therein, to be deleted/replaced with and now read as under:-

**Specific Condition**

(ix) Of the total quarry area of 135.12 ha, the backfilled quarry area of 80 ha shall be reclaimed with plantation and a void of 46.84 ha with maximum depth of 75 m shall be converted into water body in conformity with the post mining land-use plan, which remains an integral part of the approved mining plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry.

**General Conditions**

**(b) Land reclamation**

(iii) Final Mine void depth of 75 m shall be in conformity with the post mining land-use plan, which remains an integral part of the approved mining plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry.



**(c) Emission, Effluents & Waste Disposal**

(vii) ..... To check run off and siltation, retaining wall of adequate dimension to be constructed at the toe of OB dumps and OB benches, as applicable, based on rainfall data.

4. Based on the recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed amendments in the environmental clearance dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 for the project 'Expansion of Ghonsa Opencast Coal Mine' of capacity 0.60 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd with increase in land area from 128.79 ha to 278.683 ha located in District Yavatmal (Maharashtra), in respect of specific and general conditions, as mentioned in the para 3 above.

5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the said Environmental Clearance dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 shall remain unchanged.

  
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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Admn. Bldg, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 32
3. The APCCF, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (Western Central Zone), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 1 (Maharashtra)
4. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, Sion, Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
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, **Yavatmal**, Government of Maharashtra.
8. Monitoring File    9. Guard File    10. Record File 11. Notice Board

  
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