No.J-11015/106/2009-IA.II(M) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, N Delhi - 3 Dated: 28th March, 2019

To.

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Sub: Expansion of Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mining Project from 2.5 MTPA to 3.5 MTPA by M/s Western Coalfields Limited in an area of 917 ha in Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No.IA/MH/CMIN/75604/2018 dated 29th January, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.

- 2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide letter dated 14th March, 2018, has granted environmental clearance to the expansion of Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mining Project from 2.5 to 3.5 MTPA in area of 917 ha (mine lease area 845.74 ha) for a period of one year, subject to compliance of certain terms & conditions and environmental safeguards.
- **3.** To monitor compliance status of the conditions stipulated in the said environmental clearance, site inspection was carried out by Ministry's Regional Office at Nagpur on 3rd January, 2019. The report in this regard has been forwarded by the Regional Office vide letter dated 21st January, 2019.
- 4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral EAC in its meeting held on 21st February, 2019. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for continuance of Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mining Project from 2.5 to 3.5 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in area of 917 ha located in Village Gondegaon, Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra), for a further period of one year, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto, subject to review of compliance status of the conditions by the EAC to consider continuance of the project after one year

5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 14th March, 2018 shall remain unchanged.

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- 2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Admn. Bldg, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32 (Maharashtra)
- 3. The Additional PCCF (Central), 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, 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, Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai 2
- 7. The District Collector, Nagpur, Government of Maharashtra
- 8. Monitoring File 9. Guard File 10. Record File 11. Notice Board

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