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To,

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Sub: Tawa-II Underground coal mine expansion with production capacity of 0.60 MTPA (Normative) in an area 520 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in Village Hirapalla, Tehsil Ghoradongri, District Betul (Madhya Pradesh)- Revalidation of Environmental Clearance (as per Ministry's Notification dated 6th April, 2018) - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No.IA/MP/CMIN/103388/2006 dated 15th May, 2019 for Revalidation of Environmental Clearance dated 2nd August, 2006, submitted to this Ministry in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for Tawa-II Underground coal mine expansion with production capacity of 0.60 MTPA (Normative) in an area 520 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in Village Hirapalla, Tehsil Ghoradongri, District Betul (Madhya Pradesh).

The project/activity is covered under category 'A' of item 1 (a) 'Mining of Minerals' the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006

2. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Sector in its 46th meeting held on 25th June, 2019 and in 4th meeting held on 27th November, 2020.

3. Project Proponent through State Pollution Control Board had published public notice for information of the stakeholders about present and proposed expansion of coal Mining operation in Dainik Bhaskar (Date - 05.10.2019) & in Navbharat (date - 05.10.2019) giving a time period of 30 days for submission of comments etc by the stakeholders. During the said period of 30 days, no comments / suggestion has been received.

Certified Compliance Monitoring report has been submitted by Ministry's Regional Office Bhopal vide letter no. 3-50/2006(ENV)/809 dated 24th October, 2018 based on site visit conducted

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on 9th October, 2018. Accordingly, the Action taken report against non-compliance observed in certified copy of compliance has been submitted to office of RO, MOEF&CC, Bhopal vide letter no WCL/GM/PKD/ENV/2018/288 dated 15th November, 2018. An area of 400.29 Ha of forest land has been reported to be involved in the project. FC Obtained vide letter no F-5/29/97/10/3 dated 09.08.1999 – 195.20 ha.

Stage-I FC vide letter F.no.8-52/2017-FC dated 14.05.2018 – 201.079 ha. Forest clearance (surface only) has been granted vide letter 6-MPB-109/2006-BHO3741 dated 16.08.2007 (for erecting 33 KV power line) – 3.75 ha. Mine Plan has been approved by M/s WCL Board in its 194th meeting held on 16th December, 2005 for capacity of 0.60 MTPA in an area of 520 ha and subsequently communicated vide resolution no. WCL/BD/SECTT/BM-194/2006/5916 dated 7th January, 2006. Impact Assessment study of CSR activities has been carried out, for CSR works being carried out during FY 2014-15 to FY 2019-20 through Gram Bharati Mahila Mandal (NGO).

4. The Expert Appraisal Committee in its 4th meeting held on 27th November, 2020 has recommended the project for grant of Revalidation of Environment Clearance (EC) based on Ministry's Notification dated 6th April, 2018. Based on recommendations of the EAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for revalidation of the Environment Clearance dated 2nd August, 2006 to the Tawa-II Underground coal mine expansion with production capacity of 0.60 MTPA (Normative) in an area 520 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in Village Hirapalla, Tehsil Ghoradongri, District Betul (Madhya Pradesh), for life of the mine or 30 years, whichever is earlier as per EIA Notification, 2006, as mandated under the Ministry's Notification dated 6th April, 2018, subject to terms and conditions stipulated therein remaining the same and with additional conditions mentioned below:-

- (i) PP shall obtain prior permission of Central Ground Water Authority for extraction or intersecting of ground water.
- (ii) Transportation of coal shall be done only on concrete road instead of kuchcha road-Bogaikhapa (presently being done). Concrete road shall be built within six months and compliance shall be submitted to Ministry's Regional Office.
- (iii) PP shall be use only High axle trucks of 40-50 tonne capacity for transportation of coal.


5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the Environment clearance dated 2nd August, 2006, shall remain same.

6. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The APCCF, MOEF&CC, Regional Office (EZ), E-5 Arera Colony, Bhopal – 462 016
3. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Secretariat, Bhopal
4. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi -32
5. The Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
6. The Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal - 462 016
7. The District Collector, Betul, Government of Madhya Pradesh
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