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#### Western Coalfields Limited

(मिनिस्तना कंपनी) (A Miniratna Company) (कोल इंडिया लिंे की अनुषंगी कपनी)



पर्यावरण विभाग

(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited) क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय, माजरी क्षेत्र **Environment Department** 

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

संदर्भ रंख्या/ Ref. No. वेकोलि/माक्षे/क्षेमप्र/पर्यावरण/2024/290

दिनांक/ Date: 09.11.2024

प्रति.

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय (WCZ),

ग्राउंड फ्लोर, ईस्ट विंग, न्यू सेक्रेटरियट बिल्डिंग, सिविल लाइंस, नागप्र-440001, (महाराष्ट्र)

विषय: Six Monthly Report against compliance of conditions of Environmental Clearance for Telwasa Opencast Coal Mine (Expn.) Project of Majri Area, WCL (As on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024)

संदर्भः Environment Clearance letter no. J-11015/323/2008-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 Telwasa Opencast Coal Mine (Expn.) Project of Majri Area, WCL (As on 30th September 2024).

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

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क्षेत्रीय केन्द्रस्थ अधिकारी (पर्यावरण),

माजरी क्षेत्र

संलग्नक : यथोपरी

#### प्रतिलिपि:

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- उप-क्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक, चारगाव तेलवासा उपक्षेत्र



# WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED MAJRI AREA

# TELWASA OPENCAST COAL MINE

# SIX MONTHLY EC COMPLIANCE REPORT

AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

# **WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED** SIX MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

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Name of the project	TELWASA OPEN CAST COAL MINE	
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-11015/323/2008.IA.II(M) DT.03.05.2012	
Period of this status report	As on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	
Date of last report submitted	26.05.2024	
Date of commencement of project work	April -1997	

#### **STATUS OF LAND ACQUISITION:**

Type of land	Required as per EMP (Ha)	Actual acquired (Ha) as on 30.09.2024
Forest	22.64	17.27
Agriculture	220.98	219.42
Other	43.98	29.85
Total	287.60	266.58

# STATUS OF LEGAL COMPLIANCES:

A	Consent under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act	Mine is discontinued since 04.08.2018.
В	Consent under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act	
С	Environment (Protection) Act	Mine is discontinued since 04.08.2018.
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 17.27 Ha. Copy of letter already submitted alongwith earlier report. Application for Stage —II clearance re-submitted to Forest Department for clearance of balance forest land measuring 5.37 Ha.

#### PART - II

### STATUS OF ENVIRONMENT

## AIR POLLUTION CONTROL:-

- a. No. of ambient air monitoring stations: Four.
- b. Name of the location:
  - 1. Telwasa Security Office.
  - 2. SAM Office.
  - 3. Chargaon village.
  - Ekta Nagar Colony.
- C. Ambient air quality status for the parameters prescribed by State Pollution Control Boards (Average 95% time weighted values):

2. SAM Office years post closure monitoring has been completed.  3. Chargaon village completed.	<u>2.</u> 3.	Chargaon village	SPM RPM SO <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>x</sub> Not applicable as mine is closed and 3 years post closure monitoring has been completed.
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#### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL:**

- a. No. of stations and frequency of monitoring: There are two stations & frequency of monitoring is Fortnightly.
- b. Description of locations:
  - 1. Mine water discharge
  - Workshop (ETP) water discharge
  - 3. DETP (Ekta Nagar) water discharge
- c. Average concentration of major pollutants prescribed by State Pollution Control Board (fig. in mg/lit except pH):

SI. No Location pH BOD COD DO TSS O/G  1. Mine water discharge Mine is discontinued, hence there is no water discharge from Workshop ETP & mine	1.	Mine water discharge Workshop(ETP) water	Mine is discontinued, hence there is no
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# **NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL:**

- a. No. of noise monitoring stations:- Two.
- b. Description of location and dB(A) value:-i. Near Project Office.
  - ii. Ekta Nagar Colony

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#### PART-III

# STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF EMP

#### LAND USE STATUS:-

Area reclaimed biologically: 3.85 Ha. (Tree plantation on backfilled area)

\$I No	Particulars	As per EMP	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	Progressive
l	Area excavated (Ha)	87.25	Nil	83.98
2.	OB removed (Mm3) (Incl. top soil)	21.37	Nil	48.004567
3.	Top soil removed (Mm3)	1.40	Nil	1.8189
4.	OB backfilled (Mm3)	3.09	Nil	25.765632
5.	OB dumped (Mm3)	8.99	Nil	22.242418
6.	Area recovered for reclamation (physical reclamation)	20.25	Nil	12.00

#### **PRODUCTION:-**

(i) Targeted Capacity: - 2.00 MTY (sanctioned capacity)

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

#### **AFFORESTATION: -**

SI.No	Location	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	Progressive (nos.)
<u> 1</u>	OB Dumps & embankments	Nil	28,500
2	Safety zones	Nil	Nil
3	Backfilled areas	Nil	9,615
4	Other areas	Nil	51,500
·	Total	Nil	89,615

Area under plantation (Progressive): - 33.45 Ha. & 6.0 km. of road

No. of plants per Hectare :- 2500 plants/Ha.

Species planted: - Karanj, Kini, Sirus, Arjun, Gulmohar, Peltophorum etc.

# REHABILITATION & RESETTLEMENT :-

SI.No	Particulars		T	
1.	No. of land oustees	SC_	ST	Others
	<del></del>	02	04	120
2	No. of land oustees rehabilitated	02	04	120
3.	No. of PAPS/PAFS to be resettled		<del></del> -	120
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5.	Area of new site (Ha)			
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	Status of development			
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. 359.00 Lakhs
Air pollution control	Nil	Rs. 28.75 Lakhs
Water pollution control	Nil	Rs. 19.11 Lakhs
Others	Nil	Nil

#### <u>REVENUE</u>

Account head	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	Progressive
Afforestation	Nil	Rs. 65.60 Lakhs
Monitoring	Rs. 09.00 Lakhs	Rs. 155.05 Lakhs
Statutory expenses	Nil	Rs. 62.39 Lakhs
Others (Cost of operation & maintenance of mobile . tankers, WETP, JVS etc.)	Nil	Rs. 393.95 Lakhs

#### PART - V

Clearance letter No.

Date

: J-11015/323/2008-IA.II (M)

: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012

1	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	
SI.No	Conditions	
i.	The embankment constructed along the river boundary shall be of suitable dimensions and stabilized with plantation & with stone pitching of the river front side in critical patches so as the withstand the peak water flow & prevent minimundation.	width at top & about 60-70 m width at bottom has been constructed around quarry having length about
ii.	There shall be no overflow of OB in to the river & i to the agricultural fields. & massive plantation of native species shall be taken up in the area between the river & the project.	above HFL (190 m) of Wardha River  Necessary steps has been taken check the overflow of OB into the river & into the agricultural field lift grass turfing on slope embankment, making of wall sand bags at the toe
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.	earmarked dump sites only. The dead dump were reclaimed wherein proper terracing was done so that the overall slope come within the permissible limit. Also plantation has been done ove some portion of the embankment for reclamation and this portion has became fully vegetated. No further OB shall be dumped in near future as the mines is discontinued. Total
E	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 should 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 should also provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material.	28,500 nos. trees planted on OB and 9615 nos. on backfilled area.  The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity.  At present, catch drains and siltation ponds are not required around the external dump, as entire quantity of rain water along with silt and sediments from the dump is naturally, partly diverted to the de-coaled quarry of Dhorwasa Open Cast Coal Mine and balance into de-coaled quarry of Telwasa OC. They are not mixing with surface water courses. This arrangement is working satisfactorily as first stage sedimentation pond. And water stored in mine void
a	pimensions 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.	acts as ground water recharge structure  The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity.  The dumps are completely covered with plantation and stabled. Hence there is no requirement of toe wall.
ef pr	rushers at the CHP of adequate capacity for the capacity project shall be operated with high ficiency bag filters, water sprinkling system shall be ovided to check fugitive emission from crushing perations, conveyor system, haulage roads,	The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity. No fugitive emission is generated due to any mining activity

	transfer points etc.	
	Drills shall be wet operated.	Mine is closed now as mine reserves are exhausted
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	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.	The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity. There is no movement and no coal transportation is being done from or through the mine, hence there is no requirement of repairing of the roads. A thick green belt comprising of native species has already been developed along the major approach roads.
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.	Mine is closed now as mine reserves are exhausted
xi	A Progressive afforestation plan shall be implemented covering an area of 91.29 ha, which includes reclaimed external OB dump area (30.29 ha), backfilled quarry (30 ha), along roads & infrastructure (4.50 ha), rationalization of mine boundary area & blasting area (26.5 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 & avenue plantation along the main approach roads to the mine.  Of the total quarry area of 87.25 ha, 30 ha shall be backfilled & reclaimed with plantation, & 28.25 ha shall be left undisturbed & the balance 29. Ha of the decoled void shall converted into a water body at the post mining stage, the upper benches of which 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.	28,500 nos. of plants has been planted on OB dumps/ embankments, 9,615 nos. on backfilled area and 51,500 nos. of plants has been planted in other areas. The species of plantation done are Karanj, Kini, Sirus, Arjun, Gulmohur, Peltophorum etc. The density is @ 2500 plants/Ha. The tree plantation work was undertaken by Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra, Forest Deptt., FoM  The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity, Backfilling was done. Reclamation of dumps was also taken up. 28,500 nos. of trees has been planted on OB dumps and embankments, 9,615 nos. on backfilled area and 51,500 nos. of trees has been planted in other areas. The species of plantation done are Karanj, Kini, Sirus, Arjun, Gulmohur, Peltophorum etc. The density is 2500 trees per Ha. The tree plantation work was undertaken by Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra, Forest Deptt., FoM. Balance, mine void is now a converted
xii	No groundwater shall be used for mining	water body and same acts as ground water recharge structure.  The mine is closed now and there is
	operations.	no mining activity. Also, no ground water withdrawat for any other activity. Mine void is now a converted water body and same 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	The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity. Hence, there is no Ground water monitoring in the mine. However, Well water monitoring for
	be done at least four times a year in pre-monsoon	adjacent operational mines are

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	(May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus collected should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the Central Ground Water Board, Regional Office quarterly within one month of monitoring.	water level in the villages of buffer zone is being carried out through
xiv	The company shall put up artificial groundwater recharge measures for augmentation of groundwater resources. The project authorities should meet water requirement of nearby village (s) in case the village wells go dry due to de-watering of the mine.	Arrangement has been made for artificial ground water recharge measures and 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 mine is closed now and there is no mining activity and no mine water withdrawal. Also, no ground water withdrawal for any other activity. Moreover, Mine void is now a converted water body and same
xv	ETP shall also be provided for workshop & CHP wastewater.	acts as ground water recharge structure  Mine is closed now as mine reserves are exhausted, hence workshop ETP is now dismantled. However, when mine was operational, Workshop ETP was functioning property.
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.	Mine is closed and there is no mining activity and none of the worker is engaged in any dusty working condition
xvii	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 5 years (for any one particular season which is consistent in the time series), and the report submitted to MOEF and its Regional Office at Bhopal.	The mine is closed now and there is no mining activity. Land Use Pattern has been monitored every 3 years by CMPDIL when mine was operational. As there in no activity in mine, Last monitoring was done during the year 2020. Report of the same is uploaded on WCL website.
xviii	A 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 for approval.	Final Mine Closure Plan submitted vide letter no. WCL/ENV/HQ/22-Q/78 dated 08.02.2013.  During FY 2023-24, an amount of Rs 7.07,36,000.00 has been deposited in Escrow account (A/c no. 0897107600002187 (Renewed)).  Progressive Mine closure claim of Rs 15.96 crores for the period 2012-13 to 2016-17 is reimbursed.  Balance as on 31.03.2024 is Rs 27,96,95,865.17

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	vi.	Adequate measures shall be taken for control noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environmer Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operation operations of HEMM, etc should be provided with ear plugs/muffs.	maintenance of HEMM and controlled blasting was being taken during mine operation so as to control noise levels below 85 dB(A).  Now the mine is closed and there is no mining activity is being
	vii.	Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) shall be properly collected, treated 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.	generating activity take place  Mine is closed now as mine reserves are exhausted and there is no mining activity.  However, mine water is collected and stored in the sump in the quarry itself where first stage settlement is
	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.	
	ix.	Environmental laboratory shall be established with adequate number & type of pollution monitoring & analysis equipments in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board	vehicles. Hence, not applicable  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.	Mine is closed now as mine reserves are exhausted. None of the worker is engaged in any dusty working condition
		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.	
xi.	1	A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Company.	Environment Cell exists at HQ, Area, & project level. GM (Environment) of HQ directly reports to the head of the Organization.
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- 111	C C C D	ne Regional Office of this Ministry located at hopal shall monitor compliance of the stipulated onditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer(s) of the Regional Office y furnishing the requisite data/information/onitoring reports.	Agreed.

X	concerned Panchayat/ Local NGO if any, from received while processing the proposal.  A copy of clearance letter given to concerned Panchayats vide letter no.WCL/MA/SAM/43 dated
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4	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.
5	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 1991along with their amendments and rules. The proponent shall ensure to provide for the costs incurred for taking up remedial measures in case of soil contamination, contamination of groundwater and surface water and occupational and other diseases due to the mining operations.

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