

F. No.J-11015/86/2005-IA-II(M) Pt. Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 6th December, 2019

The General Manger (Environment) Western Coalfields Limited, Koyla Vihar, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001 (Maharashtra)

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Sub: Expansion of Umrer Opencast Coal Mining Project from 3.50 MTPA to 4.90 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Village Kanhwa, Tehsil Umrer, District Nagpur (Maharashtra) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/119667/2019 dated 27th September, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide letter dated 11th January, 2019, has granted environmental clearance to the Expansion of Umrer Opencast Coal Mining Project from 3.50 MTPA to 4.90 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Village Kanhwa, Tehsil Umrer, District Nagpur (Maharashtra), for a period of one year and subject to compliance of certain terms and conditions, which *inter-alia* included the following and other conditions:-

The project proponent shall collect and analyze one season data for environmental parameters and submit for consideration of the EAC before 31st December, 2019.

- **3.** In line with the above condition, Project Proponent submitted the compliance of all the specifics conditions including one season baseline data and The third part assessment of EC compliance through CSIR-NEERI. Site inspection was carried out by CSIR-NEERI for assessment of EC compliance in respect of Umrer Opencast on 30th August, 2019 and compliance report from CSIR-NEERI vide its letter dated 25.09.2019.
- **4.** The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meeting held on 22^{nd} October, 2019 and recommended for continuance of the project and validity of environmental clearance dated 11^{th}

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January, 2019 for a period of 30 years or life of the mine, whichever is earlier subject to the terms and conditions stipulated therein remaining the same. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for continuance of the Expansion of Umrer Opencast Coal Mining Project from 3.50 MTPA to 4.90 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Village Kanhwa, Tehsil Umrer, District Nagpur (Maharashtra), for a period of 30 years or life of the mine, whichever is earlier, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto,

- **5.** All other terms and conditions stipulated in the said environmental clearance dated 11^{th} January, 2019 shall remain unchanged.
- **6.** This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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- 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 Advisor, Coal India Limited, SCOPE Minar, Core-I, 4th Floor, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi
- 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 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
- 8. The District Collector, Nagpur, Government of Maharashtra
- 9. Monitoring File 10. Guard File 11. Record File 12. Notice Board

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