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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: 26th December, 2019

To

The General Manger (Environment)
Western Coalfields Limited,
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Sub: Expansion of Penganga Opencast Coal Mining Project for increase in production capacity from 4.5 MTPA to 6.3 MTPA in an area of 763.06 ha by M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Village Wirur, Tehsil Korpana, District Chandrapur (Maharashtra) - Extension of Environmental Clearance Validity - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/116815/2019 dated 30th October, 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 Penganga Opencast Coal Mining Project for increase in production capacity from 4.5 MTPA to 6.3 MTPA in an area of 763.06 ha to M/s Western Coalfields Limited located in Village Wirur, Tehsil Korpana, District Chandrapur (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 Regional Office, Nagpur to monitor the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 11th January, 2019 and certified compliance report was submitted vide its letter dated 8th November, 2019.

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4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meeting held on 15th November, 2019 wherein the EAC recommended for continuance of the project and validity of environmental clearance dated 11th 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 Penganga Opencast Coal Mining Project for increase in production capacity from 4.5 MTPA to 6.3 MTPA in an area of 763.06 ha by M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Village Wirur, Tehsil Korpana, District Chandrapur (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 11th January, 2019 shall remain unchanged.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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 10. Guard File 11. Record File 12. Notice Board


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