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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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Dated: 1st December, 2020

To,

The General Manager (Environment),
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Sub: Expansion of Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining Project from 0.6 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra) – Amendment in Environment Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/170637/2020 dated 31st August, 2020 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for amendment in Environment clearance dated 28th March, 2019 to the Expansion of Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining Project from 0.6 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra), subject to compliance of certain terms and conditions, which *inter-alia* included the following specific conditions: -

(iii) PP shall implement in-pit belt conveyor system in next 3 years from the issue of this letter”

(xviii) the Percentage of CER may be at least 2 times the amount given in the OM dated 01st May, 2018 recommended by EAC and item wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to Ministry's Regional Office”

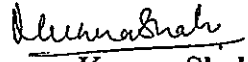
3. Amendment has been sought by project proponent citing the deployment of In-pit belt conveyor system in the mine is technically difficult proposition and the same is not included in the approved Project Report / Mining Plan. Similarly, specific condition no. (xviii) as state above, PP has proposed for modification with the condition that the project proponent shall comply with the provisions contained in this ministry's OM dated 1st May, 2018 as applicable, regarding Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER).

4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its 2nd meeting held on 28-29 September, 2020 and recommended the proposal for amendment in specific condition (iii) only. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for amendment in Environment Clearance of the **Expansion of Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining Project from 0.6 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra)**, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of additional as under:

- PP shall implement off pit conveyor system i.e. from Coal Handling Plant to Railway siding with silo loading facility in three years (i.e. 2023).

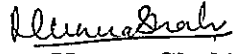
5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the earlier Environmental Clearance dated 28th March, 2019 and 13th March, 2020 shall also apply in addition above conditions.

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


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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 Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
5. The Chairman, 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
6. The District Collector, Chandrapur, Government of Maharashtra
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