



Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

To,

The GM (Mining) Environment
Western Coalfields Limited

Subject: Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the Ministry vide proposal number IA/MH/CMIN/410896/2022 dated 17 Dec 2022. The particulars of the environmental clearance granted to the project are as below.

1. EC Identification No.	EC23A001MH181100
2. File No.	J-11015/67/2006-IA-II(M)
3. Project Type	Expansion
4. Category	A
5. Project/Activity including Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
6. Name of Project	Singhori OC Mine
7. Name of Company/Organization	Western Coalfields Limited
8. Location of Project	Maharashtra
9. TOR Date	N/A

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page no 2 onwards.

Date: 21/08/2023

(e-signed)
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Sub: Expansion of Singhori opencast coal mining project for increase in production capacity from 1.12 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA (increase of 10% to original EC i.e 0.8 MTPA) of in land area of 423.91 Ha (within the already sanctioned EC ML area of 425.04 Ha) by M/s Western Coalfields Ltd, located in the village Singhori, Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra) – Reconsideration for Environmental Clearance dated 23.05.2022 issued under OM no. F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III 07.05.2022 (availing 50% relaxation in original EC capacity under clause 7(ii) of EIA, Notification with exemption of public hearing) reg.
Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. **IA/MH/CMIN/410896/2022** dated 17th December, 2022 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the above project.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the application. It is noted that the proposal is for grant of Environmental Clearance to Expansion of Singhori opencast coal mining project for increase in production capacity from 1.12 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA (increase of 10% to original EC i.e 0.8 MTPA) of in land area of 423.91 Ha (within the already sanctioned EC ML area of 425.04 Ha) by M/s Western Coalfields Ltd, located in the village Singhori, Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra).

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

3. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its 39th EAC meeting held during 12-13 January 2023 and 46th EAC meeting held during 26-27 June, 2023 through Video Conferencing. The details of the proposal, as ascertained from the proposal documents and as revealed from the discussions held during the meetings, are given as under:

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- (i) The project area is covered under Survey of India Topo Sheet No 55 O/3 (IAC) .F44N3 (OSM) and is bounded by the geographical coordinates ranging from Latitudes 21°16'20" N to 21°17'35" N and 79°07'32" E and 79°09'14" E (WGS-84).
- (ii) Coal linkage of the project is proposed for thermal use for MAHAGENCO & various consumers
- (iii) There is no Joint venture.
- (iv) Project does not fall in the Critically Polluted Area (CPA), where the MoEF&CC's vide its OM dated 11.04.2022 & 07.05.2022 has imposed moratorium on grant of environment clearance.
- (v) Employment generation, Permanent employment to 198 persons will be provided from the project. In addition, approximately 150 Nos. of temporary employment has been provided by contractual HEMM operators.
- (vi) The project is reported to be beneficial in terms of
 Environmental: Conservation of Coal. It will also lead to positive environmental impact like increase in green cover, mine water utilisation etc.
 Social: Project will continue to lead to development of roads, infrastructure, improvement in social and living standards.
 Financial: Substantial employment is dependent upon direct and directly on mining. This would also be beneficial to state exchequer for increased royalties with increase in coal production.
- (vii) Earlier, the environment clearance to the project was obtained under EIA Notification, 2006 vide Ministry's letter NoJ-11015/67/2006-IA.II (M) pt dated 23.05.2022 Expansion in Capacity from 1.12 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA within 423.91 ha which is within existing EC area. For present proposal EC has been granted under special dispensations to coal mines granted vide MoEF&CC OM dated 07.05.2022 for production capacity of 1.20 MTPA (10% increase on original EC capacity of 0.80 MTPA) within ML area of 423.91 ha vide Ministry's letter No J-11015/ 537/2008-IA-II(M) dated 26.05.2022
- (viii) Project has been applied under 7(ii) of EIA Notification as per O.M. Dated 07.05.2022 based on Standard ToR.
- (ix) Total mining lease area as per block allotment is 423.91 ha. The Mining Plan for Singhori OC Mine has been approved by competent authority (i.e. WCL Board) for expansion in production capacity from 1.12 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA within 423.91 ha area in its 343rd meeting held on 13.06.2022 and communicated vide resolution no. WCL/Office of CS/BM-343/2022-23/243 dated 24.06.2022. Mine Closure Plan is in built in the mining plan and has been approved along with it.
- (x) The land usage pattern of the project is as follows:
 Pre Mining



Sl. No.	Type of land	Land (Ha) Proposed in Approved Mining Plan April, 2019)	Land as per revenue records	Land (Ha) under physical possession	Balance land to be acquired
1	2	3	4	5	6(4-5)
1	Tenancy Land	394.51	392.25	310.80	81.45
2	Govt. Land	16.30	17.43	14.74	2.69
3	Forest land	14.23	14.23	14.23	0.00
	Sub Total (A)	425.04	423.91	339.77	84.14

Post Mining

Sl. No.	Land use post mining	Land use (ha)				Total
		Plantation	Water Body	Public use	Undisturbed	
1	External OB Dump	80.00	0.00	0.00	22.59	102.59
2	Top Soil Dump	25.00	0.00	0.00	7.45	32.45
3	Excavation	0.00	101.37	0.00	0.00	101.37
4	Infrastructure including Sub-station, CHP Service Buildings etc.	4.00	0.00	16.00	0.00	20.00
5	Undisturbed area	25.00	0.00	0.00	43.50	68.50
6	Green belt	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
7	Roads	1.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	5.00
8	Nala diversion	0.00	4.00	0	0.00	4.00
9	Flood Protection Embankment	2.00	0.00	28.00	0.00	30.00
	Total	197.00	105.37	48.00	73.54	423.91

- (xi) Total balanced geological reserve reported in the mine lease area is 12.94 MT with 12.30 MT net mineable reserve. Out of net mineable reserve of 12.30 MT, 5.714 MT mineral reserves have already been extracted (as on 01.04.2023). Balance mineral reserves to be extracted are 6.586 MT.
- (xii) 07 seams with thickness ranging from 1.26 m – 6.39 m. Grade of coal is G-8 stripping ratio 1: 6.23 m³/t, while gradient is 1 in 3.5 to 1 in 4.
- (xiii) The following Environmental Clearance vide letter no. J-11015/67/2006-IA.II(M) was granted to Singhori (Phase -II) coal mining project:



- a. EC granted for the production capacity of 0.80 MTPA vide dated 17.05.2007 with public hearing.
 - b. EC granted for the production capacity from 0.8 to 1.12 MTPA dated 22.08.2019 with exemption of Public Hearing.
 - c. EC accorded for the production capacity from 1.12 to 1.20 MTPA dated 23.05.2022 under OM dated 07.05.2022 (availing total 50% relaxation with exemption of public hearing under clause 7 (ii) of EIA notification, 2006).
- (xiv) CGWA has granted NOC for abstraction of ground water for Singhori Opencast coal mine project vide letter no. CGWA/NOC/MIN/ORIG/2019/6526 dated 25.10.2019 and valid upto 24.10.2021. The application for 1st renewal of NOC for ground water abstraction from Singhori OC Mine has been submitted via application no. 21-4/1161/MH/MIN/2017 and it is under consideration for renewal at CGWA/CGWB. Formal issuance of NOC renewal letter awaited.
- (xv) The PP has obtained the Stage-II forest clearance for total 14.23 Ha of forest land which is involved in the project area.
- (xvi) The PP has conducted the Public Hearing on 26.04.2005 for production capacity of 0.80 MTPA in the mining lease area of 428.0 Ha by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
- (xvii) The PP has obtained the Consent to Operate for the capacity 1.12 MTPA from the State PCB dated 27/12/2021 valid up to 31.03.2023.
- (xviii) Life of mine is 07 years (Balance as on 01.04.2022).
- (xix) The PP did not submit the certified compliance report vide letter no. EC-1067/RON/2019-NGP/10433 dated 13.10.2022 for EC letter dated 22.08.2019.
- (xx) Baseline data for the period from April 2022 to June 2022 has been collected used for preparation of EIA/EMP report.

4. In the instant project, earlier Environment Clearance for expansion of Singhori OCP was granted in advance under OM vide No. IA-IA-3-22/10/2022-IA.II dated 07.05.2022 (availing 50% relaxation in original EC capacity under clause 7(ii) of EIA, Notification with exemption of public hearing) in view of shortage of coal. The EC was granted subject to certain conditions such as submission of EIA-EMP report within six months from appraisal of EAC along with other monitoring therein.

5. The Expert Appraisal Committee in its 46th EAC meeting held during 26-27 June, 2023 through Video Conferencing has recommended the project for grant of Environment Clearance (EC). Based on recommendations of the EAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for Environment Clearance(EC) to **Expansion of Singhori opencast coal mining project for increase in production capacity from 1.12 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA (increase of 10% to original EC i.e 0.8 MTPA) of in land area of 423.91 Ha (within the already sanctioned EC ML area of 425.04 Ha) by M/s Western Coalfields Ltd, located in the village Singhori, Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra), under OM vide No. IA-IA-3-22/10/2022-IA.II dated 07.05.2022 (availing 50% relaxation in original EC capacity under clause 7(ii) of EIA, Notification with exemption of public hearing) of the Environment**



Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of the following terms & conditions / specific conditions in addition to the standard environmental conditions notified by the Ministry as under :-

- i. As proposed, PP to implement surface miner and conveyor belt system from pit head to CHP by December 2023 and thereafter no transportation shall be permitted by road. SPCB shall issue the CTO accordingly, ensuring that no road transportation shall take place beyond this time.
- ii. PP shall deploy 40 tonnes (payload) covered trucks/dumper to reduce fleet size till Rapid loading system is completed.
- iii. Wastewater from the HEMM washing/ workshop shall be treated in ETP. After treatment, water will be reused in washing of HEMM, dust suppression and greenbelt development as applicable. PP shall submit operational status of ETP to IRO, MoEF&CC the six monthly.
- iv. Waste generated from the domestic use shall be treated in STP and the treated water will be utilized in plantation & greenbelt development.
- v. PP shall construct pond with proper drain for irrigation purposes to villagers with the consultation of village panchayat.
- vi. PP shall provide village Bore-well/Open well to nearby villages as community development programme.
- vii. Garland drains (2mX3m) of adequate size shall be provided at the toe of the benches to arrest discharge and runoff with silt and sediments surging into areas adjoining the periphery of Overburden dump, which will be regularly cleaned before the onset of monsoon every year.
- viii. Check dams shall be constructed at required locations within drains to arrest eroded materials.
- ix. Settling ponds shall be constructed to treat mine discharge water inside the mine block.
- x. Proper profiling of working benches of pits and dumps shall be done to channelize water in garland drains & sumps.
- xi. Additional Greenbelt development/plantation shall be carried out at the periphery of the mine lease area as well as in the adjacent area.
- xii. PP shall construct water harvesting structure with the facility of ground water recharge facility.
- xiii. PP shall ensure the employment for the Project Affected Families (PAF) on timely basis.
- xiv. PP shall ensure distribution of water from the artificial reservoir within and outside Mine lease area in consultation with gram panchayat. The water treatment plant to meet the requirement with the start of production.
- xv. PP shall construct a pucca road to maintain the safety of people residing nearby along the transportation route with plantation on either side of the road.
- xvi. PP to install solar lights along the road used for transportation of minerals to avoid the accidents at night and also seek its maintenance. PP is asked to also identify the rural areas for installation of solar light with its maintenance within the study area of 10 km radius buffer zone within one year.



- xvii. PP to provide bio toilets to the villages located within the study areas within 1 year from the grant of this EC.
- xviii. Persons of nearby villages shall be given training on livelihood and skill development to make them employable with its proper records.
- xix. PP to fulfill all the commitment made in the minutes of public hearing to address the issues raised therein in a time bound manner and a progressive report to be furnished to IRO in every six monthly as compliance report.
- xx. Hon'ble Supreme Court in an Writ Petition(s) Civil No. 114/2014, Common Cause vs Union of India & Ors vide its judgement dated 8th January, 2020 has directed the Union of India to impose a condition in the mining lease and a similar condition in the environmental clearance and the mining plan to the effect that the mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. Compliance of this condition after the mining activity is over at the cost of the mining lease holders/Project Proponent". The implementation report of the above said condition shall be sent to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC.
- xxi. All other conditions stipulated in the previous ECs granted vide letter no. J-11015/67/2006-IA.II (M) dated 17.05.2007, 22.08.2019 and 23.05.2022 shall remain unchanged.
- xxii. PP shall conduct feasibility studies for assessment of voids for backfilling of ash and mixing of ash with overburden, taking up backfilling ash and OB mixing activities during operations as well as post closure of mines in line with the Fly Ash Utilization Notification, 2021

4.1 The grant of environmental clearance is further subject to compliance of the Standard EC conditions as under:

(a) Statutory compliance

- (i) The project proponent shall obtain forest clearance under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1986, in case of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose involved in the project.
- (ii) The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.
- (iii) The project proponent shall prepare a Site-Specific Conservation Plan / Wildlife Management Plan and approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden. The recommendations of the approved Site-Specific Conservation Plan/Wildlife Management Plan shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest Department. The implementation report shall be furnished along with the six-monthly compliance report (in case of the presence of schedule-I species in the study area).
- (iv) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish/Operate under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 from the concerned State pollution Control Board/ Committee.

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(v) The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission from the Central Ground Water Authority.

(vi) Solid/hazardous waste generated in the mines needs to be addressed in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016/Hazardous & Other Waste Management Rules, 2016.

(b) Air quality monitoring and preservation

(i) Continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations as prescribed in the statute be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for monitoring of pollutants, namely PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and NO_x. Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Online ambient air quality monitoring stations may also be installed in addition to the regular monitoring stations as per the requirement and/or in consultation with the SPCB. Monitoring of heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr, etc to be carried out at least once in six months.

(ii) The Ambient Air Quality monitoring in the core zone shall be carried out to ensure the Coal Industry Standards notified vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25th September, 2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality and heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr and other monitoring data shall be regularly reported to the Ministry/Regional Office and to the CPCB/SPCB.

(iii) Transportation of coal, to the extent permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks/conveyors. Effective control measures such as regular water/mist sprinkling/rain gun etc shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution (with higher values of PM₁₀/PM_{2.5}) such as haul road, loading/unloading and transfer points. Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be controlled regularly. It shall be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central/State Pollution Control Board.

(iv) The transportation of coal shall be carried out as per the provisions and route envisaged in the approved Mining Plan or environment monitoring plan. Transportation of the coal through the existing road passing through any village shall be avoided. In case, it is proposed to construct a 'bypass' road, it should be so constructed so that the impact of sound, dust and accidents could be appropriately mitigated.

(v) Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. All the vehicles engaged in mining and allied activities shall operate only after obtaining 'PUC' certificate from the authorized pollution testing centres.

(vi) Coal stock pile/crusher/feeder and breaker material transfer points shall invariably be provided with dust suppression system. Belt-conveyors shall be fully covered to avoid air borne dust. Side cladding all along the conveyor gantry should be made to avoid air borne dust. Drills shall be wet operated or fitted with dust extractors.

(vii) Coal handling plant shall be operated with effective control measures w.r.t. various environmental parameters. Environmentally friendly sustainable technology should be implemented for mitigating such parameters.

(c) Water quality monitoring and preservation



- (i) The effluent discharge (mine waste water, workshop effluent) shall be monitored in terms of the parameters notified under the Water Act, 1974 Coal Industry Standards vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25th September, 2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- (ii) The monitoring data shall be uploaded on the company's website and displayed at the project site at a suitable location. The circular No.J-20012/1/2006-IA.11 (M) dated 27th May, 2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.
- (iii) Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out in and around the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operations. The monitoring of ground water levels shall be carried out four times a year i.e. pre-monsoon, monsoon, post-monsoon and winter. The ground water quality shall be monitored once a year, and the data thus collected shall be sent regularly to MOEFCC/RO.
- (iv) Monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies shall be carried out once in six months and record of monitoring data shall be maintained and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office.
- (v) Ground water, excluding mine water, shall not be used for mining operations. Rainwater harvesting shall be implemented for conservation and augmentation of ground water resources.
- (vi) Catch and/or garland drains and siltation ponds in adequate numbers and appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, coal heaps & OB dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the river and water bodies. Further, dump material shall be properly consolidated/ compacted and accumulation of water over dumps shall be avoided by providing adequate channels for flow of silt into the drains. The drains/ ponds so constructed shall be regularly de-silted particularly before onset of monsoon and maintained properly. Sump capacity should provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. The water so collected in the sump shall be utilised for dust suppression and green belt development and other industrial use. Dimension of the retaining wall constructed, if any, at the toe of the OB dumps within the mine to check run-off and siltation should be based on the rainfall data. The plantation of native species to be made between toe of the dump and adjacent field/habitation/water bodies.
- (vii) Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for augmentation of ground water. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) after due treatment conforming to the specific requirement (standards).
- (viii) Industrial waste water generated from CHP, workshop and other waste water, shall be properly collected and treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under the standards prescribed under Water Act 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules made there under, and as amended from time to time. Adequate ETP/STP needs to be provided.
- (ix) The water pumped out from the mine, after siltation, shall be utilized for industrial purpose viz. watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly.



(x) The surface drainage plan including surface water conservation plan for the area of influence affected by the said mining operations, considering the presence of river/rivulet/pond/lake etc, shall be prepared and implemented by the project proponent. The surface drainage plan and/or any diversion of natural water courses shall be as per the approved Mining Plan/EIA/EMP report and with due approval of the concerned State/GoI Authority. The construction of embankment to prevent any danger against inrush of surface water into the mine should be as per the approved Mining Plan and as per the permission of DGMS or any other authority as prescribed by the law.

(xi) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures to ensure riverine/riparian ecosystem in and around the coal mine up to a distance of 5 km. A riverine/riparian ecosystem conservation and management plan should be prepared and implemented in consultation with the irrigation / water resource department in the state government.

(d) Noise and Vibration monitoring and prevention

(i) Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels as per Noise Pollution Rules, 2016 in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM, etc shall be provided with personal protective equipments (PPE) like ear plugs/muffs in conformity with the prescribed norms and guidelines in this regard. Adequate awareness programme for users to be conducted. Progress in usage of such accessories to be monitored.

(ii) Controlled blasting techniques shall be practiced in order to mitigate ground vibrations, fly rocks, noise and air blast etc., as per the guidelines prescribed by the DGMS.

(iii) The noise level survey shall be carried out as per the prescribed guidelines to assess noise exposure of the workmen at vulnerable points in the mine premises, and report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry/RO on six-monthly basis.

(e) Mining Plan

(i) Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.

(ii) Mining shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan (including Mine Closure Plan) abiding by mining laws related to coal mining and the relevant circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS).

(iii) No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forestry Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(iv) Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.

(f) Land reclamation

(i) Digital Survey of entire lease hold area/core zone using Satellite Remote Sensing survey shall be carried out at least once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and report in 1:50,000 scale or as notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change(MOEFC) from time to time shall be submitted to MOEFCC/Regional Office (RO).



(ii) The final mine void depth should preferably be as per the approved Mine Closure Plan, and in case it exceeds 40 m, adequate engineering interventions shall be provided for sustenance of aquatic life therein. The remaining area shall be backfilled and covered with thick and alive top soil. Post-mining land be rendered usable for agricultural/forestry purposes and shall be diverted. Further action will be treated as specified in the guidelines for Preparation of Mine Closure Plan issued by the Ministry of Coal dated 27th August, 2009 and subsequent amendments.

(iii) The entire excavated area, backfilling, external OB dumping (including top soil) and afforestation plan shall be in conformity with the “during mining”/“post mining” land-use pattern, which is an integral part of the approved Mining Plan and the EIA/EMP submitted to this Ministry. Progressive compliance status vis-a-vis the post mining land use pattern shall be submitted to the MOEFCC/RO.

(iv) Fly ash shall be used for external dump of overburden, backfilling or stowing of mine as per provisions contained in clause (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (8) of fly ash notification issued vide SO 2804 (E) dated 3rd November, 2009 as amended from time to time. Efforts shall be made to utilize gypsum generated from Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD), if any, along with fly ash for external dump of overburden, backfilling of mines. Compliance report shall be submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC, CPCB and SPCB.

(v) Further, it may be ensured that as per the time schedule specified in mine closure plan it should remain live till the point of utilization. The topsoil shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and shall not be kept unutilized. The top soil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation purposes. Active OB dumps shall be stabilised with native grass species to prevent erosion and surface run off. The other overburden dumps shall be vegetated with native flora species. The excavated area shall be backfilled and afforested in line with the approved Mine Closure Plan. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas shall continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Compliance status shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/ Regional Office.

(vi) The project proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements, if grazing land is involved in core zone, in consultation with the State government to provide alternate areas for livestock grazing, if any. In this context, the project proponent shall implement the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquiring grazing land.

(g) Green Belt

(i) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered/endemic flora/fauna, if any, spotted/reported in the study area. The Action plan in this regard, if any, shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department.

(ii) Greenbelt consisting of 3-tier plantation of width not less than 7.5 m shall be developed all along the mine lease area as soon as possible. The green belt comprising a mix of native species (endemic species should be given priority) shall be developed all along the major approach/ coal transportation roads.



(h) Public hearing and Human health issues

- (i) Adequate illumination shall be ensured in all mine locations (as per DGMS standards) and monitored weekly. The report on the same shall be submitted to this ministry & its RO on six-monthly basis.
- (ii) The project proponent shall undertake occupational health survey for initial and periodical medical examination of the personnel engaged in the project and maintain records accordingly as per the provisions of the Mines Rules, 1955 and DGMS circulars. Besides regular periodic health check-up, 20% of the personnel identified from workforce engaged in active mining operations shall be subjected to health check-up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any, as amended time to time.
- (iii) Personnel (including outsourced employees) working in core zone shall wear protective respiratory devices and shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
- (iv) Implementation of the action plan on the issues raised during the public hearing shall be ensured. The project proponent shall undertake all the tasks/measures as per the action plan submitted with budgetary provisions during the public hearing. Land oustees shall be compensated as per the norms laid down in the R&R policy of the company/State Government/Central Government, as applicable.
- (v) The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No.Z-11013/5712014-IA.II (M) dated 29th October, 2014, titled 'Impact of mining activities on habitations-issues related to the mining projects wherein habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area'.

(i) Corporate Environment Responsibility

- (i) The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms/conditions. The company shall have defined system of reporting infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms/conditions and/or shareholders/stake holders.
- (ii) A separate Environmental Cell both at the project and company head quarter level, with qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of senior Executive, who will directly report to the head of the organization.
- (iii) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six Monthly Compliance Report.
- (iv) Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.



(j) Miscellaneous

- (i) The project proponent shall make public the environmental clearance granted for their project along with the environmental conditions and safeguards at their cost by prominently advertising it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days and in addition this shall also be displayed in the project proponent's website permanently.
- (ii) The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
- (iii) The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and update the same on half-yearly basis.
- (iv) The project proponent shall monitor the criteria pollutants level namely; PM₁₀, SO₂, NO_x (ambient levels) or critical sectoral parameters, indicated for the projects and display the same at a convenient location for disclosure to the public and put on the website of the company.
- (v) The project proponent shall submit six-monthly reports on the status of the compliance of the stipulated environmental conditions on the website of the ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at environment clearance portal.
- (vi) The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No.Z-11013/5712014-IA.II (M) dated 29th October, 2014, titled 'Impact of mining activities on habitations-issues related to the mining projects wherein habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area'.
- (vii) The project proponent shall submit the environmental statement for each financial year in Form-V to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.
- (viii) The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office of the MOEFCC regarding commencement of mining operations.
- (ix) The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
- (x) The project proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report, commitment made during Public Hearing and also that during their presentation to the Expert Appraisal Committee.
- (xi) No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- (xii) Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (xiii) The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
- (xiv) The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.



(xv) The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information/monitoring reports.

(xvi) The above conditions shall 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, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.

5. The proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report and also that during presentation to the EAC. All the commitments made on the issues raised during public hearing shall also be implemented in letter and spirit.

6. The proponent shall obtain all necessary clearances/approvals that may be required before the start of the project. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.

7. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

8. The coal company/project proponent shall be liable to pay the compensation against the illegal mining, if any, and as raised by the respective State Governments at any point of time, in terms of the orders dated 2nd August, 2017 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.114/2014 in the matter of 'Common Cause Vs Union of India & others.

9. The concerned State Government shall ensure no mining operations to commence till the entire compensation for illegal mining, if any, is paid by the project proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology, in strict compliance of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

10. This environmental clearance shall not be operational till such time the project proponent complies with the above said judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court, as applicable, and other statutory requirements.

11. All other terms and conditions as prescribed in Ministry's letter dated 17th May, 2007 and 22nd August, 2019 shall remain the same and need to be complied by PP

This issue with the approval of the competent Authority




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Director

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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
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