



**No. J-11015/80/2016-IA.II (M)**  
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 Impact Assessment Division

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**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 01<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 as applicable, regarding Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER).

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4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 shall also apply in addition above conditions.

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

  
(Munna Kumar Shah)  
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5. The Chairman, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, Sion, Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 2
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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) - Revalidation and Environment Clearance - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/133855/2019 dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for extension of environmental clearance dated 28<sup>th</sup> 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), 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. Site inspection was carried out by Regional Office, Nagpur on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 to monitor the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and certified compliance report was submitted vide its letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and recommended for continuance of the project and validity of environmental clearance dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 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 and with additional conditions. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for continuance of the

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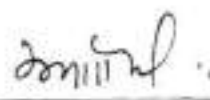
**Expansion of Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining Project from 0.6 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha located in District Chandrapur (Maharashtra), for a period of 30 years or life of the mine, whichever is earlier, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of additional as under:-**

- (i) EAC desired that the MoC may direct CIL subsidiaries to comply the EC/FC/CTO conditions strictly within certain time bound manner so that the mining operations will be environmentally sustainable/viable etc
- (ii) All the partially complied condition observed by Ministry's Regional Office in certified compliance report dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 shall be completed in 3 years.
- (iii) PP shall implement in-pit belt conveyor system in next 3 years from the issue of this letter.
- (iv) Project proponent to plant 100,000 nos. of native trees with broad leaves along the periphery of the mine to prevent the effect of air pollution in 3 years of the issue of this letter. After completion of tree plantation, number of trees shall be duly endorsed from District Forest Officer
- (v) The Project Proponent shall comply with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India and Ors. State Government shall ensure that the entire compensation levied, if any, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department in strict compliance of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in the matter of Common Cause versus Union of India and Ors.
- (vi) Project Proponent shall obtain the necessary prior permission from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) in case of intersecting the Ground water table. The intersecting ground water table can only be commencing after conducting detailed hydrogeological study and necessary permission from the CGWA. The Report on six monthly basis on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry, CGWA and State Pollution Control Board.
- (vii) Proponent shall appoint an Occupational Health Specialist for Regular and Periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the Project and maintain records accordingly; also, Occupational health check-ups for workers having some ailments like BP, diabetes, habitual smoking, etc. shall be undertaken once in six months and necessary remedial/preventive measures taken accordingly. The Recommendations of National Institute for ensuring good occupational environment for mine workers shall be implemented; The prevention measure for burns, malaria and provision of antsnake venom including all other paramedical safeguards may be ensured before initiating the mining activities.
- (viii) Project Proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IA.II (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and

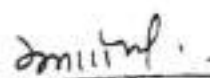
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villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area".

- (ix) The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day light/night hours.
- (x) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna, if any, spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. A copy of action plan shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office.
- (xi) Hon'ble Supreme Court in an Writ Petition(s) Civil No. 114/2014, Common Cause vs Union of India & Ors vide its judgement dated 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Ministry
- (xii) PP shall not divert proposed nallah till it justifies the reason of diversion
- (xiii) PP shall ensure regular water supply to the nearest villages.
- (xiv) CTE/CTO for the project shall be obtained from the SPCB as required under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the SPCB shall follow the mechanism/protocol issued by the Ministry vide letter no. Q-16017/38/2018-CPA dated 24th October, 2019 while issuing the CTE/CTO for the project, for improvement of environmental quality in the area.
- (xv) The green belt of at least 5-10 m width shall be developed in more than 40% of the total project area, mainly along the periphery of mine boundary, in downward wind direction, and along road sides etc. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- (xvi) In addition, the project proponent shall develop greenbelt outside the plant premises such as avenue plantation, plantation in vacant areas, social forestry etc.
- (xvii) Monitoring of compliance of EC conditions may be submitted with third party audit every year.

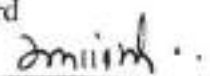


- (xviii) The percentage the CER may be atleast 2 times the amount given in the OM dated 1st May, 2018 recommended by the EAC and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office.
- (xix) Effective fugitive emission control measures should be imposed in the process, transportation, packing etc.
- (xx) Transportation of materials by rail/ conveyor belt, wherever feasible.
- (xxi) A detailed water harvesting plan may be submitted by the project proponent
- (xxii) In case, domestic waste water generation is more than 10 KLD, the industry may install STP.
- (xxiii) Monitoring of compliance of EC conditions may be submitted with third party audit every year
5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the earlier Environmental Clearance dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 shall also apply in addition above conditions.
6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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 (Manoj Kumar Gangeya)  
 Director

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Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/90274/2016 dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal for revalidation of the environmental clearance dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006 as mandated under the Ministry's Notification dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, and grant of environmental clearance to expansion of Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining project from 0.60 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd located in village Sakhrli, Tehsil Rajura, District Chandrapur (Maharashtra) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006

3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The details of the project, as per the documents submitted by the project proponent, and also as informed during the meeting, are reported to be as under:-

- (i) The project area is covered under Survey of India Topo Sheet No 56 M/1 and 56 M/5 and is bounded by the geographical coordinates ranging from N 19° 48' 19" to N 19° 48' 19" N and longitudes E 79° 13' 48" and E 79° 16' 13".
- (ii) Coal linkage of the project is proposed for MahaGenco, KPCL, GSCCL & various consumers
- (iii) Employment generated is 945 Nos. Employment provided is 182 nos., Monetary compensation given- 20 Nos. balance 743 Nos. persons will be provided employment from the project. The project involves 954 nos. project affected families.
- (iv) The project is reported to bridge the gap (to the extent of the peak production capacity of the project) between demand & supply of non-coking coal for the power houses and other bulk consumers of western as well as southern part of the country.
- (v) Earlier, the environment clearance to the project was obtained under EIA Notification, 1994 vide Ministry's letter 1/2005-IA.II (M) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006 for 0.60 MTPA in mine lease area of 316.30 ha.
- (vi) Total mine lease area is 1095.52 ha. Mining Plan (Including Progressive Mine Closure Plan) has been approved by the WCL Board on Vide letter no WCL/BD/SECTT/BM 307/2018/830 dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

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- (vii) The land usage pattern of the project is as follows:  
Pre-mining land use details (Area in Ha)

S. No.	Land Use	Within ML Area	Outside ML Area	Total
1	Agricultural Land	718.69	0	718.69
2	Forest Land	0	0	0
3	Wasteland	60.53	0	60.53
4	Grazing Land	0	0	0
5	Surface Water Bodies	0	0	0
6	Settlements	0	0	0
7	Others (Industrial)	316.30	0	316.30
	Total Project Area	1095.52	0	1095.52

**Post Mining**

S. No.	Land use	Land use (ha)				Total
		Plantation	Water Body	Public Use	Undisturbed	
1	External OB Dump	214.57	0	0	0	214.57
2	Top Soil Dump	35.40	0	0	0	35.40
3	Excavation / Quarry	107.0	188.35	0	0	295.35
4	Roads	0.5	0	1.5	0	2.0
5	Built-up Area (Colony/office)	3.0	0	7.0	0	10.0
6	Green Belt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
7	Undisturbed Area	0.0	0.0	186.41	0.0	186.41
8	Internal OB dumps	58.93	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.93
9	Virgin area	350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	350.0
	Total Area	769.4	188.35	194.91	0.0	1152.66

(viii) Total land requirement for Pauni-II Expansion OC Mine is 1152.66 ha. Out of 1152.66 ha land, 21.61 ha land which is already acquired for Pauni OC has to be transferred to Pauni-II Expansion OC by boundary readjustment.

(ix) Total agricultural land of 1050.99 ha and govt land of 89.60 ha is involved in the project. About 12.7 ha of forest land is also required in overall 1152.66 ha land. The application for Stage-I FC has already been made but FC is yet to be secured.

(x) Now considering the present position of the mine and the surged demand of power grade coal from WCL mines for the power plants of Maharashtra and as per the requirements of MoEF& CC (for project involving forest land but not having Stage-I FC in hand), a Mining Plan by excluding the Forest land and adjacent non-forest land (for maintaining mine geometry) has been prepared as Phase-I for the proposed expansion from 0.60 to 3.25 MTPA.

(xi) In view of public hearing and the ToR secured for total land area of 1152.66 ha, fresh proposal for EC or amendment therein, shall be submitted to take into account the additional land after receipt of stage-I forest clearance for the forest land of 12.07 ha.

(xii) Total geological reserve reported in the mine lease area is 42.847MT with 30.63 MT mineable reserves. Out of total mineable reserve of 30.63MT, 30.63 MT are available for extraction. Percent of extraction is 72%.

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- (xiii) Two seams with thickness ranging from 2.55 m – 10.95 m are workable. Grade of coal is G-9, stripping ratio 1 in 6.19, while gradient is 1 in 6 to 1 in 7.
- (xiv) Method of mining operations would be Opencast with Shovel dumper combination method. Life of mine is 13 years.
- (xv) The project has three external OB dumps in an area of 214.57 ha with 90 m height and 184.32 Mm<sup>3</sup> of OB. The OB from the current mining operations shall be backfilled from 6th year onwards, one internal OB in an area of 107.0 ha with 80.73 Mm<sup>3</sup> of OB.
- (xvi) Total quarry area is 295.35 ha out of which backfilling will be done in 107 ha while final mine void will be created in an area of 188.35 ha with a depth of 200 m. Backfilled quarry area of 107 ha shall be reclaimed with plantation. Final mine void will be converted into water body.
- (xvii) Transportation of coal has been proposed by dumpers in mine pit head, from surface to siding by tippers/dumpers and at sidings by pay loaders.
- (xviii) Reclamation Plan in an area of 769.4 ha, comprising of 214.57 ha of external dump, 35.40 ha of top soil dump, 107.0 ha of internal dump, 412.43 ha for green belt development.
- (xix) **No forest land has been reported to be involved in the Phase-I project.**
- (xx) No National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Eco-Sensitive Zones have been reported with 10 km boundary of the project.
- (xxi) The ground water level has been reported to be varying between 6.05 m to 8.40 m during pre-monsoon and between 1.85 m to 7.90 m during post-monsoon. Total water requirement for the project is 880 KLD.
- (xxii) Application for obtaining the approval of the Central Ground Water Authority for withdrawal of groundwater from CGWA has been applied on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
- (xxiii) Public hearing has been conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 for expansion of Pauri-II Opencast Coal Mining Project in an area of 1152.66 ha, in compliance with the ToR dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, at Manoranjan Kendra, Sasti colony, Near CGM office, WCL Ballarpur area, Taluka Rajura, District Chandrapur (Maharashtra).
- (xxiv) Sakhari & Lendi Nallah is flowing along boundary of lease. The nallah will be diverted in consultation with the Water Resource Department of the State Government.
- (xxv) Baseline monitoring of environmental parameters has been carried out during Nov/2015 to Jan/2016.
- (xxvi) Regular monitoring of ambient air quality is being carried out on fortnightly basis. The documented report is submitted to MPCB and also to MoEF&CC along with half yearly FC compliance report. In general, the results of ambient air quality monitoring data were found within prescribed limits.
- (xxvii) No court cases, violation cases are pending against the project of the PP.
- (xxviii) The project does not involve violation of the EIA Notification, 1984 and amendment issued there under. The coal production from the mine was started from the year 2016-17 onwards. No excess production of coal from the sanctioned capacity has been realized since the commencement of mining operations, with the details as under.

Year	EC sanctioned Capacity (MTPA)	Actual production (MTPA)	Excess production
2016-17	0.60	0.510	Nil
2017-18	0.60	0.306	Nil
2018-19 (up to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 18)	0.60	0.543	Nil

- (xxix) Total cost of the project is Rs.483.6948 crores. Cost of production is Rs.1018.96/- per tonne. CSR cost is Rs.2 per tonne, R&R cost is Rs.318.58 crores. Environment Management Cost is Rs. 97.09 lakhs.

(xxx) The proposal for renewal of consent for Pauni II OC of 0.60 MTPA production capacity was considered in the 6<sup>th</sup> Consent committee meeting of MPCB for 2018-19 held on 17/18.12.2018 at MPCB, Mumbai vide application no. MPCB CONSENT 0000039454.

4. The sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 has recommended for revalidation of the existing environmental clearance as mandated under the Ministry's Notification dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and grant of environmental clearance to the expansion project. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for revalidation of the existing environmental clearance dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006, and grant of environmental clearance to the expansion of **Pauni-II Opencast Coal Mining project from 0.60 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd** in mine lease area of 1095.52 ha located in village Sakhri, Tehsil Rajura, District Chandrapur (Maharashtra), for a period of one year, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto, subject to the compliance of the terms & conditions and environmental safeguards as under:-

- (i) The project proponent shall collect and analyze one season data for environmental parameters and submit for consideration of the EAC before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.
- (ii) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to establish from the State Pollution Control Boards for the proposed peak capacity of 3.25 MTPA prior to commencement of the increased production.
- (iii) Transportation of coal from face to Coal heap shall be carried out by truck. Further, coal transportation from Coal heap to Coal Handling Plant shall be through covered trucks.
- (iv) To control the production of dust at source, the crusher and in-pit belt conveyors shall be provided with mist type sprinklers.
- (v) Mitigating measures shall be undertaken to control dust and other fugitive emissions all along the roads by providing sufficient water sprinklers. Adequate corrective measures shall be undertaken to control dust emissions, which would include mechanized sweeping, water sprinkling/mist spraying on haul roads and loading sites, long range misting/fogging arrangement, wind barrier wall and vertical greenery system, green belt, dust suppression arrangement at railway siding, etc.
- (vi) The company shall obtain approval of CGWA for use of groundwater for mining operations at its enhanced capacity of 3.25 MTPA.
- (vii) Continuous monitoring of occupational safety and other health hazards, and the corrective actions need to be ensured.
- (viii) Persons of nearby villages shall be given training on livelihood and skill development to make them employable.
- (ix) To ensure health and welfare of nearby villages, regular medical camps shall be organized at least once in six months.
- (x) Thick green belt of adequate width at the final boundary in the down wind direction of the project site shall be developed to mitigate/check the dust pollution.
- (xi) Efforts shall be made for utilizing alternate sources of surface water, abandoned mines or else whatsoever and thus minimizing the dependability on a single source.
- (xii) A third party assessment of EC compliance shall be undertaken once in three years through agency like ICERI/NEERI/IIT or any other expert agency identified by the Ministry.

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

**(a) Mining**

- (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) No change in mining method, calendar programme and scope of work shall be made without obtaining prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

(iii) 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).

(iv) No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forestry Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also adhering to The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 read with provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927.

**(b) Land reclamation and water conservation**

(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 shall be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office (RO).

(ii) 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/Gol 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.

(iii) 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 handed over to the respective state government as specified in the guidelines for Preparation of Mine Closure Plan issued by the Ministry of Coal dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 and subsequent amendments.

(iv) 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 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office on six monthly basis.

(v) The top soil shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and shall not be kept unutilized for long. 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 on six monthly basis.

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**(c) Emissions, effluents, and waste disposal**

(i) 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  $PM_{10}/PM_{2.5}$ ) 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.

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

(iii) The transportation of coal shall be carried out as per the provisions and route proposed in the approved Mining 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) Coal handling plant shall be operated with effective control measures viz. bag filters/water or mist sprinkling system etc to check fugitive emissions from crushing operations, conveyor system, transfer points, etc.

(vii) 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.

(viii) Catch/garland drains and siltation ponds of 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 measures and green belt development. 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.

(ix) 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 Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules made there under, and as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap shall be installed and maintained fully functional with effluents

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discharge adhering to the norms. Sewage treatment plant of adequate capacity shall be installed for treatment of domestic waste.

(x) Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for augmentation of ground water. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.

**(d) Illumination, noise & vibration**

(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) Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dB(A) 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.

(iii) Controlled blasting techniques shall be practiced in order to mitigate ground vibrations and fly rocks as per the guidelines prescribed by the DGMS.

(iv) 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) Occupational health & safety**

(i) The project proponent shall undertake occupational health survey for initial and periodical medical examination of the workers 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 workers identified from workforce engaged in active mining operations shall be subjected to health check-up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any.

(ii) Personnel (including outsourcing employees) working in dusty areas shall wear protective respiratory devices and shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.

(iii) Skill training as per safety norms specified by DGMS shall be provided to all workmen including the outsourcing employees to ensure high safety standards in mines.

**(f) Ecosystem and biodiversity conservation**

(i) The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered 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.

**(g) Public hearing, R&R and CSR**

(i) 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

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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.

(ii) The project proponent shall ensure the expenditure towards socio-economic development in and around the mine, in every financial year as per the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy as per the provisions under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013.

(iii) The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No Z-11013/5712014-IA.11 (M) dated 29<sup>th</sup> 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'.

(iv) 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.

**(h) Corporate environment responsibility**

(i) The Company shall have a well laid down environment policy duly approved by Board of Directors. The environment 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 or forest norms/conditions. Also, the company shall have a defined system of reporting of non-compliances/violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors and/or shareholders/stakeholders.

(ii) The project proponent shall comply with the provisions contained in this Ministry's OM dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, as applicable, regarding Corporate Environment Responsibility.

(iii) The hierarchical system or Administrative Order of the company to deal with environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the environmental clearance conditions should be displayed on website of the Company.

(iv) A separate environmental management cell both at the project and company headquarter level, with suitable qualified personnel shall be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.

(v) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions 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.

(vi) Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.

**(i) Statutory Obligations**

(i) The environmental clearance shall be subject to orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, NGT and any other Court of Law from time to time, and as applicable to the project.

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- (ii) This environmental clearance shall be subject to obtaining wildlife clearance, if applicable, from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.
- (iii) The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish/Operate under the Air Act, 1981 and the Water Act, 1974 from the concerned State Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).

**(j) Monitoring of project**

- (i) Adequate ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for monitoring of pollutants, namely  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $SO_2$  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 25.9.2000 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) The effluent discharge (mine waste water, workshop effluent) shall be monitored in terms of the parameters notified under the Coal Industry Standards vide GSR 742 (E) dated 25.9.2000 and as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) 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 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.
- (v) 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 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental conditions to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office. For half yearly monitoring reports the data should be monitored for the period of April to September and October to March of the financial years.



(viii) 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.

**(k) Miscellaneous**

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

(ii) The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office regarding commencement of mining operations.

(iii) A copy of the environmental clearance shall be marked to concerned Panchayat. A copy of the same shall also be sent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, District Industry Sector and Collector's Office/Tehsildar Office for information in public domain within 30 days.

(iv) The EC shall be uploaded on the company's website. The compliance status of the stipulated EC conditions shall also be uploaded by the project authorities on their website and updated at least once every six months so as to bring the same in public domain.

(v) The project authorities shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of this clearance, informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the same is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at website of the Ministry.

(vi) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31 March in Form-V is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent for the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be uploaded on the Company's website along with the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC by e-mail. Concerns raised during public hearing.

(vii) 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, 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.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This issues in supersession of the earlier environmental clearance granted by the Ministry vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006.

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**Copy to:**

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2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Advisor, Coal India Limited, SCOPE Minar, Core-I, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi
6. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
7. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalapataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, Sion, Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 2
8. The District Collector, Chandrapur, Government of Maharashtra
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Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,  
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Subj: Diversion of 12.07 ha. Forest land in favour of Western Coalfield Ltd. Ballarpur under Forest  
(Conservation) Act, 1980 for Sakhari-drawari (Pouni-III) Opencast Mine Project at Village Sakhari,  
Tal. Rajura, in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State- Regarding.

Ref: 1.Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change letter no. FC-II  
MH-165/2021-NGP-8699, dt.30.09.2021.  
2.Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur's letter no.Desk-3(1)I and C.R-44/21-22-  
688, dt.24.08.2022.

The Govt. of India vide letter under reference 1 had raised 8 queries for which the User Agency has to submit the compliance report. Accordingly the User Agency has submitted the compliance report on the conditions laid down by the Govt. of India vide letter under reference 1 to Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda for onward submission to this office through Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur.

The same has been forwarded to this office by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur vide letter under reference 2. The details of conditions and remarks of the User Agency are as follows:-

S. No	Conditions	Compliance								
1	The State Government may clarify and furnish detail of approval, if any, obtained under the Forest ( Conservation ) Act, 1980 in respect of Pouni OC project of the user agency. The same may be informed along with status of compliance of approvals granted under the FC Act, as the case may be.	<p>As per compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Central Chanda Division, and forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur mentions that the User Agency submits, as per the approved Project Report Mining Plan, total 1152.66 ha land is involved in the Pouni – III / Pouni-II Extn. Open Cast. The land details are as follows;</p> <table><tr><th>Particular</th><th>Forest land (ha)</th><th>Non Forest Land (ha)</th><th>Total Land (ha)</th></tr><tr><td>Land required for the project</td><td>12.07</td><td>1140.59</td><td>1152.66</td></tr></table>	Particular	Forest land (ha)	Non Forest Land (ha)	Total Land (ha)	Land required for the project	12.07	1140.59	1152.66
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Sub :- Diversion of 12.07 ha of forest land in favour of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) for Pauni -III (Pauni - II Type A) CC Project in Chandrapur, District of Maharashtra State – regarding.

Ref :- EDS raised by IRO, MoEF&CC, Nagpur vide F.No. FC-II/MH-165/2021-NGP/11158 dated 09/02/2023.

**Undertaking (Compliance of EDS Point No. 1)**

This is to certify that, as per the approved Mining Plan (approved by WCL Board in its 281th Board Meeting held on 19/09/2016 for expansion of the project with total land area of 1152.66 Ha), the activity-wise land use plan for 1152.66 Ha. land is as below :-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Area ( In Ha.)
1.	Quarry Area	295.35
2.	External CIL Dump	308.90
3.	Infrastructure	10.00
4.	Area needed for Rationalization	336.41
5.	Area needed for Blasting zone	200.00
6.	Colony Land (Hostel only)	2.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1152.66</b>

The forest area of 12.07 Ha is included in 295.35 Ha earmarked for Quarry Area i.e. for excavation of coal.

It is also to certify that the land use provided in the proposal (as detailed above) is in conformity with the land use provided in the approved Mining Plan for expansion of the project with total land area of 1152.66 Ha.

*19/3/23*  
**Area General Manager**  
 Western Coalfields Limited  
 Ballarpur Area



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To,  
The Dy. Conservator of Forest,  
Central Chanda, Chandrapur Circle,  
Chandrapur (MS)

Sub: Diversion of 12.07ha forest land in favour of Western Coalfields Ltd., Ballarpur Area under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for Sakhari-Irawati (Pauni III) Opencast Mine Project at Village : Sakhari, Tah Rajura Distt- Chandrapur in the State Maharashtra regarding.

Ref. No. 1) F.No. FC-II-MH-165-2021-NGP/8699 dtd. 30.09.2021

2) Letter no. FLD-3616/CR-01/F-10 dated 10.08.2021

3) APCCF & Nodal Officer(FCA), Maharashtra Vide letter No. Desk-17/NC(1)/D-1715/15-16 dtd.15.12.2015

Dear Sir,

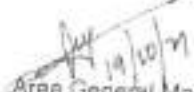
The details regarding above that matter as follows:

Sr.No.	Query	Status Compliance
1	The State Govt. may clarify and furnish detail s of approval if any obtained under the forest (Conservation) at 1980 in respect of Pauni OC Project of the user agency. The same may be informed along with status of compliance of approval granted under the FC at. as case may be.	<p>The Land has been acquired under the CBA (A&amp;D) 1957 for Sakhari-Irawati (Pauni III) Opencast Project Mauza Sakhari Tahsil- Rajura, Distt. Chandrapur, State Maharashtra for the purpose Mining Activities to extraction of Coal.</p> <p>The land details of as follows            Tenancy Land - 1050.99 ha,            Govt Land - 89.60 ha            Forest land - 12.07 ha            Total - 1152.66 ha</p> <p>The Govt. of India has been transferred/ vesting the land to the M/s Western Coalfields Limited (Govt. Company of India) vide Gazette S.O. No. 396E by notification dated 08.02.2016. The user agency M/s Western Coalfields Ltd (Govt. Company of India) has been applied for NOC to diversion of forest land 12.07 ha on dated 14/16.02.2015 to The Dy. Conservator Forest, Central Chandrapur for getting approval from the competent authority under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980. Till date it is under process for getting approval from the competent authority.</p>
2	The details of ancillary activities associated with mining activities in instant proposal need to be submitted. Further details of activities proposed in future may also be submitted	<p>The Project land use details are for mining activities as well as ancillary activities for this instant proposal is as follows:</p> <p>1) Quarry Area - 295.35 ha,            2) External OB Dump - 306.90 ha,            3) Protective Embankment for Salinity to prevent Enproachment etc - 35.00 ha,            4) Infrastructure - 10.00 ha,            5) Area needed for rationalization - 330.41 ha,            6) Area needed for blasting zone - 165.00 ha,            7) Colony Land (Hostel only) - 2.00 ha            Total - 1152.66 ha</p> <p>The forest land 12.07 ha must be used for extraction of Coal.</p>
3	Name of signing authority is not mentioned in Part-IV submitted along with the proposal. Revised copy of Part-IV mentioned name of signing authority and data submission shall be submitted.	

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4	KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory A forestation uploaded in parivesh portal is corrupted. Soft copy of the same is not submitted along with the proposal correct KML File shall be uploaded Parivesh Portal and Soft copy of the same along the shape of files need to be submitted.	The KML plan identified land is submitted through e-mail to Dy. Conservator of Forest, Chanda Circle on dated 19.10.2021
5	CA scheme is submitted only for 7 years. As per section 2.8 (ii) (e) of new guidelines, CA scheme should be submitted for 10 years. Therefore revised scheme for 10 years shall be prepared and submitted along with soft copies of KML/ Shape file	
6	Map submitted along with the proposal except CA Map have not been certified by the DCF concerned certified copies of all relevant maps shall be submitted	
7	Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 1980 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA, 2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions concerned Forest Right Committee (s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division level committee recording they consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to be copies of record proceeding of the Forest Right Committee, Sub-Divisional Level Committees (s) may also be submitted.	A certificate of under taking regarding under forest Right Act 2006 on behalf of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd, Ballarpur Area has been submitted to the Dy. Conservator Forest, Central Chandrapur (MS) on dated 27.11.2018 stating that we undertake to submit "No Objection Certificate" under schedule Tribe & other tradition forest Dwellers (Forest Right) 2005 and amended rules 2012 as per letter & order dtd. 05.07.2013 along with compliance of condition stage 1 in principle approval of proposal of future. Mean on to get NOC under FRA 2006 Act by co-ordinating with Gram Panchayat, District Administration as early possible for diversion of 12.07 ha forest land for Peuni-II Expansion OC Mine (Sakhan-Iravati) (Peuni-III) OC Mine) in Ballarpur Area. The IGF (FC) on the issue mentioned that Ministry has categorically specified in the said Rule of 2016 to submit compliance of FRA, 2006 along with Stage-1 compliance. However, MoC, in light of aforementioned provisions, if so desired, may take up the matter with the Chief Secretary of the State Government to facilitate submission of Stage-1 proposals without FRA, 2006 compliance.
8	Details of employment potential in the term of man days of skilled, Semi Skilled and Skilled persons permanent, Direct and Indirect and Temporary (Direct indirect) basis have not been provided the same needs to be provided by State Government	The total employment had been provided in this project as follows: A) Permanent employment Direct 1) Skilled persons - 150 Nos. 2) Semi Skilled persons - 218 Nos. 3) Un-Skilled persons - 343 Nos. B) Temporary employment (indirect) 1) Skilled persons - 350 Nos. 2) Semi Skilled persons - 423 Nos. 3) Un-Skilled persons - 346 Nos.

Yours faithfully,

  
 Area General Manager  
 Ballarpur Area

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