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(see Rule 31 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960)

- THIS INDENTURE made this day 3rd day of April 1976 between the Governor of Madhya Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as the "State Government" which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include the successors and assigns) of the one part and _____ (Name of person with address and occupation) (hereinafter referred to as "the lessee" which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include his heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and permitted assigns) _____ (Name of person with address and occupation) and _____ (Name of person with address and occupation) (hereinafter referred to as "the lessees", which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and their permitted assigns). _____ (Name and address of partners) son of _____ of _____ son of _____ of _____ son of _____ of _____ all carrying on business in partnership under the firm name and style of _____ (name of the firm) registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, (IX of 1932) and having their registered office at _____ in the town of _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the lessee" which expression where the context so admits be deemed to include all the said partners, their respective heirs, executors, legal representatives and permitted assigns). Coal India Ltd; (Ex-Coal Mines Authority Ltd;) (Name of company) a company registered under Indian Companies Act/Act under which incorporated) and having its registered office at 10, Netaji Subhas Road, CALCUTTA. (Address) (hereinafter referred to as the lessee which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) of the other part.

WHEREAS the lessee/lessees has/have applied to the State Government in accordance with the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules) for a mining lease for COAL in respect of the lands described in Part I of the Schedule hereunder written and has/have deposited with the State Government the sum Rs. 1000/- _____ as security and the sum of Rs. 500/- _____ for meeting the preliminary expenses for a mining lease and whereas the lessee is in possession of a valid certificate of approval and Income-Tax Clearance Certificate (and WHEREAS the Central Government has approved the grant of lease).*

*In case of minerals included in Schedule I of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Dev.) Act, 1957.

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WITNESSETH that in consideration of the rents and royalties covenants and agreements by and in these presents and the schedule hereunder written reserved and contained and on the part of the lessee/lessees to be paid, observed and performed, the State Government (with the approval of the Central Government) hereby grants and demises unto lessee/lessees,

All those the mines beds/veins seams of COAL (here state the mineral or minerals) (hereinafter and in the Schedule referred to as the said mineral) situated lying and being in or under the lands which are referred to in Part I of the said schedule, together with the liberties, powers and privileges to be exercised or enjoyed in connection here with which are mentioned in Part II of the said Schedule subject to the restrictions and conditions as to the exercise and enjoyment of such liberties, powers and privileges which are mentioned in Part III of the said Schedule EXCEPT and reserving out of this demise unto the State Government the liberties, powers and privileges mentioned in Part IV of the said Schedule TO HOLD the premises hereby granted and demised unto the lessee/lessees from the 1ST (First) day of APRIL 1974 for the term of 30 (Thirty) years thence next ensuing YIELDING AND PAYING therefore unto the State Government the several rents and royalties mentioned in Part V of the said Schedule at the respective times therein specified subject to the provisions contained in Part VI of the said Schedule and the lessee/lessees hereby covenants/covenant with the State Government as in Part VII of the said Schedule is expressed and the State Government hereby covenants with the lessee/lessees as in Part VIII of the said Schedule as expressed AND it is hereby mutually agreed between the parties hereto as in Part IX of the said Schedule is expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been executed in manner hereunder appearing the day and year first above written.

The Schedule above referred to as shown on the plans annexed.

PART I

The Area of this Lease

Location and area of the lease.

All that tract of lands situated at Rampur, Kusum Pathar & village (Description of area or areas) 4341.57 acres or in (Pargana) in 1758, 904 Hootara the Registration District of Chhindwara Sub District Chhindwara and Thana Danapur bearing Cadastral Survey Nos. as shown on the plans attached.

In case of any dispute, it shall be referred to the Mines and Minerals (Leasing) Act, 1957.

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area of 4341.57 acres OR 1756.904 hectares or thereabouts delineated on the plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured Red and bounded as follows:—

On the North by Part of villages Tatal, Khuraimau & Kusumpat
On the South by Part of villages Kangra and Ranpur.
On the East by Part of villages Kangra, Chandania, Lakhapur & Khuraimau
and
On the West by Part of unsurveyed villages Kusumpat & Hankharak
hereinafter referred to as "the said lands".

PART II

Liberties, Powers and Privileges to be exercised and enjoyed by the Lessee/Lessees subject to the Restrictions and Conditions in Part III.

1. Liberty and power at all times during the term hereby demised to enter upon the said lands and to search for mine bore dig drill for win work dress process convert carry away and dispose of the said mineral/minerals.

To enter upon land and search for win work etc.

2. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part to sink drive make maintain and use in the said lands and pits shaft inclines drifts levels waterways, airways and other works (and to use maintain deepen or extend any existing works of the like nature in the said lands).

To sink and make pits shafts and inclines etc.

3. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part to erect, construct, maintain and use on or under the said lands any engines machinery plant dressing floors furnaces coke ovens bricks-kilns workshops store-houses, bungalows godowns sheds and other buildings and other works and conveniences of the like nature on or under the said lands.

To bring and use machinery equipment etc.

4. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part to make any tramways, railways, roads, aircrafts landing grounds and other ways in or over the said lands and to use maintain and go and repass with or without horses cattle wagons aircrafts locomotives or other vehicles over the same (or any existing tramways, railways, roads and other ways in or over the said lands) on such conditions as may be agreed to.

To make roads & ways etc. & use existing roads & ways

5. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part to quarry and get stone gravel and other building and road materials and clay and to use and employ the same and to manufacture such clay into bricks or tile and to use such bricks or tiles but not to sell any such material bricks or tiles.

To get building & road materials etc.

6. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part but subject to the rights of any existing or future lessees and with the written permission of Deputy Commissioner/Collector to appropriate and use water from any streams water courses, springs or other sources in or upon the said lands and to divert step up or dam any such stream or water-course and collect or impound any such water and to make construct and maintain any water course culverts drains or reservoirs but not as to deprive any cultivated lands, villages, buildings or watering places for livestock of a reasonable supply of water as before accustomed nor in any way

To use water from stream etc.

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to foul or pollute any streams or springs. Provided that the lessee/lessees shall not interfere with the navigation in any navigable stream, nor shall divert such stream without the previous written permission of the State Government.

To use land for stacking, trapping, depositing purposes.

7. Liberty and power to enter upon and use a sufficient part of the surface of the said lands for the purpose of stacking, heaping, storing or depositing therein any produce of the mines or works carried on and any tools, equipment, earth and materials and substances dug or raised under the liberties and powers mentioned in this part.

Beneficiation and conveying away of production.

8. (a) Liberty and power to enter upon and use a sufficient part of the said lands to beneficiate any ore produced from the said lands and to carry away such beneficiated ore.

To make coke (To be used in case of coal only).

(b) Liberty and power upon the said lands to convert into coke any coal or coal dust produced from the said lands and to carry away such coke.

To clear brushwood and to fell and utilise trees etc.

9. Liberty and power for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in this part and subject to the existing rights of the others and save as provided in clause (3) of Part III of this Schedule to clear undergrowth and brushwood and to fell and utilise any trees or timber standing or found on the said lands provided that the State Government may ask the lessee/lessees to pay for any trees or timber felled and utilised, by him/them at the rates specified by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector or the State Government.

PART III

Restrictions and Conditions as to the exercise of the Liberties Powers and Privileges in Part II

No building etc. upon certain places.

1. No building or thing shall be erected set up or placed and no surface operations shall be carried on in or upon any public pleasure ground, burning or burial ground or place held sacred by any class of persons or any house or village site, public road or other place which the State Government may determine as public ground nor in such a manner as to injure or prejudicially effect any buildings, work, property or rights of other persons and no land shall be used for surface operations which is already occupied by persons or other than the State Government for works or purposes not included in this lease. The lessee/lessees shall not also interfere with any right of way, well or tank.

Permission for surface operations in a land not already in use.

2. Before using for surface operations any land which has not already been used for such operations, the lessee/lessees shall give to Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the District two calendar months previous notice in writing specifying the name or other description of the situation and the extent of the land proposed to be so used and the purpose for which the same is required and the said land shall not be so used if objection is issued by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector within two months after the receipt by him of such notice unless the objections so stated shall on reference to the State Government be annulled or waived.

To cut trees in unreserved lands.

3. The lessee/lessees shall not without the express sanction of the Deputy Commissioner/Collector cut down or injure any timber trees on the said lands but may without such sanction clear away brushwood or undergrowth which interferes with any operations authorised by these presents. The Deputy Commissioner/Collector

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or the State Government may require the lessee/lessees to pay for any trees or timber felled and utilised by him/them at the rates specified by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the District.

4. Notwithstanding anything in this Schedule contained the lessee/lessees shall not enter upon any reserved forest included in the said lands without previous sanction in writing of the District Forest Officer nor fell cut and use any timber or trees without obtaining the sanction in writing of that Officer nor otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as the State Government may prescribe.

To enter upon reserved forests.

5. The lessee/lessees shall not work or carry on or allow to be worked or carried on any mining operations at or to any point within a distance of 50 meters from any railway line except with the previous written permission of the Railway Administration concerned or from any reservoir, canal or other public works such as public roads and buildings or inhabited site except with the previous written permission of the Deputy Commissioner/Collector or any Officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf and otherwise than in accordance with such instructions restrictions and conditions either general or special which may be attached to such permission. The said distance of 50 meters shall be measured in the case of railway reservoir or canal horizontally from the outer toe of the bank or the outer edge of the cutting as the case may be and in case of a building horizontally from the plinth thereof. In the case of village roads no working shall be carried on within a distance of 10 meters of the outer edge of the cutting except with the previous permission of the Deputy Commissioner/Collector or other officer duly authorised by the State Government in this behalf and otherwise than in accordance with such directions, restrictions and additions, either general or special, which may be attached to such permission.

No mining operations within 50 meters of public works etc.

Explanation:-- For the purpose of this clause the expression 'Railway Administration' shall have the same meaning as it is defined to have in the Indian Railway Act, 1890, by Section 3 of the Sub section 1 of that Act. 'Public Road' mean a road which has been constructed by artificially surfaced as distinct from a track resulting from repeated use. Village road will include any track shown in the Revenue record as village road.

6. The lessee/lessees shall allow existing and future holders of Government licenses or leases over any land which is comprised in or adjoins or is reached by the land held by the lessee/lessees reasonable facilities of access thereto.

Facilities for adjoining Government licenses & leases.

PROVIDED THAT no substantial hindrance or interference shall be caused by such holders of licenses or leases to the operations of the lessee/lessees under these presents and fair compensation (as may be mutually agreed upon or in the event of disagreement as may be decided by the State Government) shall be made to the lessee/lessees for all loss or damage sustained by the lessee/lessees by reason of the exercise of his liberty.

PART IV

Liberty Power and Privileges reserved to the State Government

1. Liberty and power for the State Government or to any lessee or persons authorised by it in that behalf to enter into and upon the said lands and to search for win work dig get raise dress process

To work other mines etc.

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convert and carry away minerals other than the said minerals and any other substances and for those purposes to sink drive make erect construct maintain and use such pits shafts inclines drifts levels and other lines waterways airways water-courses drains reservoirs engines machinery plant buildings canals tramways railways roadways and other works and conveniences as may be deemed necessary or convenient.

PROVIDED THAT in the exercise of such liberty and power no substantial hindrance or interference shall be caused to or with the liberties powers and privileges of the lessee/lessees under these presents and that fair compensation (as may be mutually agreed upon or in the event of disagreement as may be decided by the State Government) shall be made to the lessee/lessees for all loss or damage sustained by the lessee/lessees by reason or in consequence of the exercise of such liberty and power.

To make railways and roads.

2. Liberty and power for the State Government or any lessee or person authorised by it in that behalf to enter into and upon the said lands and to make upon over or through the same any railways, tramways roadways or pipelines for any purpose other than those mentioned in Part II of these presents and to get from the said lands stones grave earth and other minerals for making maintaining and repairing such railways tramways and roads or any existing railways and roads and to go and repass at all times with or without horses, cattle or other animals, carts, wagons, carriages, locomotives or other vehicles over or along any such railways, tramways, roads lines and other ways for all purposes and as occasion may require, provided that in the exercise of such liberty and power by such other lessee or person no substantial hindrance or interference shall be caused to or with the liberties powers and privileges of the lessee/lessees under these presents and that fair compensation as may be mutually agreed upon or in the event of disagreement as may be decided by the State Government shall be made to the lessee/lessees for all loss or damage sustained by the lessee/lessees by reason or in consequence of the exercise by such lessee or person of such liberty and power.

PART V

Rents and Royalties reserved by this Lease

To pay dead rent or royalty which ever is greater.

1. The lessee shall pay, for every year, except the first year of the lease year, dead rent as specified in clause 2 of this part in respect of each mineral.

Provided that the lessee shall be liable to pay the dead rent or royalty in respect of each mineral whichever is higher in amount but not both.

Rate & mode of payment of dead rent.

2. Subject to the provisions of clause (1) of this Part, during the subsistence of the lease, the lessee/lessees shall pay to the State Government annual dead rent at the following rate/rates or at such revised rate/rates which may be communicated in writing to the lessee/lessees by the State Government per mineral per hectare of the kind mined and described in Part I of this Schedule :—

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Name of mineral	Dead rent fixed per hectare lands	Area of demised land	Dead rent payable Rs.	Total dead rent payable in a year Rs.
1. COAL	4341.57	As per rates prescribed in Schedule IV of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960		
2.	acres OR			
3.	1756.864			
	Hectares			

(Here insert the manner in which and the time at which the dead rent, surface rent, and water rate should be paid).

Half yearly payment on 15th January and 15th July of each year at the Government Treasury at Gahindara by challan.

3. Subject to the provision of clause (1) of this Part, the lessee/lessees shall during subsistence of this lease pay to the State Government at such times and in such manner as the State Government may prescribe royalty in respect of any mineral/minerals removed by him/them from the leased area at the rate for the time being specified in the Second Schedule to the Mines and Mineral (Regulation and Development) Act 1957.

Rate & mode of payment of royalty.

4. The lessee/lessees shall pay rent and water rate to the State Government in respect of all parts of the surface of the said lands which shall from time to time be occupied or used by the lessee/lessees under the authority of these presents at the rate of Rs. as may be fixed by the Government and Rs. - respectively per annum per hectare of the area so occupied or used and so in proportion for any area less than an hectare during the period from the commencement of such occupation or use until the area shall cease to be so occupied or used and shall as far as possible restore the surface land so used to its original condition. Surface rent and water rate shall be paid as hereinafter detailed in clause (2) PROVIDED THAT no such rent/water rate shall be payable in respect of the occupation and use of the area comprised in any roads or ways to which the public have full right of access.

Payment of surface rent & water rate.

from time to time

PART VI

Provisions relating to the Rents and Royalties

1. The rent, water, rate and royalties mentioned in Part V of this Schedule shall be paid free from any deductions to the State Government at Gahindara Treasury in such manner as the State Government may prescribe PROVIDED ALWAYS and it is hereby agreed that Rs. 2,000/- the balance standing to the credit of the lessee/lessees on account of the deposit made by him/them as a licensee/licensees over and area which included the said lands shall be retained and accepted by the State Government in satisfaction of the rents and royalties mentioned in Part V until they reach that amount.

Rent and Royalties to be free from deduction etc.

2. For the purposes of computing the said royalties the lessee/lessees shall keep a correct account of the mineral/minerals produced and despatched. The accounts as well as the weight of mineral/minerals in stock or in the process of export may be checked by an officer authorised by the Central or State Government.

Mode of computation of royalty.

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(Here specify the mode of arriving at sale price/prices at pits mouth of mineral/minerals).

Course of action if rents and royalties are not paid in time.

3. Should any rent, royalty or other sums due to the State Government under the terms and conditions of these presents be not paid by the lessee/lessees within the prescribed time, the same may be recovered on a certificate of such officer as may be specified by the State Government by general or special order, in the same manner as an arrear of land revenue.

PART VII

The Covenants of the Lessee/Lessees

Lessee to pay rents & royalties, taxes etc.

1. The lessee/lessees shall pay the rent, water rate and royalties reserved by this lease at such times and in the manner provided in the PARTS V & V. of these presents and shall also pay and discharge all taxes, rates, assessments and impositions whatsoever being in the nature of public demands which shall from time to time be charged, assessed or imposed by the authority of the Central and State Governments upon or in respect of the premises and works of the lessee/lessees in common with other premises and works of the like nature except demands for land revenues.

To maintain and keep boundary marks in good order.

2. The lessee/lessees shall at his/their own expense erect and at all times maintain and keep in repair boundary marks and pillars according to the demarcation to be shown in the plain annexed to this lease. Such marks and pillars shall be sufficiently clear of the shrubs and other obstructions as to allow easy identification.

The commence operations within a year & work in a workman like manner.

3. Unless the State Government for good cause permits otherwise, the lessee/lessees shall commence operation within one year from the date of execution of the lease and shall thereafter at all times during the continuance of this lease search for, win, work and develop the said minerals without voluntary intermission in a skilful and workman like manner and as prescribed under clause 12 hereinafter without doing or permitting to be done any unnecessary or avoidable damage to the surface of the said lands or the crops buildings structures or other property thereon. For the purposes of this clause operations shall include the erection of machinery laying of a tramway or construction of a road in connection with the mine.

To indemnify Government against all claims.

4. The lessee/lessees shall make and pay such reasonable satisfaction and compensation as may be assessed by lawful authority in accordance with the law in force on the subject for all damage, injury or disturbance which may be done by him/them in exercise of the powers granted by this lease and shall indemnify and keep indemnified fully and completely the State Government against all claims which may be made by any person or persons in respect of any such damage, injury or disturbance and all costs and expenses in connection therewith.

To secure and keep in good condition pits, shafts etc.

5. The lessee/lessees shall during the subsistence of this lease well and sufficiently secure and keep open with timber or other durable means all pits shafts and workings that may be made or used in the said lands and make and maintain sufficient fences to the satisfaction of the State Government round every such pit shaft or working.

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whether the same is abandoned or not and shall during the same period keep all workings in the said lands except such as may be abandoned accessible free from water and foul air as far as possible.

6. The lessee/lessees shall strengthen and support to the satisfaction of the Railway Administration concerned or the State Government, as the case may be any part of the mine which in its opinion requires such strengthening or support for the safety of any railway, reservoir, canal road and any other public works or structures.

To strengthen and support the mine to necessary extent

7. The lessee/lessees shall allow any officer authorised by the Central Government or the State Government in that behalf to enter upon the premises including any building excavation or land comprised in the lease for the purpose of inspecting examining surveying and making plans thereof sampling and collecting any data and the lessee/lessees shall with proper person employed by the lessee/lessees and acquainted with the mines and work effectually assist such officer agents servants and workmen in conducting every such inspection and shall afford them all facilities information connected with the working of the mines which they may reasonably require and also shall and will conform to and observe all orders and regulations which the Central and State Governments as the results of such inspection or otherwise may from time to time see fit to impose.

To allow inspection of workings.

8. The lessee/lessees shall without delay send to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector a report of any accident causing death or serious bodily injury or serious injury to property or seriously effecting or endangering life and property which may occur in the course of the operations under this lease.

To report accidents

9. The lessee/lessees shall report to the State Government the discovery in the leased area of any mineral not specified in the lease within sixty days of such discovery along with full particulars of the nature and position of each such find. If any mineral not specified in the lease is discovered in the leased area, the lessee/lessees shall not win and dispose of such mineral unless such mineral is included in the lease or a separate lease is obtained therefor.

To report discovery of other minerals.

10. The lessee/lessees shall at all time during the said term keep or cause to be kept at an office situated upon or near the said lands correct and intelligible books of accounts which shall contain accurate entries showing from time to time:—

To keep records and accounts regarding production & employees etc.

- (1) Quantity and quality of the said mineral/minerals realised from the said lands.
- (2) Quantity of the various qualities of ores beneficiated or converted (for example coal converted into coke).
- (3) Quantities of the various qualities of the said mineral/minerals sold and exported separately.
- (4) Quantities of the various qualities of the said mineral/minerals otherwise disposed of and the manner and purpose of such disposal.
- (5) The prices and all other particulars of all sales of said mineral/minerals.
- (6) The number of persons employed in the mines or works or upon the said lands specifying nationality, qualifications and pay of the technical personnel.

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- (7) Such other facts, particulars and circumstances as the State or Central Governments may from time to time require and shall also furnish free of charge to such officers and at such times as the Central and State Governments may appoint true and correct abstract of all or any such books of accounts and such information and returns to all or any of the matters aforesaid as the State Government may prescribe and shall at all reasonable times allow such officers as the Central Government or State Government shall in that behalf appoint to enter into and have free access to the said officers for the purpose of examining and inspecting the said books of accounts plans and records and to make copies thereof and make extracts therefrom.

To maintain plans etc.

11. The lessee/lessees shall at all times during the said term maintain at the mine office correct intelligible up-to date and complete plans and sections of the mines in the said lands. They shall show all the operations, and workings and all trenches, pits and drillings made by him/them in the course of operations carried by him/them under the lease, faults and other disturbances encountered and geological data and all such plans and sections shall be amended and filled up by and from actual surveys to be made for that purpose at the end of twelve months or any period specified from time to time and the lessee/lessees shall furnish free of charge to the Central and State Governments true and correct copies of such plans and sections whenever required. Accurate records of all trenches, pits and drillings shall show:—

- (a) The subsoil and strata through which they pass.
- (b) Any mineral encountered.
- (c) Any other matter of interest and all data required by the Central and State Governments from time to time.

The lessee/lessees shall allow any officer of the Central or State Government authorised in this behalf by the Central Government, to inspect the same at all reasonable times. He/they shall also supply when asked for by the State Government/the Coal Controller/the Director, Geological Survey of India/The Director, Indian Bureau of Mines, a composite plan of the area showing thickness, dip, inclination etc. of all the seams as also quantity of reserves quality-wise.

Act LXVII of 1957.

12. The lessee/lessees shall be bound by such rules as may be issued from time to time by the Government of India under Section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (Act No. 41 of 1957) and shall not carry on mining or other operations under the said lease in any way other than as prescribed under these rules.

To provide weighing machine.

12. Unless specifically exempted by the State Government the lessee/lessees shall provide and at all times keep at or near the pit head or each of the pit heads at which the said minerals shall be brought to bank a properly constructed and efficient weighing machine and shall weigh or cause to be weighed thereon all the said minerals from time to time brought to bank sold, exported and converted and also the converted products and shall at the close of each day enter in the total weights, ascertained by such means of the said minerals/lessees products raised sold exported and converted during the previous twenty four hours to be entered in the aforesaid books. The lessee/lessees shall permit the State Government at all times during

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the said term to employ any person or persons to be present at the weighing of the said minerals as aforesaid and to keep accounts thereof and to check the accounts kept by the lessee/lessees. The lessee/lessees shall give 60 (Sixty) days previous notice in writing to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of every such measuring or weighing in order that he or some officer on his behalf may be present thereat.

14. The lessee/lessees shall allow any person or persons appointed in that behalf by the State Government at any time or times during the said term to examine and test every weighing machine to be provided and kept as aforesaid and the weights used therewith in order to ascertain whether the same respectively are correct and in good repair and order and if upon any such examination or testing any such weighing machines or weights shall be found incorrect or out of repair or order the State Government may require that the same be adjusted, repaired and put in order by and at the expense of the lessee/lessees and if such requisition be not complied with within fourteen days after the same shall have been made, the State Government may cause such weighing machines or weights to be adjusted, repaired and put in order and the expense of so doing shall be paid by the lessee/lessees to the State Government on demand and if upon any such examination or testing as aforesaid any error shall be discovered in any weighing machine or weights to the prejudice of the State Government such error shall be regarded as having existed for three calendar months previous

To allow test of weighing machine.

Copy of memorandum No. 9240/8091/XII Dated the 8th December 1965 from the Natural Resources Department (M.P.) Bhopal, addressed to the Collector Chhindwara.

According to the existing provision no compensation for surface disturbance for Govt. Land is recoverable from the lessee. Since this cause considerable loss to the State Government, the position has been examined in consultation with the Government of India and it has been held that the compensation could be recovered in such cases if suitable provision is made in Mining lease/ Quarry lease agreement. State Govt. has agreed therefore decided to substitute the existing clause in part VII of Mining lease agreement Form 'K' (Mineral Concession Rule 1960) as under:-

15- The Lessee/ Lessees shall make and pay reasonable satisfaction and compensation for all damage injury or disturbance or person or property situated both in private and Government land which may be done by or on the part of Lessee / Lessees in exercise of the liberties and power granted by those provisions and shall at all times save harmless and keep indemnified the State Government from and against all suits claims and demands which may be brought or made by any person or persons in respect of such damage, injury or disturbance. In case of Govt. land the Lessee shall grant compensation equal to sixty or thirty times of the Land Revenue of (That may be assessed in case it has not been assessed) in case of Lessee of 20 and 30 or and 30 years respectively.

minerals for the purpose of getting working developing and carrying away the same provided that the lessee/lessees shall receive reasonable compensation for any damage or injury which he they may sustain by reason or in consequence of the use of such passage by such lessees or holders of prospecting licences.

17. (1) The lessee/lessees shall not, without the previous consent in writing of the State Government, which in the case of a mining lease

Transfer of lease.

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in respect of any mineral specified in Schedule I to the Act shall not be given except after previous approval of the Central Government --

- (a) assign, sublet, mortgage or in any other manner, transfer the mining lease or any right, title or interest therein, or
- (b) enter into or make any arrangement, contract or understanding whereby the lessee/lessees will or may be directly or indirectly-financed to a substantial extent by, or under which the lessee's operations or undertakings will or may be substantially controlled by, any person or body of persons other than the lessee/lessees.

(2) Without prejudice to the above provisions, the lessee/lessees may, subject to the conditions specified in the proviso to rule 35, of of said rules transfer this lease or any right, title or interest therein, to a person holding a certificate of approval and an income tax clearance certificate from the Income tax Officer concerned, on payment of a fee of rupees one hundred to the State Government.

Provided that the lessee/lessees shall make available to the transferee the original or certified copies of all plans of abandoned working in the area and in a belt 65 metres wide surrounding it.

(3) The State Government, may, by order in writing determine the lease at any time if lessee/lessees has/have in the opinion of the State Government, committed a breach of any of the above provisions or has/have transferred the lease or any right, title or interest therein otherwise than in accordance with clause (2).

Provided that no such order shall be made without giving the lessee/lessees a reasonable opportunity of stating his/their case.

Not to be financed or controlled by Trust Corporation firm or person.

18. The lease shall not be controlled and the lessee/lessees shall not allow themselves to be controlled by any Trust, Syndicate, Corporation Firm or person except with the written consent of the Central Government. The lessee/lessees shall not enter into or make any arrangement compact or understanding whereby the lessee/lessees will or may be directly or indirectly financed by or under which the lessee/lessees' operations or undertakings will or may be carried on directly or indirectly by or for the benefit of or subject to the control of any Trust, Syndicate Corporation Firm or person unless with the written sanction given prior to such arrangement compact or understanding being entered into or made of the Central Government and any or every such arrangement compact or understanding as aforesaid (entered into or made with such sanction as aforesaid) shall only be entered into or made and shall always be subject to an express condition binding upon the other party or parties thereto that on the occasion of a state of emergency of which the President of India in his direction shall be the sole judge it shall be terminable if so required in writing by the State Government and shall in the event of any such requisition being made be forthwith thereafter determined by the lessee/lessees accordingly.

Lessee shall deposit any additional amount necessary.

19. Whenever the security deposit of Rs. 1,000/- Rs. 500/- or any part thereof or any further sum hereafter deposited with the State Government in replenishment thereof shall be forfeited or applied by the Central or State Government pursuant to the power in hereinafter declared in that behalf the lessee/lessees shall deposit with the Government: such further sum as may be sufficient to bring the amount in deposit with the State Government upto the sum of Rs. 1,000/- Rs. 500/-

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20. The lessee/lessees shall at the expiration or sooner determination of the said term or any renewal thereof deliver upto the State Government all mines, pits, shafts, inclines, drifts, levels, waterways, airways and other works now existing or hereafter to be sunk or made on or under the said lands except such as have been abandoned with the sanction of the State Government and in any ordinary and fair course of working all engines, machinery plant, buildings, structures, other works and conveniences which at the commencement of the said terms were upon or under the said lands and all such machinery set up by the lessee/lessees below ground which cannot be removed without causing injury to the mines or works under the said lands (except such of the same as may with the sanction of the State Government has become disused) and all buildings and structures of bricks or stone erected by the lessee/lessees above ground level in good repair order and condition and fit in all respects for further working of the said mines and the said minerals.

Delivery of working
in good order to State
Government after
determination of lease.

21. (a) The State Government shall from time to time and all times during the said term have the right (to be exercised by notice in writing to the lessee/lessees) of pre-emption of the said mineral (and all products thereof) lying in or upon the said lands hereby demised or elsewhere under the control of the lessee/lessees and the lessee/lessees shall with all possible expenditure deliver all minerals or products or minerals purchased by the State Government under the power conferred by this provision in the quantities at all times in the manner and at place specified in the notice exercising the said right.

Right of pre-emption.

(b) Should the right of pre-emption conferred by this present provision be exercised and a vessel chartered to carry the minerals or products thereof procured on behalf of the State Government or the Central Government be detained on demurrage at the port of loading the lessee/lessees shall pay the amount due for demurrage according to the terms of the charter party of such vessel unless the State Government shall be satisfied that the delay is due to causes beyond the control of the lessee/lessees.

(c) The price to be paid for all minerals or products of minerals taken in pre-emption by the State Government in exercise of the right hereby conferred shall be the fair market price prevailing at the time of pre-emption PROVIDED THAT in order to assist in arriving at the said fair market price the lessee/lessees shall if so required furnish to State Government for the confidential information of the Government particulars of the quantities, descriptions and prices of the said minerals or products thereof sold to other customers and of charters entered into for freight for carriage of the same and shall produce to such officer or officers as may be directed by the State Government original or authenticated copies of contracts and charter parties entered into for the sale or freightage of such minerals or products.

(d) In the event of the existence of a state of war or emergency (of which existence the President of India shall be the sole Judge and a notification to this effect in the Gazette of India shall be conclusive proof), the State Government with the consent of the Central Government from time to time and all times during the said term have the right (to be exercised by a notice in writing to the lessee/lessees) forthwith take possession and control of the works, plant, machinery and premises of the lessee/lessees on or in connection with the said lands or operations under this lease and during such possession or control the lessee/lessees shall conform to and obey all directions given or

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on behalf of the Central Government or State Government regarding the use of employment of such works, plants, premises and minerals. PROVIDED THAT fair compensation which shall be determined in default of agreement by the State Government shall be paid to the lessee/lessees for all loss or damage sustained by him/them by reason or in consequence of the exercise of the powers conferred by this clause and PROVIDED ALSO that the exercise of such powers shall not determine the said term hereby granted or affect the terms and provisions of these presents further than may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this lease.

Employment of foreign national.

22. The lessee/lessees shall not employ, in connection with the mining operations any person who is not an Indian national except with the previous approval of the Central Government.

Recovery of expenses incurred by the State Government.

23. If any of the works or matters which in accordance with the covenants in that behalf hereinbefore contained are to be carried or performed by the lessee/lessees be not so carried out or performed within the time specified in that behalf, the State Government may cause the same to be carried out or performed and the lessee/lessees shall pay the State Government on demand all expenses which shall be incurred in such carrying out or performance of the same and the decision of the State Government as to such expenses shall be final.

Furnish of geophysical data.

24. The lessee/lessees shall furnish :—

- (a) all geophysical data relating to mining fields or engineering and ground water surveys, such as anomaly maps, sections, plans, structures, contour maps, logging, collected by him/them during the course of mining operations to the Director, Geological Survey of India, Calcutta.
- (b) all informations pertaining to investigations of radia active minerals collected by him/them during the course of mining operations to the Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, New Delhi.

Data or information referred to above shall be furnished every year reckoned from the date of commencement of the period of the mining lease.

PART VIII

The Covenants of the State Government

Lessee/lessees may hold and enjoy rights quietly.

1. The lessee/lessees paying the rents, water rate and royalties hereby reserved and observing and performing all the covenants and agreements herein contained and on the part of the lessee/lessees to be observed and performed shall and may quietly hold and enjoy the rights and premises hereby demised for and during the term hereby granted without any unlawful interruption from or by the State Government or any person rightfully claiming under it.

Acquisition of land of third parties & compensation thereof.

2. If in accordance with the provision of clause (4) of Part VII of this Schedule the lessee/lessees shall offer to pay an occupier of the surface of any part of the said lands compensation for any damage or injury which may arise from the proposed operations of the lessee/lessees and the said occupier shall refuse his consent to the exercise of the right and powers reserved to the State Government and assigned to the lessee/lessees by these presents and the lessee/lessees shall refer the matter to the State Government and shall deposit with the

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amount offered as compensation, and if the Central/State Government are satisfied that the amount of compensation offered is fair and reasonable or if it is not so satisfied and lessee/lessees shall have deposited with it such further amount as the State and Central Governments shall consider fair and reasonable the State Government shall order the occupier to allow the lessee/lessees to enter the land and to carry out such operations as may be necessary for the purpose of this lease. In assessing the amount of such compensation the State Government shall be guided by the principles of the Land Acquisition Act.

3. Where the mining lease relates to any mineral not specified in Schedule I to the Act, it shall be renewable for one period not exceeding the period specified in Sub-section (2) of Section 8, at the option of the lessee/lessees.

To renew.

Provided that the State Government may for reasons to be recorded in writing reduce the area applied for.

If the lease is in respect of minerals specified in Schedule I to the Act, renewal will be subject to the prior approval of the Central Government.

If the lessee/lessees be desirous of taking a renewed lease of the premises hereby demised or of any part or parts of them for a further term from the expiration of the term hereby granted and is otherwise eligible he/they shall prior to the expiration of the last mentioned term give to the State Government six calendar months previous notice in writing and shall pay the rents, rates and royalties hereby reserved and shall observe and perform the several covenants and agreements herein contained and on the part of the lessee/lessees to be observed and performed upto the expiration of the term hereby granted. The State Government on receipt of application for renewal, shall consider it in accordance with Rule 28 of the said rules and shall pass orders as it deems fit. If renewal is granted, the State Government will at the expense of the lessee/lessors and upon his executing and delivering to the State Government a required counterpart thereof execute and deliver to the lessee/lessees a renewed lease of the said premises or part thereof for the further term of 30 (Thirty) years at such rents, rates and royalties and on such terms and subject to such rents, rates and royalties and on such terms and subject to such covenants and agreements, including this present covenant to renew as shall be in accordance with the Mineral Concessions Rules, 1960, applicable to COAL (name of minerals) on the day next following the expiration of the term hereby granted.

4. The lessee/lessees at any time determine this lease by giving not less than 12 calendar months notice in writing to the State Government or to such officer or authority as the State Government may specify in this behalf and upon the expiration of such notice provided that the lessee/lessees shall upon such expiration render and pay all rents, water rates, royalties, compensation for damages and other moneys which may then be due and payable under these presents to the lessor or any other person or persons and shall deliver these presents to the State Government then this lease and the said term and the liberties, powers and privileges hereby granted shall absolutely cease and determine but without prejudice to any right or remedy of the lessor in respect of any breach of any of the covenants or agreements contained in these presents.

Liberty to determine the lease.

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4. (a) The State Government may on an application made by the lessee permit him to surrender one or more minerals from his which is for a group of minerals on the ground that deposits of that minerals have since exhausted or depleted to such an extent that it is no longer possible to work the minerals economically, subject to the condition that the lessee :—(a) makes an application for such surrender of minerals at least six months before the intended date of surrender and
(b) gives an undertaking that he will not cause any hinderance in the working of the mineral so surrendered by any other person who is subsequently granted a mining lease for that mineral.

Refund of security deposits.

5. On such date as the state Government may elect within 12 calendar months after the determination of this lease or of any renewal thereof, the amount of the security deposit paid in respect of this lease and then remaining in deposit with the State Government and not required to be applied to any of the purposes mentioned in this lease shall be refunded to the lessee/lessees. No interest shall run on the security deposit.

PART IX General Provisions

Obstructions to inspection.

1. In case the lessee/lessees or his/their transferee/assignee does/do not allow entry or inspection by the officers authorised by the Central or State Government under clauses (i), (j), or (l) of Sub rule (1) of Rule 27 of said rules, the State Government shall give notice in writing to the lessee/lessees requiring him/them to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice why the lease should not be determined and his/their security deposit forfeited, and if the lessee/lessees fails/fail to show cause within the aforesaid time to the satisfaction of the State Government, the State Government may determine the lease and forfeit the whole or part of the security deposit.

Penalty in case of default in payment of royalty and breach of covenants.

2. If the lessee/lessees or his/their transferee or assignee makes/ make any default in payment of rent or water rate or royalty as required by Section 9 of the Act or commits a breach of any of the conditions and covenants other than those referred to in covenant (1) above, the State Government shall give notice to the lessee/lessees requiring him/them to pay the rent, water rate, royalty or remedy the breach, as the case may be within sixty days from the date of receipt of the notice and if the rent, water rate and royalty are not paid or the breach is not remedied within such period, the State Government may without prejudice to any proceedings that may be taken against him/ them, determine the lease and forfeit the whole or part of the security deposit.

Penalty for repeated breaches of covenants.

3. In cases of repeated breaches of covenants and agreements by the lessee/lessees for which notice has been given by the State Government in accordance with clause (1) and (2) aforementioned on earlier occasion, the State Government without giving any further notice, may impose such penalty not exceeding twice the amount of annual dead rent specified in clause (2) Part V.

Failure to fulfil the terms of leases due to "Force Majeure".

4. Failure on the part of the lessee/lessees to fulfil any of the terms and conditions of this lease shall not give the Central or State Government any claims against the lessee/lessees or deemed a

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breach of this lease, in so far as such failure is considered by the said Government to arise from *force majeure*, and if through *force majeure* the fulfilment by the lessee/lessees of any of the terms and conditions of this lease be delayed, the period of such delay shall be added to the period fixed by this lease. In this clause the expression "*Force Majeure*" means Act of God, war, insurrection, riot, civil commotion, strike, earthquake, tide, storm, tidal wave, flood, lightning, explosion, fire and any other happening which the lessee/lessees could not reasonably prevent or control.

5. The lessee/lessees having first paid and discharged the rents, rates and royalties payable, by virtue of these presents may at the expiration or sooner determination of the said term or within six calendar months whereafter (unless the lease shall be determined under clause (1) and (2) of this part and in that case at any time not less than three calendar months nor more than six calendar months after such determination) take down and remove for his/their own benefit all or any engines, machinery, plants, buildings, structures, tramways, railways and other works erection and conveniences which may have been erected, set up or placed by the lessee/lessees in or upon the said lands and which the lessee/lessees is/are not bound to deliver to the State Government under clause 20 of Part VII of this Schedule and which the State Government shall not desire to purchase.

Lessee/lessees to remove his/their properties on the expiry of lease.

6. If at the end of six calendar months after the expiration or sooner determination of the said term under the provision contained in clause (4) of Part VIII of this Schedule become effective there shall remain in or upon the said land any engines, machinery plant, buildings, structures, tramways, railways and other works erections and conveniences or other property which are not required by the lessee/lessees in connection with operations in any other lands held by him/them under prospecting licence or mining lease the same shall if not removed by the lessee/lessees within one calendar month after notice in writing requiring their removal has been given to the lessee/lessees by the State Government be deemed to become the property of the State Government and may be sold or disposed of in such manner as the State Government shall deem fit without liability to pay any compensation or to account to the lessee/lessees in respect thereof.

Forfeiture of property left more than six months after determination of lease.

7. Every notice by these presents required to be given to the lessee/lessees shall be given in writing to such person resident on the said lands as the lessee/lessees may appoint for the purpose of receiving such notice and if there shall have been no such appointment then every such notice shall be sent to the lessee/lessees by registered post addressed to the lessee/lessees at the address recorded in this lease or at such other address in India as the lessee/lessees may from time to time in writing to the State Government designate for the receipt of notices and every such service shall be deemed to be proper and valid service upon the lessee/lessees and shall not be questioned or challenged by him.

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8. If in any event the orders of the State Government are revised, reviewed or cancelled by the Central Government in pursuance of proceedings under Chapter VII of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, the lessee/lessees shall not be entitled to compensation for any loss sustained by the lessee/lessees in exercise of the powers and privileges conferred upon him/them by these presents.

Immunity of State Government from liability to pay compensation

9. For the purpose of stamp duty the anticipated royalty from the demised land is Rs. 40,000/- per year.

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10. The lessee/lessees hereby agrees/agree to lease out to the Coal Mines Labour Housing Board constituted under the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1947 (hereinafter called the Board) such plot or plots of surface land in the said areas as may be required by the said Board for construction of houses for coal miners for a period of forty years or till the expiry of the terms of mining lease/leases whichever is earlier at a nominal rent of Re. 1/- per annum and to hold himself/themselves responsible for the proper maintenance and repairs of the houses constructed on the said plot/plots and further undertakes/undertake to pay and discharge all rents, rates, taxes and other charges which are now or hereafter may be payable in respect of the said premises or buildings to be erected thereon by the landlord or tenant and further undertakes/undertake to fulfil the terms and conditions laid down by the New Housing Scheme for Coal Miners or any other housing scheme of the Board, as amended from time to time. The lessee/lessees further stipulates/stipulate if the Board has already constructed houses on any portion/portions of the land taken from previous lessee/lessees the lessee/lessees agrees/agree to accept the said existing lease/leases as having been granted by this lessee/lessees and to renew the said lease/leases for a period which may be necessary to complete 40 years under the said terms and conditions as contained in the previous lease/leases by the previous lessee/lessees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been executed in the manner hereunder appearing the day and year first above-written.

Collector.

CHHINDWARA

Signed by

for or on behalf of the Governor/President of India
in the presence of,

Witnesses

1. _____

2. _____

For COAL INDIA LTD.,

General Manager,

LESSEE. Kanhan Area.

Witnesses

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2. _____

Executive Magistrate,
For District Magistrate Chhindwara.

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