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Dated: 8th September 2020

Undertaking for Environmental clearance

Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide their vesting order no NA-104/1/2019-NA, dated February 10, 2020 has allotted the Bikram Coal Mine in favour of Birla Corporation Limited as a successful bidder for the coal mine purpose for its integrated cement & captive power plants.

In accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, we Birla Corporation Limited, hereby give an undertaking that we will seek Environmental Clearance under Environmental Protection Act, 1986 and subsequent Rules and Regulations framed thereafter for Bikram Coal Mine over an area of 239 ha located in Sohagpur coal field under Bartara & Gopalpur village, Burhar Tehsil, Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh for exploitation of coal by opencast & underground method.

Further, Environmental Clearance proposal number J-11015/255/2009-IA.II(M) was recommended for grant by EAC in July 2014, but EC was not issued due to subsequent de-allocation of the block. Since Prior Allottee and Present Allottee for this project is same i.e. Birla Corporation Limited, the pending old proposal might be revived from the latest stage for grant of EC. However, as per the directions of MoEF&CC further course of action will be taken to obtain Environmental Clearanc

The Bikram Coal Mine will commence only after obtaining such clearance.

For Birla Corporation Limited,

Sandeep Kumar JAIN
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Date: 07th July, 2020

The Director
Coal Mining
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jorbagh Road, Allaganj
New Delhi-110 003

Dear Sir,

SUB: Bikram Coal Mine Project (OC and UG for max. 0.36 MTPA capacity over ML area of 239 ha) of M/s Birla Corporation Limited, Dist. Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh File No. J-11015/255/2009-IA.II(M)

References:

1. Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13, order No. NA104/1/2019-NA dated 10th Feb, 2020, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India
2. MINUTES OF THE 17th EAC (THERMAL & COAL MINING PROJECTS) MEETING HELD ON 23rd-24th & 25th July, 2014 IN NEW DELHI
3. MINUTES OF THE 7th EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (EAC) (THERMAL & COAL MINING) MEETING HELD ON 12th -13th DECEMBER, 2013 IN NEW DELHI.

With reference to above subject and references, the Company was declared Successful Bidder for the subject Coal Mine and the vesting order for the same was issued, which is enclosed herewith. The company was also prior allottee of the subject mine.

The project was appraised in the various meetings of the EAC and finally recommended for issue of Environmental Clearance in the 17th EAC meeting held on 24&25 July, 2014.

There is no change in the Project area, Project proponent, Co-ordinates, Production capacity etc.

In view of the above, we request you to please grant environmental clearance at the earliest.

Thanking you,
For Birla Corporation Limited

(Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh)
Joint President
Authorized Signatory

Encl: As stated above

**MINUTES OF THE 17th EAC (THERMAL & COAL MINING PROJECTS) MEETING
HELD ON 23rd – 24th & 25th July, 2014 IN NEW DELHI**

The 17th EAC (Thermal & Coal mining projects) Meeting was held on 23rd– 24th & 25th July, 2014 in New Delhi to consider the proposals in coal mining sector. The list of participants of EAC and the proponents are given at Annexure-1 and 2 respectively.

B. Confirmation of Minutes: The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 14th EAC meeting held on 27th -28th June, 2014. M/s MCL, vide letter dated 24.7.2014, intimated that with regard to Hingula project, there is an omission of mentioning of granting EC for only forest free patch of 61 Ha in the West Quarry containing a coal reserve of 23.03 MT approx. which was deliberated in the last EAC meeting and M/s MCL has requested for amendment to the Minutes by including this information. The EAC has reiterated its views and agreed for grant of EC for forest free patch of 61 Ha in the West Quarry containing a coal reserve of 23.03 MT approx. for survival of the mine for two years on which EAC had agreed during the meeting and was inadvertently not reflected in the Minutes of the Meeting. This may be corrected accordingly. However, other observations of the EAC remain unchanged.

C. The following proposals were considered:

17.1 Bhelatand Amalgamated Colliery (expansion from 0.38 MTPA to 0.41 MTPA in an ML area of 521.68 ha) & Expn. Of Bhelatand Washery (0.96 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA in 8 ha) of M/s Tata Steel Ltd., Dhanbad, Jharkhand - EC based on TOR granted dated 23.03.2012.

17.1.1 The proposal is of Bhelatand Amalgamated Colliery (expansion from 0.38 MTPA to 0.41MTPA in an ML area of 521.68 ha) & Expn. of Bhelatand Washery (0.96 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA in 8 ha).

17.1.2 The proponent made the presentation and informed that:

- i. The project was accorded TOR vide letter no. J-11015/29/2012–IA.II(M) dated 23.03.2012.
- ii. The project is not a Joint Venture project.
- iii. Coal linkage: Captive Mines-1.02 MTPA and BCCL mines-0.48 MTPA
- iv. The latitude and longitude of the project are 23°46'00" to 23°48' 00"North and 86°19'00" to 86°21'00" East respectively.
- iii. The land usage of the project will be as follows:

Sl	Type of Land	Pre-mining	Post-mining	Core area	Changed uses post-mining
		Area (Ha.)			
1	Land under washery	8.00	8	-	Agriculture use; Public and other use
2	Land used for office building	7.24	7.24	-	
3	Land under bungalow, colony, etc.	28.36	28.36	-	
4	Land under village	31.82	31.82	-	
5	Land under plantation and park	31	31	-	
6	Land under tank, drain, nallah etc.	32.90	32.90	-	
7	Land under railways	47.70	47.70	-	
8	Land under road network	55.72	55.72	-	
9	Land under agriculture	286.94	286.94	-	
	Total	529.68	529.68	529.68	

- iv. The total geological reserve is 72.91 MT. the mineable reserve 28.70 MT, extractable reserve is 9.50 MT. The per cent of extraction would be 30 for overall seam and 80% in panel.

- xxi. There are no court cases/violation pending with the project proponent.
- xxii. **Public Hearing** was held on 04.09.2013 at Welfare Centre, LC Road, Kulti, Dist Burdwan. The issues raised in the PH includes scope of employment for the local unemployed youths; compensation to land losers ; agricultural field causing damage ; fate of existing factories etc.

17.21.2 The Committee, after detailed deliberations, recommended the project for granting EC with following specific conditions:

- i. Thick green belts and water sprinkling be provided to curb air pollution, including around the temporary coal storage where the conveyor belt maintenance is undertaken.
- ii. Conveyor belts shall be provided for coal transportation to the siding.
- iii. Stones and boulders be utilized for stowing purposes.
- iv. The mine water after treatment shall be used for agriculture purpose.
- v. Proponent should provide adequate air conditioning so as to prevent heat and humidity in the underground mining faces.
- vi. The sub-surface water should not be disturbed.
- vii. Piezometers be installed in the surrounding villages for monitoring the ground water.
- viii. Check dams be constructed for water harvesting and for recharging the ground water.

17.22 Bikram Coalmine Project (OC and UG for max. 0.36 MTPA in an ML area of 239 ha) of M/s Birla Corp. Ltd., dist. Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh -EC based on TOR granted on 28.10.2010 – Further Consideration.

17.22.1 The proposal is of Bikram Coalmine Project (OC and UG for max. 0.36 MTPA in an ML area of 239 ha) of M/s Birla Corp. Ltd., dist. Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh -EC based on TOR granted on 28.10.2010.

17.22.2 The proposal was earlier considered in the 55th EAC meeting held on 27th-28th August, 2012 and 7th EAC meeting held on 12th -13th December, 2013. The Committee had sought following additional information:

- i. Clarification on the amount of coal present in the upper seams in A1-A4 blocks and the area comes under A2-A4.
- ii. Report of the proponent relating to the underground mining option in the proposed opencast area be referred to ISM, Dhanbad for their observation as the proposed OC area harbours good forest.
- iii. Social cost benefit analysis be examined for underground mining versus opencast mining option and not separately for a preferred mining option as has been done by the proponent.
- iv. Details of Rail siding be provided.
- v. Coal transportation by road shall be initially for 3 years by mechanically covered trucks. Thereafter, the proponent is required to expedite the siding near the mine on priority basis.

17.22.3 The proponent made the presentation and further informed that:

- i. Coal is present in the upper seams in A1-A4 blocks and the area comes under A2-A4 which amounts to 4.82 MTPA over an area of 118.60 Ha. The extractable coal by opencast method shall be 3.758 million tonnes.
- ii. Report of the proponent relating to the underground mining option in the proposed opencast area be referred to ISM, Dhanbad for their observation as the proposed OC area harbours good forest.

- iii. The ISM, Dhanbad was of the view that :
- a. The technology for extraction of less than 1.2 m thick coal seam is presently not available in India. Hard cover of strata more than 15 m is required for underground mining for preventing breathing of air through the strata in the goaf and subsequent fire in the broken coal left in the goaf, and preventing air blast due to sudden fall of strata cover into the goaf. For hardcover thickness less than 15.0 m, the DGMS does not give permission for underground mining due the above reasons.
 - b. The justification for underground mining of coal seams IX and VIII in sub blocks A1 and A3 in both the alternatives 1 and 2 proposed by IIT- BHU, lower seams, i.e. seams below VIII, in block A and all seams of block B are to be extracted by Underground Mining. The sub blocks A1, A2, A3, A4 and Block B are shown in Figure below. The underground mining of coal seams IX and VIII in sub blocks A1 and A3 meet the underground mining method criteria.
 - c. By underground mining of coal seams IX and VIII in sub blocks A1 and A3, it is neither possible to protect the plants and trees in the forest nor conserve the coal.
 - d. The ISM, Dhanbad has therefore concurred and recommended that :
 - 1) The coal seams IX and VIII should be mined by opencast method of mining in whole block A.
 - 2) It is not advisable to extract the coal seams IX and VIII in the block A by underground methods of mining.
 - 3) However, in the block A, all the seams below the IX and VIII should be mined by underground methods of mining.
 - e. Preferred Mining Method:
 - 1) The Department of Mining Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Benaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, has made the study to find the most preferred method for proposed Bikram Coal Block.
 - 2) As per the study report of BHU, the most preferred mining method is the combination of both Underground and Opencast mining, which is in line with approved Mining Plan.
 - 3) it is proposed to mine the shallow coal of seam IX underlying less than 15m hard cover and the next lower seam VIII of thickness less 1.2m, under exactly the same area with opencast Mining method.
 - 4) The remaining dip side portion of both the above mentioned seams along with all the remaining three lower seams will be mined by underground method.
 - 5) Alternatives for Railway Siding: Three alternatives alignments have been explored for the proposed railway siding. Viz. ALT-1: Proposed siding parallel to Exst. MN lines at UP side; ALT-2: Proposed siding parallel to Exst. MN lines at DN side; ALT-3: Proposed siding at UP side of Existing MN lines. Among the three alternatives discussed in this report, alternative no. 1 appears to be the best, since it is cheapest one, crosses least structures, having less land acquisition and workable

17.22.4 The Committee, after detailed deliberations, recommended the project for granting EC with following specific conditions:

- i. There shall be no road transportation of coal.

- ii. Coal transportation shall be by rail siding which is 3.5 KM from the mine (Alternative 1 as per the report of the proponent) be implemented.
- iii. Piezometers be installed in the surrounding villages for monitoring the ground water.
- iv. Check dams be constructed for water harvesting and for recharging the ground water.
- v. Exploration of possibility be made for utilizing stones and boulders for stowing purposes.

17.23 Mahuagarhi opencast Coal Mining Project (4 MTPA in 1150 ha area) of M/s Mahuagarhi Coal Company Private Ltd., located in Mahuagarhi Coal field, Tehsil Kathikund, Dist. Dumka Jharkhand – TOR.

17.23.1 The proposal is seeking for ToR by Mahuagarhi opencast Coal Mining Project (4 MTPA in an ML area of 1185.27 ha area) of M/s Mahuagarhi Coal Company Private Ltd., Mahuagarhi Coal field, Tehsil Kathikund, Dist. Dumka Jharkhand.

17.23.2 The proponent made the presentation and informed that:

- i. During the presentation it was submitted that the ML Area as per block allotment will be 1185.27 ha.
- ii. It is a Joint Venture company of M/s Jas Infrastructure Capital Pvt. Ltd. (50%) & M/s CESC Ltd.(50%)
- iii. The latitude and longitude of the project are North-West E 87° 26' 33" & N 24° 24' 14" ; North E 87° 27' 38" & N 24° 23' 59" ; North-West E 87° 27' 52" & N 24° 23' 46" ; East E 87° 28' 00" & N 24° 23' 26" ; South-East E 87° 27' 54" & N 24° 22' 35" ; East E 87° 27' 01" & N 24° 22' 14" ; South-East E 87° 26' 48" & N 24° 22' 28" ; Sout E 87° 26' 21" & N 24° 23' 30" respectively.
- iv. The land usage of the project will be as follows:
 - a. Pre-Mining: Agriculture-257.096 Ha; habitation - 1.762 Ha ;Gochar-5.699 Ha ;Community-0.332 Ha; leasable-10.222 Ha ;water body-8999 Ha ; Embankment-1.883 Ha; road- 6.246 Ha; forest-48.849 Ha; P.F.62.573 Ha ; R.F.-396.34 Ha.
 - b. Post- Mining & Core area: Excavation- 193.71 Ha; dump-93.96 Ha; top soil dump-4 Ha; green belt-10 Ha; bund-5.66 Ha; infrastructure-25 Ha; magazine & road-6.77 Ha; undisturbed -430.9 Ha.
- v. The total geological reserve is 305.95 MT(Phase – I : 117.55MT). The mineable reserve 57.583 MT by OC (Phase-I), extractable reserve is 57.583 MT by OC (Phase-I). The per cent of extraction would be 48.98 %.
- vi. The coal grade is G8-G13 (As per GCV grading). The stripping ratio is 2.13-3.49 9 (overall 4.02). The average Gradient is 5-20°-NW-SW to NNW-SSE. There will be 8 seams with thickness ranging from 0.25 m – 15.40 m.
- vii. The total estimated water requirement is 1613 m³/day. The level of ground water ranges from 1.5m -13.5m.
- viii. The Method of mining would be Mechanized open cast.
- ix. There is three (Phase-I) external OB dump with Quantity of 161.27 Mcum in an area of 339.22 Ha with height of 80 m-100 m, with 3 tier of 10 m each and two (Phase-I) internal dump with Quantity of 35.38 Mcum in an area of 93.96 Ha.

Annexure 1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF EAC IN 17th MEETING OF EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (EAC) (THERMAL & COAL MINING) HELD ON 23rd -25th July, 2014 IN NEW DELHI.

Sl. No.	Name of Members	
1.	Prof. C.R. Babu	Member
2.	Dr. T. K .Dhar	Member
3.	Shri Jawahar Lal Mehta	Member
4.	Shri N. K. Verma	Member
5.	Shri G. S. Dang	Member
6.	Shri A. K. Bansal	Member
7.	Dr. G. R. Rathnavel	Member
8.	Dr. Shankar Bala	CPCB Member
9.	Dr. Manoranjan Hota	Director & Member Secretary
10.	Shri. P. R. Sakhare	Deputy Director

17.22 Bikram Coalmine Project of M/s Birla Corp. Ltd.

1. Shri V. K. Sethi
2. Shri S. S. Davy
3. Shri B. D. Sharma
4. Shri S. Sankar
5. Shri D. Datta
6. Ms. Marisa Sharma
7. Shri V. P. Thergaonkar

17.23 Mahuagarhi opencast Coal Mining Project of M/s Mahuagarhi Coal Company Private Ltd.

1. Shri Ashish Shukla
2. Shri Prashel Shukla
3. Shri Ravi Kumar V.
4. Shri Ashish Gupta
5. Shri P. K. Pal
6. Shri T. K. Natta
7. Shri P. Sen
8. Shri Jitender Negi

17.24 SuliyariBelwar Opencast Coal Mine project (Ph-I) of M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corp. Ltd.

1. Shri H. D. Nagaraja
2. Shri M. Vasanth Kumar
3. Shri M. Prasad
4. Shri M. Mallikarjun
5. Dr. Durga Vara Prasad
6. Shri Sarat Kumar
7. Shri N. V. R. Prahlad
8. Shri Ravi Joshi

17.25 Coal Washery project of M/s Hind Multi Services Pvt. Ltd.

1. Shri Abhik Mukhopadhyay
2. Shri D. S. Ramteke
3. Shri Pawan Agarwal
4. Shri Prag Khijnare

17.26 Parsa East and Kanta Basan Opencast Mine and pit head coal washery of M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.

1. Shri N. M. Modhir
2. Shri Uma Shankar
3. Shri M. K. Thapar
4. Shri Vikram Vyas
5. Shri K. K. Jain
6. Shri G. V. Rao



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Ref: BCL/Bikram/EC/111

Date: 1st September, 2020

The Nominated Authority
Ministry of Coal
1st Floor, F-Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110 001



Dear Sir,

SUB: Bikram Coal Mine Project (OC and UG for PRC of 0.36 MTPA over ML area of 239 ha) of M/s Birla Corporation Limited, Dist. Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh. Pending grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) vide File No. J-11015/255/2009-IA.II(M) reg.

References:

1. Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13, order No. NA104/1/2019-NA dated 10th Feb, 2020, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India (Annexure-1)
2. Minutes of the 17th EAC (THERMAL & COAL MINING PROJECTS) meeting held during 23rd to 25th July, 2014 in New Delhi (Annexure-2)
3. Copy of our letter no. BCL/Bikram/EC/107 dated 7th July 2020 to MoEF&CC on the above subject. (Annexure-3)

With reference to above subject and references, we would like to submit the following points for your kind consideration:

- 1) M/s Birla Corporation Limited was declared Successful Bidder for the subject Coal Mine and the vesting order for the same was issued on 10th February 2020, which is enclosed herewith as Annexure-1. The company was also prior allottee of the subject mine.
- 2) The subject mine was allotted to M/s Birla Corporation Limited previously in 2008 by the Ministry of Coal and subsequently the Company had pursued extensively to get the Environmental Clearance and had completed all stages of obtaining EC as per EIA notification 2006.
- 3) The Company had obtained TOR and conducted Public Hearing successfully. Final EIA report was submitted to MoEF&CC. The project was appraised in the various meetings of the EAC and finally recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance in the 17th EAC meeting held during 23rd to 25th July, 2014. A copy of the relevant pages of minutes of the said meeting is enclosed as Annexure-2.
- 5) The EC was not issued in 2014 that was may be due to the fact that soon after all the coal blocks in India were de-allocated by the order of Hon'ble supreme court on 24th September 2014.
- 6) There is no change in the Project area, Project proponent, Co-ordinates, Production capacity etc. and hence the Company approached MoEF&CC to consider old case of EC and expedite grant of EC to save considerable time in the process which eventually would result in commencement of coal production from the mine at an early date. A copy of the letter written to MoEF&CC in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-3.

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7) We have not received any response from the MoEF&CC in this matter and hence request your intervention in the matter.

8) We would like to seek your attention to relevant portion of Section 8 of the Coal Mines Special Provisions Act 2015, which is reproduced below:

8. (3) A successful bidder in an auction conducted on a competitive basis in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed, shall be entitled to the vesting of Schedule I coal mine for which it bid, pursuant to a vesting order drawn up in accordance with such rules.

(4) The vesting order shall transfer and vest upon the successful bidder, the following, namely:

(a) all the rights, title and interest of the prior allottee, in Schedule I coal mine concerned with the relevant auction;

(b) entitlement to a mining lease to be granted by the State Government;

(c) any statutory licence, permit, permission, approval or consent required to undertake coal mining operations in Schedule I coal mines if already issued to the prior allottee;

(d) rights appurtenant to the approved mining plan of the prior allottee;

(e) any right, entitlement or interest not specifically covered under clauses (a) to (d).

JUSTIFICATION: The underlined phrases specify that the successful bidder is entitled to get all rights and interests of the Prior Allottee even which are not specifically covered in the above section. This may be interpreted in favour of Birla Corporation Limited to get EC based on previous recommendation of the EAC.

9) We would also like to seek your attention to relevant portion of Rule 7 of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules 2014, which is reproduced below:

7. Powers and duties of the nominated authority- (1) The nominated authority shall exercise such powers as specified in the Ordinance and these rules.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers and duties specified under section 6 of the Ordinance, the nominated authority shall have the power or the duty, as the case may be, to-

(d) inform the relevant Central authorities and State authorities to record and mutate incorporeal rights of whatsoever nature including, of consents, permissions, permits, approvals, grants, registrations;

(q) the nominated authority may take into consideration such recommendations, findings or reports, including that of any committee of the Central Government, and any order issued by the Central Government as it may deem expedient.

JUSTIFICATION: The underlined phrases specify about mutation of incorporeal rights of whatsoever nature and consideration of recommendation of committee of central government.

As required by your office, we had sent list of clearances/ approvals/ permissions through email dated 6th January 2020, which were supposed to be included in the Vesting Order. We had also included this case of "EC recommended for Grant" but later it was not included in the Vesting Order.

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The recommendation of the EAC for grant of EC may be considered as "Incorporeal Right" and under this provision of law, this may be interpreted in favour of Birla Corporation Limited to get EC based on previous recommendation of the EAC.

10) M/s Birla Corporation Limited as Prior Allottee had completed all stages of obtaining Environmental Clearance (Scoping/TOR, Public Consultation & Appraisal) as per EIA Notification, 2006. We would like to seek your attention to the relevant portion of Clause 8 of the EIA notification 2006, which is reproduced below:

8. Grant or Rejection of Prior Environmental Clearance (EC):

(i) The regulatory authority shall consider the recommendations of the EAC or SEAC concerned and convey its decision to the applicant within forty five days of the receipt of the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned or in other words within one hundred and five days of the receipt of the final Environment Impact Assessment Report, and where Environment Impact Assessment is not required, within one hundred and five days of the receipt of the complete application with requisite documents, except as provided below.

iii) In the event that the decision of the regulatory authority is not communicated to the applicant within the period specified in sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) above, as applicable, the applicant may proceed as if the environment clearance sought for has been granted or denied by the regulatory authority in terms of the final recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

JUSTIFICATION: The underlined phrases specify deemed grant of EC if not specifically communicated after recommendation of EAC, which was in favour of Birla Corporation Limited. Hence this clause also may be interpreted in favour of Birla Corporation Limited to get EC based on previous recommendation of the EAC.

11) It is pertinent to mention here that as per clause 1(d) of the Vesting Order, the successful bidder is entitled to get all the previous approvals transferred to him. Therefore, if you feel necessary, you may kindly approve to amend the Vesting Order accordingly to include the recommendation of EAC for grant of EC.

12) We understand that one of the reasons that EC could not be granted earlier was due to unavailability of Stage 1 Forest Diversion. The Forest Diversion proposal no. FP/MP/MIN/3815/2010 for the subject Coal Mine was also under progress and pending at Nodal Officer, Bhopal in 2014. So, logically the EC could have been granted conditionally for the subject Coal Mining Project and subsequently transferred to subsequent allottee (successful bidder).

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Sir, with backdrop of above submissions and justifications, we humbly request your intervention in this matter, which would enable us to save considerable time of about 1-2 years to commence coal production from this mine in the interest of Company and Nation as well.

We shall be highly grateful and obliged to you for your favourable consideration in this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

For **Birla Corporation Limited**



(Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh)

Joint President

Authorized Signatory

Encl: Three annexures as stated above

Copy along with annexures in favour of information and consideration to:

1) The Secretary, Ministry of Coal
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi- 110 001



2) The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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3/9/2020

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D.O. No. NA- 104/01/2019-NA

Dear Ms Menon,

Dated: 08th Sep, 2020

This is in connection with grant of Environment Clearance of Bikram coal mine allocated to M/s Birla Corporation Limited under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act 2015. The said coal mine was earlier also allocated to M/s Birla Corporation Limited.

2. It has been brought to my notice by M/s Birla Corporation Limited that prior to de-allocation of the said coal mine by the Hon'ble Supreme court, they had completed all stages of obtaining Environment Clearance (EC) as per EIA notification 2006 wherein the TOR was obtained and the Public Hearing was also conducted successfully. Further, the grant of EC was recommended in the 17th EAC meeting held during 23rd to 25th July, 2014. However, EC was not issued and subsequently the coal block was de-allocated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Sept 2015.

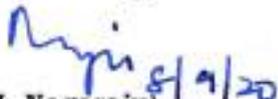
3. Further, I have been intimated by the Successful Bidder that there is no change in the project area, project proponent, Co-ordinates, production capacity etc. As such, M/s Birla Corporation Limited vide their letter dated 07.07.2020 have requested MoEF & CC to consider the old case of EC and expedite grant of EC.

4. I am to say that after cancellation of prior allocations of coal blocks by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 was enacted by the Parliament for allocation of the coal blocks/ mines. In order to maintain uninterrupted supply of the coal in the country, one of the main objectives of the Act, as stated in its preamble, is "vesting of the rights, title and interest in and over the land and mine infrastructure together with mining leases to successful bidders and allottee with a view to ensure continuity in coal mining operations and production of coal, and for promoting optimum utilisation of coal resources consistent with the requirement of the country in national interest."

5. Hence, it is requested to kindly consider the proposal for grant of EC in respect of Bikram coal mine from the stage it was prior to de-allocation, as requested by M/s Birla Corporation Limited, which will save considerable time and ensure timely operationalization of the coal mine.

with regards

Yours Sincerely,


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