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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests

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Dated: 17th October 2006

To
Head of Department Env./CE(Civil),
Environment Department,
M/s Western Coalfields Ltd.,
Coal Estate, Civil Lines,
NAGPUR - 440001.

Sub: Nandan Underground Coal Mine Project (0.405 MTPA) of M/s Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL), located in village Chikatbarri, Tehsil Junnardeo, District Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh- Environmental clearance - reg.

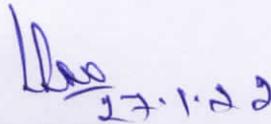
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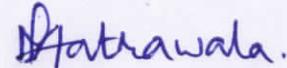
This has reference to letter of Ministry of Coal & Mines No. 43011/7/2005-CPAM dated 05.07.2005 forwarding your application and letters of M/s Coal India Ltd. dated 16.01.2006, 18.05.2006 and 17.05.2006 and your letters dated 02.06.2006, 08.06.2006, and 19.07.2006 on the above-mentioned subject. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has considered your application. It has been noted that the project is for production of coal in **existing Nandan Underground Coalmine Project involving a total lease area of 543.50 ha**, of which 305.93 ha is agricultural land, 206.20 ha is forestland and 31.37 ha is Govt. land. Forestry clearance has not been obtained. There are no National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserves found within the core zone and in the 10 km buffer zone. The project does not involve R&R. Mining will be underground by semi-mechanised method. Controlled blasting is involved. **Rated capacity of the mine is 0.405 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of coal production.** Mineral transportation of 1227 TPD of coal is by use of 325 coal tippers per day. Ultimate working depth of the mine is 300 m below ground level (bgl).. Water table is in the range of 2.5-13m bgl in the buffer zone. Mining will intersect water table. Average water demand is 544 m³/d of water which is met from mine sump/pit water. Balance life of the mine at the rated capacity is 7 years. Public Hearing was held on 12.02.2002. NOC has been obtained on 02.05.2002. The project has been approved by M/s WCL on 18.09.1985. The capital cost of the project is **Rs. 1788.59 lakhs.**

2. The Ministry of Environment & forests hereby accords environmental clearance for the above-mentioned **Nandan Underground Expansion Coal Project of M/s WCL over a lease area of 543.50 ha for production of coal of 0.405 MTPA rated capacity** under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 subject to the compliance of the terms and conditions mentioned below:

A. Specific Conditions

- (i) All the conditions stipulated by the SPCB in their NOC shall be effectively implemented.
- (ii) No mining operations shall be undertaken in the forestland until clearance has been obtained under the provisions of FC Act, 1980.
- (iii) Regular monitoring of subsidence movement on the surface over and around the working area and impact on natural drainage pattern, water bodies, vegetation, structure, roads, and surroundings should be continued till movement ceases completely. In case of observation of any high rate of subsidence movement, appropriate effective corrective measures should be

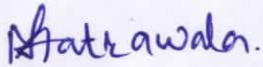

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taken to avoid loss of life and material. Cracks should be effectively plugged with ballast and clayey soil/suitable material.

- (iv) Garland drains (size, gradient and length) around the safety areas such as mine shaft and low lying areas and sump capacity should be designed keeping 50% safety margin over an above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine sites. Sump capacity should also provided adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material.
- (v) Two rows of pillars from the line of HFL of Kanhan River including the pillars under the HFL line shall not be reduced in any manner.
- (vi) Crushers at the CHP should be operated with high efficiency bag filters, water sprinkling system should be provided to check fugitive emissions from crushing operations, conveyor system, haulage roads, transfer points, etc.
- (vii) Drills should be wet operated only.
- (viii) Controlled blasting should be practiced with use of delay detonators.
- (ix) A progressive afforestation plan shall be prepared and implemented over the mine lease area and shall include areas under green belt development, areas along roads, infrastructure, along ML boundary and township outside the lease areas, etc, by planting native species in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department. The density of the trees should be around 2500 plants per ha.
- (x) Regular monitoring of groundwater level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and construction of new peizometers. The monitoring for quantity should be done four times a year in pre-monsoon (May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus collected should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and to the Central Pollution Control Board quarterly within one month of monitoring.
- (xi) The Company shall put up artificial groundwater recharge measures for augmentation of groundwater resource. The project authorities should meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.
- (xii) Besides carrying out regular periodic health check up of their workers, 10% 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, through an agency such as NIOH, Ahmedabad within a period of one year and the results reported to this Ministry and to DGMS.
- (xiii) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be done regularly once in 3 years for monitoring land use pattern and report submitted to MOEF and its Regional office at Bhopal.
- (xiv) A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.
- (xv) Consent to Operate shall be obtained before starting mining operations.
- (xvi) Mine working shall be restricted to 300m bgl in accordance with the submission made during the Public hearing as well as to the SPCB while seeking their clearance.


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B. General Conditions

- (i) No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (ii) No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral coal and waste should be made.
- (iii) Four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for SPM, RPM, SO₂ and NO_x monitoring. Location of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
- (iv) Data on ambient air quality (SPM, RPM, SO₂ and NO_x) should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional Office at Bhopal and to the State Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.
- (v) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly monitored and data recorded properly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, wagon loading, dump trucks (loading and unloading) points should be provided and properly maintained.
- (vi) Adequate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM, etc should be provided with ear plugs/muffs.
- (vii) Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th May 1993 and 31st December 1993 or as amended from time to time before discharge. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.
- (viii) Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Vehicles used for transporting the mineral should be covered with tarpaulins and optimally loaded.
- (ix) Environmental laboratory should be established with adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
- (x) Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
Occupational health surveillance programme of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and to take corrective measures, if needed.
- (xi) A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the company.
- (xii) The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to this Ministry and its Regional Office at Bhopal.
- (xiii) The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhopal shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The Project authorities shall extend full cooperation to the office(s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/ information/ monitoring reports.
- (xiv) A copy of the will be marked to concerned Panchayat/ local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.

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- (xv) State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industry Centre and Collector's Office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- (xvi) The Project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution control Board and may also be seen at the website of the ministry of Environment & Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in>.
3. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.
4. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
5. 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.

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Additional Director

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Secretariat, Bhopal.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, E-2/240 Arera Colony, Bhopal - 462016.
4. Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal - 462016.
5. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi -110032.
6. Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
7. Shri M.K. Shukla, CGM, Coal India Limited, SCOPE Minar, Core-I, 4t Floor, Vikas Marg, Laxminagar, New Delhi.
8. District Collector, Chhindwara, Government of Madhya Pradesh, New Delhi.
9. Monitoring File 10. Guard File 11. Record File

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