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Dated: 25.4..2003.

From : Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To : The General Manager (LR),

Eastern Coalfields Ltd, Sanctoria,

P.O. Disergarh-713333, Dist. Burdwan.

Sub: Application dated 7.11.2002 of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd for renewal of its coalmining leases in the Ranigunj Coalfields area.

Sir,

With reference to your Company's application dated 21.8.2002 for renewal of coal mining leases, I am directed to state that:-

- 1. The Government of India in the Department of Coal, Ministry of Coal & Mines has allowed amalgamation of coal mining leases prayed for by you, under Rule 38 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 vide their letter no. 13016/9/2002-CA dated 17.09.2002. The decision of the Central Government has already been conveyed to you by the State Government.
- 2. The State Government has requested the Government of India in the Department of Mines, Ministry of Coal & Mines to accord prior approval for renewal of the coalmining leases of your company in terms of Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 as Coal is a mineral included in Part-A of the First Schedule of the said Act.
- 3. The State Government has decided to allow the West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Ltd to do coalmining in the State. The following three Blocks under the lease of your Company, viz, Lachhmanpur Patch in Khaivasole Block, (ii) Ardhagram Block and (iii) Gangaramchak and Gangaramchak-Bhadulia Block have been earmarked for coalmining by WBMDTC Ltd. Hence, the State Government may not allow the renewal of the coalmining leases of ECL in respect of these Blocks.
- 4. Your Company has failed to submit application for the renewal of your coalmining leases within the stipulated period, i.e., within 30.4.2002, as envisaged in Rule 24A (1) of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960. However, the State Government has decided to condone the delay in submission of renewal application in terms of Rule 24A (10) of the M.C. Rules as a special case in respect of your company.

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पर्यावरण विभाग / ईसीएल मुख्यातम Environment Deptt./ECL. HQ. 5. It is not likely that the State Government would be able to grant the renewal of your coalmining leases before the date of expiry of the period (30.4.2002) of the present lease. Hence, in terms of Rule 24(1) (6) of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, the coalmining leases of your Company shall be deemed to have been extended by a further period till the State Government passes order on your coalmining lease renewal applications.

These are for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

कहाप्रबंधक/ General Manager पर्यावरण विभाग / ईसीएल मुख्यालय Environment Deptt./ECL. HQ.