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Dated: 15th January, 2021

To,

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Sub: Expansion of Belpahar Opencast Coalmine Project (6 MTPA to 9 MTPA in an ML area of 1444.053 ha + 59.63 Ha outside ML area) total area 1503.683 ha of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali District Jharsuguda (Odisha) – Extension/Amendment in Environment Clearance –reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to your online application No. IA/OR/CMIN/166026/2020 dated 21st August, 2020, on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted Environment Clearance (EC) to the project on 2nd January, 2015 to Expansion of Belpahar Opencast Coalmine Project (6 MTPA to 9 MTPA in an ML area of 1444.053 ha + 59.63 Ha outside ML area) total area 1503.683 ha of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali District Jharsuguda (Odisha). The life of the mine was 6 Years as per EC.


3. Now, project proponent has submitted that earlier estimation of coal reserve and on ground situation are different and that there is still some extractable reserve. There is no change in existing configuration (area and capacity) of approved Environmental Clearance. Only the mine life will get extended till 20-23 due to availability of more coal reserves. A Mining Plan & Mine Closure Plan has been approved as per the new estimated reserve. An addendum Mining Plan & Mine Closure Plan has been prepared and approved by MCL board on 28th January, 2019, considering actual production till 01-04-18 and other criteria. No Objection Certificate has been issued by Central Ground Water Authority vide Reference No. CGWA/NOC/MIN/ORIG/2020/9025 for validity upto 25th November, 2022. Ministry Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide letter no.101-975/16/EPE dated 12th November, 2020, has submitted the Certified Compliance Report of EC conditions along with status of compliance of observations of previous Certified compliance report dated 3rd December, 2013.

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Extension of EC of Belpahar OCP of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

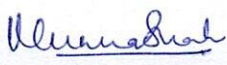
4. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee in its 4th meeting held on 27th November, 2020 through video conferencing wherein the Committee recommended the proposal for extension in validity of Environment Clearance. Based on recommendations of the EAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for the extension of validity to **Belpahar Project of 9 MTPA capacity in an ML area of 1444.053 ha + 59.63 Ha outside ML area) total area 1503.683 ha by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali District Jharsuguda (Odisha)**, for life of the mine (three years i.e. till 2023 as project proponent committed that evacuation of mineral will be completed in three years during presentation in EAC or 30 years whichever is earlier as per EIA Notification, 2006 with all the condition stipulated in EC dated 22nd January, 2015 shall remain the same and subject to additional conditions as mentioned below for environment safeguards: -

(i) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc


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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandershekharpur, Bhubaneswar- 751023 (Odisha).
3. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
4. The Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
5. The Chairman, CPCB, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi -32.
6. The Chairman, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilkanthanagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneshwar - 751012 (Odisha).
7. The District Collector, Jharsuguda, Government of Odisha.
8. Monitoring File/Guard File/Record File
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