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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Jorbagh Road, N Delhi-3
Dated: 28th March, 2019

To,

The Chief General Manager (CP&P)
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Sub: Expansion of Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Project from 10 MTPA to 14 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in ML area of 634.205 ha located in Tehsil Hemgir, District Sundargarh (Odisha) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No IA/OR/CMIN/61822/2017 dated 29th December, 2018 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide letter dated 22nd March, 2018, has granted environmental clearance to the expansion of Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Project from 10 to 14 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in mine lease area of 634.205 ha (total area 694.205 ha) for a period of one year, subject to compliance of certain terms and conditions, which *inter-alia* included the following:-

'The project proponent shall submit the details regarding action taken on different observations of the Regional Office before 31st December, 2018, for the Committee to examine adequacy and efficacy of pollution control measures and its impact on ambient air quality and to make its recommendations for continuance of the project thereafter.'


3. In line with the above condition, site inspection was carried out by the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhubaneswar on 12th November, 2018 to monitor compliance status of the conditions stipulated in the said environmental clearance. The report in this regard has been forwarded by the Regional Office vide their letter dated 26th December, 2018.

4. The sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Projects in its meeting held on 24th January, 2019 has recommended for continuance of the project for a further period of one year, subject to the same terms and conditions.

5. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for continuance of **Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Expansion Project from 10 to 14 MTPA** of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in mine lease area of 634.205 ha located in Tehsil Hemgir, District Sundargarh (Odisha), **for a further period of one year**, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto, subject to review of compliance status of the conditions by the EAC to consider continuance of the project after one year.




6. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 22nd March, 2018 shall remain unchanged.


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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 Member Secretary, 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 Member Secretary, CPCB, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi -32
6. The Member Secretary, 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 9. Guard File 10. Record File 11. Notice Board


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