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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: 13th February, 2019

To,

The Chief General Manager (CP&P)
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Sub: Expansion of Lakhanpur Opencast (Phase-II) Coal Mining Project from 18.75 MTPA to 21 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in an area of 2452 ha located in District Jharsuguda (Odisha) - Continuation/Extension of Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No IA/OR/CMIN/88407/2018 dated 13th December, 2018 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide letter dated 28th February, 2018, has granted environmental clearance to the expansion of Lakhanpur Opencast (Phase-II) Coal Mining Project from 18.75 to 21 MTPA in an area of 2452 ha (mine lease area of 2240) for a period of one year, subject to compliance of certain terms and conditions, which *inter-alia* included the following:-

'The EAC shall review compliance of the actions taken on observations of the Regional Office before December, 2018, and make its recommendations for continuance of the project thereafter....'


3. To monitor compliance status of the conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 28th February, 2018, site inspection was carried out by the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhubneshwar on 13th November, 2018. The report in this regard has been forwarded by the Regional Office vide their letter dated 11th December, 2018.

4. The sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Projects in its meeting held on 13-14 December, 2018 has recommended for continuance of the environmental clearance dated 28th February, 2018 to the expansion of Lakhanpur Opencast (Phase-II) Coal Mining project from 18.75 MTPA to 21 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in area of 2452 ha (mine lease area of 2240) located in District Jharsuguda (Odisha) for a period of one year, subject to the terms and conditions stipulated therein remaining the same.

5. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for continuance/extension of environmental clearance dated 28th February, 2018 to the expansion of Lakhanpur Opencast (Phase-II) Coal Mining project from 18.75 MTPA to 21 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in an area of 2452 ha (mine lease area of 2240) located in Tehsil Lakhanpur, District Jharsuguda (Odisha) **for a further period of one year**, under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto.




6. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 28th February, 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, CPCB, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi -32
5. 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
6. The Member Secretary, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilkanthanagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneshwar - 751012 (Odisha)
7. The Advisor, Coal India Limited, SCOPE Minar, Core-I, 4th Floor, Vikas Marg, Laxmi nagar, New Delhi
8. The District Collector, Jharsuguda, Government of Odisha
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