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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex,  
New Delhi-110510.

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008

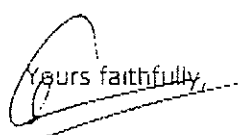
To  
M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,  
Hingula-II OCP Expn.,  
Hingula Area,  
P.O. Gopalrasada,  
Dist. Angul, ORISSA - 759103.

Sub: Himgir Rampur Colliery (0.14 MTPA to 0.21 MTPA) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,  
Dist. Jharsuguda, Orissa - TOR - reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your letter no. 43011/38/2008-CPAM dated 29.05.2008 regarding the above-mentioned subject which was considered in the EAC (T&C) meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The proponent made a brief presentation whereby it was stated that the present production is at 0.14 MTPA and it is proposed to enhance the production to 0.21 MTPA. It was informed that is an old mine started prior to 1994 and has not expanded production nor lease area since 1991-92 when the production was 0.398 MTPA.

The Committee noted that the proposed enhancement to 0.21 MTPA is lower than the highest production achieved in 1991-92. In view of the fact there has been no increase in lease area/production, the project does not require an EC under EIA Notification 2006. However, at the time of renewal of lease, the project would require a prior EC vide the Hon'ble SC Judgement of March 2004 in the Aravalli case. In view of this, the file is closed.

  
Yours faithfully,

(Dr. T. Chandini)  
Director

- Copy to: (i) Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.  
(ii) Chairman, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, A/110, Nilkanthanagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneswar - 751012.

SE (Env) - Pl send a copy to Com (Coal Area) & RD MPDI BSR.  
Arun Kumar  
01/08/08