

No. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II (M)

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

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 Dated: 26th December, 2014

To,

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 General Manger (CP & P),
 M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,
 At PO: Jagruti Vihar,
 Burla, Dist. Sambalpur – 768020,
 ODISHA.

Sub.: Samelshwari Opencast Coal mine Project expansion of production capacity from 5 MTPA to 11 MTPA in an ML area of 828.76 ha + 99.50 Ha and 49.855 ha for colony outside the ML) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), located in Ib Valley Area, P.O. Brajrajnagar, Tehsil & District Jharsuguda, Orissa - Environmental Clearance Amendment - reg.

Sir:

This has reference to letter No. 43011/25/2008 dated 15.08.2008 forwarding your revised application for Terms of Reference (TOR) and this Ministry's grant of TOR on 14.07.2008 and Reference is also invited to the letter no. CIL/DLI/EMP-TOR/2010-5 of M/s Coal India Ltd. dated 06.09.2010 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. Reference is also invited to letter no. MCL/HQ/Dir(T&P) /Sect./13-14/927 dated 14.03.2014; 25.08.2014 submitting the FC for 22.48 Ha, (including 0.614 ha of safety zone) vide FC letter no. 8-147/1989-FC(Vol.III) dated 21.02.2014 and subsequent letter dated 31.10.2014; 18.11.2014 requesting for granting EC for balance ML area for which forest clearance was awaited.

3. The proposal of M/s **Mahanadi Coalfields Limited** was considered in the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (Thermal & Coal mining) meeting held on 3-4 January, 2012 and recommended for granting EC for 11 MTPA in an ML area of **928.264** Ha and 49.855 ha for colony outside the ML area) in two phases viz: Phase-I: 878.619 (Non-forest 515.712 Ha + Forest Land 313.052) and in Phase –II : 99.50 Ha. (Non-forest 77.634 Ha + Forest Land 21.866 Ha). The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Item	EC granted vide letter no. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II(M) dated 25.02.2013 for 11 MTPA for Phase – I)			Additional land Area for Phase –II			Total Area for 11.0 MTPA		
		Forest	Non-forest	Total	Forest	Non-forest	Total	Forest	Non-forest	Total
1	Mining Lease Area	313.052	515.712	828.764	21.866	77.634	99.50	334.918	593.346	928.264
2	Outside mining lease area for Residential Colony	--	49.855	49.855	--	--	--	--	49.855	49.855
	Total land requirement	313.052	565.567	878.619	21.866	77.634	99.50	334.918	643.201	978.119

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1) C G M (Env), MCL, HQ
 2) Sri S. Maiti - Sr Manager (Env)
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4. EC was granted for Phase-I vide letter no. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II (M) dated 25th February, 2013 for combined ML Area of 828.764 Ha and 49.855 ha for colony outside the ML.

5. Now, that the proponent has received the FC for 21.866 Ha (vide letter no 8-147/89-FC dated 09.08.2001) and has requested for EC for 99.50 Ha.(which includes 21.866 ha is forest land + 77.634 Ha Non-forest land). Since, FC for additional forest land has been furnished, with this clearance, the project has a total forest clearance for 334.918 Ha (FC for 145.82 Ha obtained vide letter no. 8-147/89-FC(Vol.II) dated 17.02.2009; FC for 167.232 Ha obtained vide letter no. 8-147/89-FC dated 09.08.2001 and FC for 21.866 ha obtained vide letter no. 8-147/1989-FC(Vol.III) dated 21.02.2014).

6. As recommended by the EAC in its meeting held on 3-4 January, 2012 also for EC for Phase -I, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change hereby accords Environmental Clearance for additional land of 99.50 Ha. (Forest land 21.866 ha + Non-forest land 77.634 Ha) to Samelshwari Opencast Coal mine Project in terms of production capacity from 5 MTPA to 11 MTPA. Therefore, the MOEF&CC accords EC for total area i.e. ML area of 828.76 ha + 99.50 Ha and 49.855 ha for colony outside the ML) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), located in Ib Valley Area, P.O. Brajrajnagar, Tehsil & District Jharsuguda, Odisha under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of the terms and conditions as stipulated in the EC letter no. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II (M) dated 25th February, 2013.

7. The proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report so also during their presentations to the EAC.

8. The proponent is required to obtain all necessary clearances/approvals that may be required before the start of the project. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.

9. The Proponent shall setup an Environment Audit cell with responsibility and accountability to ensure implementation of all the EC Conditions.

10. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

11. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

12. The EC letter no. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II (M) dated 25th February, 2013 supersedes the EC granted vide letter no. J-11015/55/2006-IA-II(M) dated 14.07.2006 for 5 MTPA in an ML area of 828.794 Ha.. All other conditions as stipulated in EC letter no. J-11015/183/2008-IA.II (M) dated 25th February, 2013 shall remain unchanged.


(Dr. Manoranjan Hota) -
Director

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