



CONSENT ORDER
BALARAM OPEN CAST PROJECT OF M/S. MCL

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

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No. 7715 /

IND-I-CON-1218

Dt. 15.04.2025 /**CONSENT ORDER NO. 579.**

Sub: Consent for discharge of sewage and trade effluent under section 25/26 of Water (PCP) Act, 1974 and for existing / new operation of the plant under section 21 of Air (PCP) Act, 1981.

Ref: Your online application No.5954962, Dated 20-11-2024, No.6180521, Dated 13-02-2025 and your online reply dated 14-04-2025.

Consent to operate is hereby granted under section 25/26 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 21 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and rules framed thereunder to

Name of the Industry: **BALRAM OPEN CAST PROJECT OF M/S. MCL**Name of the Occupier & Designation: **SRI UREN PATNAIK, PROJECT OFFICER**Address: **AT/PO: DANARA, DIST: ANGUL, PIN-759103.**This consent order is valid for the period upto **31.03.2026.**

This consent order supersedes the earlier consent order issued vide letter No.6491, dated 28.03.2025.

Details of Products Manufactured

Sl. No.	Product	Quantity
1.	Coal	15 MTPA

This consent order is valid for the specified outlets, discharge quantity and quality, specified chimney/stack, emission quantity and quality of emissions as specified below. This consent is granted subject to the general and special conditions stipulated therein.



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A. Discharge permitted through the following outlet subject to the standard

Outlet No.	Description of outlet	Point of discharge	Quantity of discharge KL/hr	Prescribed Standard			
				pH	TSS (mg/l)	Fecal Coliform (MPN/100ml)	BOD (mg/l)
01	STP outlet (Domestic effluent)	On land for irrigation after treatment in STP	1.2 MLD	6.5-9.0	<100	<1000	30

B. Emission permitted through the following stack subject to the prescribed standard

Chimney Stack No.	Description of Stack	Stack height (m)	Quantity of emission	Prescribed Standard		
				PM (mg/Nm ³)	SO ₂	NO _x
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C. Disposal of solid waste permitted in the following manner

Sl. No.	Type of Solid waste	Quantity generated (TPD)	Quantity to be reused on site(TPD)	Quantity to be reused off site(TPD)	Quantity disposed off (TPD)	Description of disposal site.
01	Top Soil/overburden	As per approved mining plan	--	--	---	As per approved mining plan



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D. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL UNITS

1. The consent is given by the Board in consideration of the particulars given in the application. Any change or alternation or deviation made in actual practice from the particulars furnished in the application will also be the ground for liable to review/variation/revocation of the consent order under section 27 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 21 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and to make such variations as deemed fit for the purpose of the Acts.
 2. The occupier would immediately submit revised application for consent to operate to this Board in the event of any change in the quantity and quality of raw material / products / manufacturing process or quantity /quality of the effluent rate of emission / air pollution control equipment / system etc.
 3. The applicant shall not change or alter either the quality or quantity or the rate of discharge or temperature or the route of discharge without the previous written permission of the Board.
 4. The application shall comply with and carry out the directives/orders issued by the Board in this consent order without any negligence on his/her part. In case of non-compliance of any order/directives issued at any time and/or violation of the terms and conditions of this consent order, the applicant shall be liable for legal action as per the provisions of the Law.
 5. The applicant shall make an application for grant of fresh consent at least 90 days before the date of expiry of this consent order.
 6. The issuance of this consent does not convey any property right in either real or personal property or any exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Central, State laws or regulation.
 7. This consent does not authorize or approve the construction of any physical structure or facilities or the undertaking of any work in any natural water course.
 8. The applicant shall display this consent granted to him in a prominent place for perusal of the public and inspecting officers of this Board.
 9. An inspection book shall be opened and made available to Board's Officers during the visit to the factory.
 10. The applicant shall furnish to the visiting officer of the Board any information regarding the construction, installation or operation of the plant or of effluent treatment system / air pollution control system / stack monitoring system any other particulars as may be pertinent to preventing and controlling pollution of Water / Air.
 11. The applicant shall display suitable caution board at the place where the effluent is entering into any water-body or any other place to be indicated by the Board, indicating therein that the area into which the effluents are being discharged is not fit for the domestic use/bathing.
 12. Storm water shall not be allowed to mix with the trade and/or domestic effluent on the upstream of the terminal manholes where the flow measuring devices will be installed.
 13. The applicant shall maintain good house-keeping both within the factory and the premises. All pipes, valves, sewers and drains shall be leak-proof. Floor washing shall be admitted into the effluent collection system only and shall not be allowed to find their way in storm drains or open areas.
 14. The applicant shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible all treatment or control facilities or systems install or used by him to achieve with the term(s) and conditions of the consent.
 15. Care should be taken to keep the anaerobic lagoons, if any, biologically active and not utilized as mere stagnation ponds. The anaerobic lagoons should be fed with the required nutrients for effective digestion. Lagoons should be constructed impervious.
 16. The utilization of treated effluent on factory's own land, if any, should be completed and there should be no possibility of the effluent gaining access into any drainage channel or other water courses either directly or by overflow.
 17. The effluent disposal on land, if any, should be done without creating any nuisance to the surroundings or inundation of the lands at any time.
 18. If at any time the disposal of treated effluent on land becomes incomplete or unsatisfactory or create any problem or becomes a matter of dispute, the occupier must adopt alternate satisfactory treatment and disposal measures.
 19. The sludge from treatment units shall be dried in sludge drying beds and the drained liquid shall be taken to equalization tank.
 20. The effluent treatment units and disposal measures shall become operative at the time of commencement of production.
 21. The applicant shall provide port holes for sampling the emissions and access platform for carrying out stack sampling and provide electrical outlet points and other arrangements for chimneys/stacks and other sources of emissions so as to collect samples of emission by the Board or the applicant at any time in accordance with the provision of the Acts or Rules made therein.
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22. The applicant shall provide all facilities and render required assistance to the Board staff for collection of samples / stack monitoring / inspection.
23. The applicant shall not change or alter either the quality or quantity or rate of emission or install, replace or alter the air pollution control equipment or change the raw material or manufacturing process resulting in any change in quality and/or quantity of emissions, without the previous written permission of the Board.
24. No control equipments or chimney shall be altered or replaced or as the case may be erected or re-erected except with the previous approval of the Board.
25. The liquid effluent arising out of the operation of the air pollution control equipment shall be treated in the manner so as to meet the standards prescribed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (as amended).
26. The stack monitoring system employed by the applicant shall be opened for inspection to this Board at any time.
27. There shall not be any fugitive or episodal discharge from the premises.
28. In case of such episodal discharge/emissions the occupier shall take immediate action to bring down the emission within the limits prescribed by the Board and stop the operation of the plant if required. Report of such accidental discharge /emission shall be brought to the notice of the Board within 24 hours of occurrence.
29. The applicant shall keep the premises and air pollution control equipments clean and make all hoods, pipes, valves, stacks/chimneys leak proof. The air pollution control equipments, location, inspection chambers, sampling port holes shall be made easily accessible at all times.
30. Any upset condition in any of the plant/plants of the factory which is likely to result in increased effluent discharge/emission of air pollutants and / or result in violation of the standards mentioned shall be reported to the Headquarters and Regional Office of the Board by E-mail within 2 hours of its occurrence.
31. The occupier has to ensure that minimum three varieties of trees are planted at the density of not less than 1000 trees per acre. The trees may be planted along boundaries of the premises. This plantation is stipulated over and above the bulk plantation of trees in that area.
32. The solid waste such as sweeping, wastage packages, empty containers residues, sludge including that from air pollution control equipments collected within the premises of the shall be disposed off scientifically to the satisfaction of the Board.
33. All solid wastes arising in the premises shall be properly classified and disposed off to the satisfaction of the Board by :
 - i) Land fill in case of inert material, care being taken to ensure that the material does not give rise to leachate which may percolate into ground water or carried away with storm run-off.
 - ii) Controlled incineration, wherever possible in case of combustible organic material.
 - iii) Composting, in case of bio-degradable material.
34. Any toxic material shall be detoxicated if possible, otherwise be sealed in steel drums and buried in protected areas after obtaining approval of this Board in writing. The detoxication or sealing and burying shall be carried out in the presence of Board's authorized persons only. Letter of authorization shall be obtained for handling and disposal of hazardous wastes.
35. If due to any technological improvement or otherwise this Board is of opinion that all or any of the conditions referred to above requires variation (including the change of any control equipment either in whole or in part) this Board shall after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard, vary all or any of such condition and thereupon the applicant shall be bound to comply with the conditions so varied.
36. The applicant, his/heirs/legal representatives or assignees shall have no claim whatsoever to the condition or renewal of this consent after the expiry period of this consent.
37. The Board reserves the right to review, impose additional conditions or condition, revoke change or alter the terms and conditions of this consent.
38. Notwithstanding anything contained in this conditional letter of consent, the Board hereby reserves to it the right and power under section 27(2) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to review any and/or all the conditions imposed herein above and to make such variations as deemed fit for the purpose of the Act by the Board.
39. The conditions imposed as above shall continue to be in force until revoked under section 27(2) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 21 A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
40. The occupier shall comply to the conditions stipulated in CTE order issued by Odisha State Pollution Control Board and conditions stipulated in Environmental Clearances issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.
41. The occupier shall abide by E(P) Act, 1986 and Rules framed there-under.
42. In case the consent fee is revised upward during this period, the industry shall pay the differential fees to the Board (for the remaining years) to keep the consent order in force. If they fail to pay the amount within the period stipulated by the Board the consent order will be revoked without prior notice.



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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR UNITS WITH INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN Rs.50 CRORES, AND 17 CATEGORIES OF HIGHLY POLLUTING INDUSTRIES (RED A).

1. The applicant shall analyse the emissions every month for the parameters indicated in TABLE. B & C as mentioned in this order and shall furnish the report thereof to the Board by the 10th of the succeeding month.
 2. The applicant shall provide and maintain at his own cost three ambient air quality monitoring stations for monitoring Suspended Particulate Matter, Sulphur Dioxide, Oxides of Nitrogen, Hydro-Carbon, Carbon-Monoxide and monitor the same once in a day/week/fortnight/month. The data collected shall be maintained in a register and a monthly extract be furnished to the Board.
 3. The applicant shall provide and maintain at his own cost a meteorological station to collect the data on wind velocity, direction, temperature, humidity, rainfall, etc. and the daily reading shall be recorded and the extract sent to the Board once in a month.
 4. The applicant shall forward the following information to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar regularly.
 - a. Report of analysis of stack monitoring, ambient air quality monitoring meteorological data as required every month.
 - b. Progress on planting of trees quarterly.
 5. The applicant shall install mechanical composite sampling equipment and continuous flow measuring / recording devices on the effluent drains of trade as well as domestic effluent. A record of daily discharge shall be maintained.
 6. The following information shall be forwarded to the Member Secretary on or before 10th of every month.
 - a. Performance / progress of the treatment plant.
 - b. Monthly statement of daily discharge of domestic and/or trade effluent.
 7. Non-compliance with effluent limitations
 - a) If for any reason the applicant does not comply with or is unable to comply with any effluent limitations specified in this consent, the applicant shall immediately notify the consent issuing authority by telephone and provide the consent issuing authority with the following information in writing within 5 days of such notification.
 - i) Causes of non-compliance
 - ii) A description of the non-compliance discharge including its impact on the receiving waters.
 - iii) Anticipated time of continuance of non-compliance if expected to continue or if such condition has been corrected the duration or period of non-compliance.
 - iv) Steps taken by the applicant to reduce and eliminate the non-complying discharge and
 - v) Steps to be taken by the applicant too prevent the condition of non-compliance.
 - b) The applicant shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to natural waters resulting from non-compliance with any effluent limitation specified in this consent including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the non-complying discharge.
 - c) Nothing in this consent shall be construed to relieve the applicant from civil or criminal penalties for non-compliance whether or not such non-compliance is due to factors beyond his control, such as break-down, electric failure, accident or natural disaster.
 8. The applicant shall at his own cost get the effluent samples collected both before and after treatment and get them analysed at an approval laboratory every month for the parameters indicated in Part-D and shall submit in duplicate the report thereof to the Board.
 9. The addition of various treatment chemicals should be done only with mechanical dozers and proper equipment for regulation of correct dosages determined daily and for proper uniform feeding. Crude practices such as dumping of chemicals in drains or sumps or trickling of acids or alkalies arbitrarily and utilizing poles for stirring etc. should not be resorted to.
 10. In the disposal of treated effluent on land for irrigation, the industry shall keep in view of the need for;
 - a) Rotation of crops
 - b) Change of point of application of effluent on land
 - c) A portion of land kept fallow.
 11. The adoption of these would avoid soil becoming sick or slate, the industry may ensure this in consultation with the Agriculture Department.
 12. It is the sole responsibility of the industry to ensure that there are no complaints at any time from the royats in the surrounding areas as a result of discharge of sewage or trade effluent if any.
 13. Proper housekeeping shall be maintained by a dedicated team.
 14. The industry must constitute a team of responsible and technically qualified personnel who will ensure continuous operation of all pollution control devices round the clock (including night hours) and should be in a position to explain the status of operation of the pollution control measures to the inspecting officers of the Board at any point of time. The name of these persons with their contact telephone numbers shall be intimated to the concerned. Regional Officer and Head Office of the Board and in case of any change in the team it shall be intimated to the Board immediately.
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E. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) Mining operation is subject to availability of all other statutory clearances required under relevant Acts/Rules.
 - 2) The quantity of production shall be determined on a monthly pro-rata basis from the date of issue of this order. If the date of issue is 15th of the month, or earlier, then the entire month will be considered for calculation, otherwise the quantity shall be determined from the next month on pro-rata basis.
 - 3) The lease area shall be increased from 1309 ha to 2574 ha for the expansion project. No mining operations shall be undertaken in Forest land, until Stage – II Forestry Clearance for additional forest land of 193.845 Ha has been obtained under the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, Act 1980.
 - 4) Requisite permission shall be obtained from CGWA for dewatering of mine drainage water during mining operation.
 - 5) Project proponent shall not divert water body/road/transmission lines within the lease area of 2574 Ha.
 - 6) Excavation of coal shall be done using surface miners. The surface miner shall be operated along with dust control measures.
 - 7) Drills shall either be operated with dust extractors or equipped with water injection system to minimize dust generation in the work environment. Controlled blasting shall also be done and blasting shall be carried out during day time.
 - 8) Coal handling plant/ Crusher unit shall be operated with adequate dust extraction system or dry fog system for dust suppression. Loading, unloading areas and conveyor systems including all transfer points and coal stack yard shall have adequate dust suppression measures. The pollution control systems shall be properly maintained and operated.
 - 9) Proper water spray system with rain guns shall be provided all along the coal stockyards of the mine to deal with fugitive dust and coal fire.
 - 10) All internal coal transportation roads shall be black topped/concreted. Necessary dust suppression measures shall also be taken in these roads to prevent generation of dust during movement of vehicles. Plantation of thick leaf trees on both sides of the road shall be done.
 - 11) For proposed expansion of 15 MTPA, till the belt conveyor is under construction, 12.5 MTPA (including coal to and from washery) shall be transported by road (through trucks) from pit to siding and 2.5 MTPA shall be transported through
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dedicated coal transportation road. The construction of belt conveyor shall be completed by the 31/03/2028. Road transportation of coal is not permitted beyond 31/03/2028.

- 12) Mobile water sprinkling shall be provided for dust suppression on the temporary quarry haul roads and sprinkling of water shall be done at desired intervals so as to prevent generation of fugitive dust.
 - 13) All internal coal transportation roads, temporary mine haul roads and other material transportation roads of the mine shall be maintained properly to avoid creation of ruts and potholes. Regular cleaning of internal coal transporting road and coal corridor shall be done to avoid accumulation dust.
 - 14) Coal transportation through roads shall be done in covered vehicles. To ensure that the trucks are covered with tarpaulin, IP cameras shall be installed at the exit points of mine and shall be connected to the SPCB server.
 - 15) Instant water shower system at the exit point of the quarry shall be provided and all heavy vehicles loaded with coal shall move through the instant shower system. Mechanized wheel washing facility for coal transport vehicles at the exit point of the quarry or at the coal stack yard as per the requirement shall be provided. The wheel washing facility shall be integrated with complete recirculation system. The existing wheel washing facility shall be upgraded to body washing facility alongwith wastewater treatment and recirculation system.
 - 16) The railway siding shall have adequate fixed water sprinkling system to prevent generation of dust during unloading and loading activities. In addition to this, firefighting system shall be in place to control fire in the coal stack yard of railway sidings.
 - 17) Fog canons shall be deployed at the railway sidings for control of fugitive dust emission.
 - 18) The railway sidings shall be upgraded to silo-loading facilities integrated with air pollution control facilities. A time-bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Board.
 - 19) Transportation of coal through rail shall be enhanced to 80% of total coal to be despatched in the year 2025-26.
 - 20) All necessary precaution shall be taken to prevent fire in coal stack yards and coal seams. Necessary precautionary measures, inter alia, maintaining a minimum stock shall be taken to avoid fire hazards in the coal stack yard. A technology based mechanism shall be adopted for monitoring and mitigation of coal fire.
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- 21) Ambient air quality measured at a distance of 500m from the dust generating sources {Loading or un-loading, haul road, coal transportation road, coal handling plant (CHP), Railway siding, Blasting, Drilling, overburden dumps or any other dust generating source like nearby roads etc.} in the down wind direction shall meet the following standards.

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Concentration in (micrograme/m³) (24 hourly)</u>
SPM	- 500
RPM	- 250
SO ₂	- 120
NO _x	- 120

In case any residential or commercial or industrial place falls within 500 metres of any generating sources, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for industrial area notified shall be applicable.

- 22) Adequate Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (at least 04 nos.) shall be established in core as well as in buffer zone at locations as decided in consultation with the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board. Monitoring of parameters shall as SPM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and NO_x shall be done.
- 23) Monitoring of Ambient Air Quality of the mine shall be done once in a fortnight (24 hourly) and data shall be submitted to the State Pollution Control Board once in a year.
- 24) Action shall be taken for installation of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (at least 04 nos. keeping in view the cumulative impact of all mines) with data transfer facility, to SPCB Server in Talcher Area, for monitoring of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and NO₂. The location of CAAQMS shall be finalized in consultation with the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board keeping in view the criteria specified for coal mines in Environment (P) Rules, 1986/Standards specified in the consent order.
- 25) The top soil and overburden shall be removed separately and stored it in separate heaps, duly covered with grass and vegetation or utilized for backfilling of mined out area.
- 26) Concurrent backfilling of mined out area shall be done. The backfilled area shall be technically and biologically reclaimed.
- 27) Action shall be taken for removal of residual coal going along with over burden so that spontaneous fire in the dump site can be eliminated. Water sprinkling arrangements shall also be provided at the coal seam faces and active dump sites to control fire.
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- 28) The surface runoff generated from the mining area as well as railway siding during monsoon shall be diverted to adequate size of sedimentation pond or mine sump for storage and use. Systems shall be in place for collection and channelizing the surface runoff to the sedimentation pond/mine sump.
- 29) Strata water generated during mining operation shall be diverted to the available sump for storage and use.
- 30) No disposal of strata water & runoff to outside shall be allowed under any circumstances.
- 31) Water from sedimentation pond or mine sump shall be used for sprinkling purposes on haulage roads and other dust generating areas, vehicle washing and plantation activities.
- 32) Workshop from where water pollution due to wash out of oil and grease and suspended solids is expected, Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) shall be operated at all the time and the quality of the treated wastewater shall remain within the following standards and shall be re-used for washing of vehicles:

pH	-	6.5 -8.5
TSS	-	50 mg/l
Oil & grease	-	10 mg/l
COD	-	150 mg/l

No wastewater from workshop shall be allowed to be discharged to outside under any circumstances. The treated water shall be reused in vehicle washing.

- 33) Domestic effluents shall be treated in a sewage treatment plant (STP) and or shall be discharged to soak pit via septic tank constructed as BIS specification. The treated wastewater quality of STP shall remain within the following standards and shall be used for plantation:

pH	-	6.5 -9.0
TSS	-	<100 mg/l
BOD	-	30 mg/l
Fecal Coliform	-	<1000 MPN/100 ml.

- 34) Acid mine drainage water if any, shall be treated adequately and used only for sprinkling activity.
 - 35) Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells. The monitoring should be done four times a year in pre-monsoon (April/May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons. Consolidated data thus collected should be submitted to the Board annually.
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- 36) The following actions shall be completed within stipulated timeline as provided vide your letter No. GM / HA / E & F / 2024-25 / 554, dated 22.03.2025 for better environmental management as suggested by Regional Officer.
- i) Damaged pipeline including the pump of fixed sprinkling system at railway siding shall be repaired by May, 2025 and be made functional.
 - ii) 3 nos. of trolley mounted fog canons are under breakdown and the same shall be repaired by the June, 2025.
 - iii) One additional truck mounted mist blower shall be deployed by September, 2025.
 - iv) Construction of pipe conveying system with silo loading facility for coal transportation through rail shall be completed by the March, 2028.
 - v) Proper drains shall be provided to divert the surface run off generated from the railway siding and coal stockyards to settling ponds and reuse the stored water in the settling pond for the purpose of dust suppression. This shall be completed by June, 2025.
 - vi) Installation of fixed sprinklers with mist spray arrangement alongside the haul road and internal coal transportation roads to minimize propagation of dust in the mine will be completed by March, 2026.
 - vii) Upgradation ETP at workshop by adopting chemical dosing, clarifloculator and activated carbon filter etc. shall be completed by March, 2026.
 - viii) Connection of IP camera installed in the mine with server of the Board shall be done by June, 2025.
 - ix) Mechanical composter or vermin composting system arrangements will be provided for the treatment and processing of bio-degradable wastes and the arrangement shall be done by March, 2026.
- 37) The following action shall be taken for strengthening the existing pollution control measures during expansion phase:
- i) An additional MD-ETP of 1.4 MLD shall be provided for treatment of surface runoff and mine drainage water by 31.03.2026 and the treated water shall be used for various activities.
 - ii) The provision of retaining wall and garland drain shall be made in the extended lease area during expansion phase as per the requirement.
 - iii) Another mechanical road sweeper shall be deployed in the mine by November'2025 in addition to existing two mechanical road sweepers.
 - iv) The construction of metallic wind barrier system along coal corridor road and railway siding, for a length of 1.5 Km shall be completed by September 2025.
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- v) Additional three numbers of CAAQMS in core zone and buffer zone shall be installed by December 2025 and connected to SPCB Server, in addition to existing one.
- vi) Plantation shall be done along the newly constructed garland drains 1.5 Km stretch by September, 2025.
- 38) Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels below the following limits.
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| (06.00 AM – 10.00 PM) | - | Leq 75 dB(A) |
| (10.00 PM – 06.00 AM) | - | Leq 70 dB(A) |
- 39) Ambient air quality monitoring data, noise monitoring data and wastewater quality monitoring data shall be electronically displayed at the entry point of the mine or at a suitable location of the mine.
- 40) IP cameras shall be installed at major dust prone areas of the mine such as coal face, coal stockyards, coal haul roads, transportation roads, railway sidings, etc. and they shall be connected SPCB server.
- 41) The mine shall take action to increase the supply of drinking water in the peripheral villages.
- 42) The height of the stack connected to DG sets of capacity more than 800 KW (1000 KVA) shall conform to the following:
- i) $14Q^{0.3}$, Q = Total SO₂ emission from the plant in kg/hr.
 - ii) Minimum 6m. above the building where generator set is installed.
 - iii) 30 m.
- 43) The height of the stack connected to DG set of capacity less than and upto 800 KW (1000 KVA) shall conform to the following:
- i) $H = h + 0.2\sqrt{KVA}$
 - ii) h = Height of the building where it is installed in meter
 - iii) KVA = Capacity of DG set
 - iv) H = Height of the stack in meter above ground level.
- 44) All DG sets installed before 1.7.2004 shall be scrapped. DG sets complying with either State-I or Stage-II emission norms shall reduce Particulate Matter Emission by 70% by installing RECD without affecting any other emission parameters as per the CPCB guidelines and Board's letter vide No.17927, dated 14.11.2023 and letter No.7146, dated 10.05.2024, in this regard.
- 45) Plantation of trees shall be undertaken in the colony/ township, over top soil dumps, OB dumps, along the side of haul road and in other areas of the mines not being utilized for mining activities. The mine shall take up avenue plantation and
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plantation in nearby village areas in consultation with DFO/Horticulture Department. The plantation details shall be submitted to the Board by 30th April every year.

- 46) The annual coal production status shall be submitted to the Board latest by 30th April every year.
- 47) The environmental statement report for the financial year ending 31st March shall be submitted to the Board in Form-V on or before 30th September every year.


15/4/2025
MEMBER SECRETARY

STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

TO,

**THE PROJECT OFFICER,
BALRAM OPEN CAST PROJECT OF M/S. MCL,
HINGULA AREA, AT/PO: DANARA, TALCHER,
DIST: ANGUL, PIN-759103**

Memo No. _____ /Dt. _____ /

Copy forwarded to :

- i) Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, **Angul**.
- ii) District Collector, **Angul**
- iii) Director of Mines, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
- iv) Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, F, E & CC Dept., Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- v) D.F.O., **Angul**
- vi) Deputy Director of Mines, **Talcher**
- vii) Chief Env. Scientist, Central Lab., SPCB, Bhubaneswar
- viii) Addl. Chief Env. Engineer (Hazardous Waste Management Cell)
- ix) Guard File


CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER (M)
STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA



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Sl. No.	Parameters	Standards			
		Inland surface	Public sewers	Land for irrigation	Marine Costal Areas
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Colour & odour	Colourless/ Odourless as far as practicable	--	See 6 of Annex-1	See 6 of Annex-1
2.	Suspended Solids (mg/l)	100	600	200	a. For process wastewater – 100 b. For cooling water effluent 10% above total suspended matter of influent.
3.	Particular size of SS	Shall pass 850	--	--	--
5.	pH value	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0
6.	Temperature	Shall not exceed 5 ^o C above the receiving water temperature	--	--	Shall not exceed 5 ^o C above the receiving water temperature
7.	Oil & Grease mg/l max.	10	20	10	20
8.	Total residual chlorine	1.0	--	--	1.0
9.	Ammonical nitrogen (as N) mg/l max.	50	50	--	50
10.	Total Kajeldahl nitrogen (as NH ₃) mg/1 max.	100	--	--	100
11.	Free ammonia (as NH ₃) mg/1 max.	5.0	--	--	5.0
12.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5 days at (20 ^o C) mg/1 max.	30	350	100	100
13.	Chemical Oxygen Demand, mg/1 max.	250	--	--	250
14.	Arsenic (as As) mg/1 max.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
15.	Mercury (as Hg) mg/1 max.	0.01	0.01	--	0.001

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Sl. No.	Parameters	Standards			
		Inland surface	Public sewers	Land for irrigation	Marine Costal Areas
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
16.	Lead (as pb) mg/1 max.	1.0	1.0	--	2.0
17.	Cardmium (as Cd) mg/1 max.	2.0	1.0	--	2.0
18.	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr + 6) mg/l max.	0.1	2.0	--	1.0
19.	Total Chromium (as Cr) mg/l max.	2.0	2.0	--	2.0
20.	Copper (as Cu) mg/l max.	3.0	3.0	--	3.0
21.	Zinc (as Zn) mg/l max.	5.0	15	--	15
22.	Selenium (as Sc) mg/l max.	0.05	0.05	--	0.05
23.	Nickel (as Nil) mg/l max.	3.0	3.0	--	5.0
24.	Cyanide (as CN) mg/l max.	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.02
25.	Fluoride (as F) mg/l max.	2.0	15	--	15
26.	Dissolved Phosphates (as P) mg/l max.	5.0	--	--	--
27.	Sulphide (as S) mg/l max.	2.0	--	--	5.0
28.	Phenolic compounds as (C ₆ H ₅ OH) mg/l max.	1.0	5.0	--	5.0
29.	Radioactive materials				
	a. Alpha emitter micro curle/ml.	10 ⁷	10 ⁷	10 ⁸	10 ⁷
	b. Beta emitter micro curle/ml.	10 ⁶	10 ⁶	10 ⁷	10 ⁶
30.	Bio-assay test	90% survival of fish after 96 hours in 100% effluent	90% survival of fish after 96 hours in 100% effluent	90% survival of fish after 96 hours in 100% effluent	90% survival of fish after 96 hours in 100% effluent
31	Manganese (as Mn)	2 mg/l	2 mg/l	--	2 mg/l
32.	Iron (Fe)	3 mg/l	3 mg/l	--	3 mg/l
33.	Vanadium (as V)	0.2 mg/l	0.2 mg/l	--	0.2 mg/l
34.	Nitrate Nitrogen	10 mg/l	--	--	20 mg/l



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NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Sl. No.	Pollutants	Time Weighed Average	Concentrate of Ambient Air		
			Industrial Residential, Rural and other Area	Ecologically Sensitive Area (notified by Central Government)	Methods of Measurement
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂), µg/m ³	Annual * 24 Hours **	50 80	20 80	-Improved west and Gaeke - Ultraviolet fluorescence
2.	Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂), µg/m ³	Annual * 24 Hours **	40 80	30 80	- Modified Jacob & Hochheiser (Na-Arsenite) - Chemiluminescence
3.	Particulate Matter (size less than 10µm) or PM ₁₀ µg/m ³	Annual * 24 Hours **	60 100	60 100	-Gravimetric - TOEM - Beta Attenuation
4.	Particulate Matter (size less than 2.5µm) or PM _{2.5} µg/m ³	Annual * 24 Hours **	40 60	40 60	-Gravimetric - TOEM - Beta Attenuation
5.	Ozone (O ₃) µg/m ³	8 Hours ** 1 Hours **	100 180	100 180	- UV Photometric - Chemiluminescence - Chemical Method
6.	Lead (Pb) µg/m ³	Annual * 24 Hours **	0.50 1.0	0.50 1.0	-AAS/ICP method after sampling on EMP 2000 or equivalent filter paper. - ED-XRF using Teflon filter
7.	Carbon Monoxide (CO) mg/m ³	8 Hours ** 1 Hours **	02 04	02 04	- Non Dispersive Infra Red (NDIR) Spectroscopy
8.	Ammonia (NH ₃) µg/m ³	Annual* 24 Hours**	100 400	100 400	-Chemiluminescence - Indophenol Blue Method
9.	Benzene (C ₆ H ₆) µg/m ³	Annul *	05	05	-Gas Chromatography based continuous analyzer - Adsorption and Desorption followed by GC analysis
10.	Benzo (a) Pyrene (BaP)-Particulate phase only, ng/m ³	Annual*	01	01	-Solvent extraction followed by HPLC/GC analysis
11.	Arsenic (As), ng/m ³	Annual*	06	06	-AAS/ICP method after sampling on EPM 2000 or equivalent filter paper
12.	Nickel (Ni),ng/m ³	Annual*	20	20	-AAS/ICP method after sampling on EPM 2000 or equivalent filter paper

* Annual arithmetic mean of minimum 104 measurements in a year at a particular site taken twice a week 24 hourly at uniform intervals.

** 24 hourly or 08 hourly or 01 hourly monitored values, as applicable, shall be complied with 98% of the time in a year, 2% of the time, they may exceed the limits but not on two consecutive days of monitoring.