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Dated: 6th February, 2023

To,

The Chief General Manager (CP&P)
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Sub: Expansion of Belpahar Opencast Coalmine project with production capacity from 6 MTPA to 9 MTPA in the Mine Lease area of 1503.683 ha (1444.053 ha + 59.63 ha Outside ML area) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali, District Jharsuguda (Odisha) – Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance dated 02.01.2015 and 15.01.2021 - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/OR/CMIN/294376/2022 dated 23rd November, 2022 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted Environmental Clearance vide letter dated 25.02.2013 and 22.01.2015 for Expansion of Belpahar Opencast Coalmine project with production capacity from 6 MTPA to 9 MTPA in the Mine Lease area of 1503.683 ha (1444.053 ha + 59.63 ha Outside ML area) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali, District Jharsuguda (Odisha) and for extension in validity of EC on 15.01.2021.

3. Now PP is request for extend the validity of Environmental Clearance for another one year i.e. till 2024 and the project proponent committed that evacuation of mineral will be completed before 2024. It was submitted that the instant coal mine has extracted lesser coal w.r.t. granted EC capacity of 9 MTPA. The shortfall noted in coal production for the year 2018 to 2022 is 6.52 MTPA, therefore the life of mine has increased for one year i.e till 2023-24 and accordingly addendum Mining plan has been prepared and submitted. It was also noted that the existing configuration (area and capacity) will remain same.

4. The proposal was considered by the sector expert appraisal committee in its 38th meeting held during 14 –15 December, 2022 wherein the Committee recommended the proposal for Amendment in Environmental Clearance letter 15.01.2021. Based on the recommendation of EAC,

Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval of Amendment/extension in Environment Clearance for Expansion of Belpahar Opencast Coalmine project with production capacity from 6 MTPA to 9 MTPA in the Mine Lease area of 1503.683 ha (1444.053 ha + 59.63 ha Outside ML area) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located in Ib Valley Coalfields, in villages Darlipali Chharla, Tehsil Banaharpali, District Jharsuguda (Odisha) upto March, 2024, under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto.

- (i) PP to comply the outcome of court cases no. ref. no. 2(C) CC NO-170 of 2013 as applicable.
- (ii) PP shall submit the Mine Closure report to Ministry's IRO within six months and further quarterly progress shall also be submitted to IRO.
- (iii) PP shall obtain Certified Compliance Report from Ministry's IRO within six months of issue of this letter. Any non-compliance highlighted shall be completed before the Mine closure procedure.

5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance dated 25.02.2013, 22.01.2015 and 15.01.2021, shall remain unchanged.

This issues with the approval of the competent Authority


(Lalit Bokolia)
Director

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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 Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, Jamnagar House, 18/11, Man Singh Road Area, New Delhi, Delhi 110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilkanthanagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneshwar - 751012 (Odisha).
6. District Collector, Jharsuguda, Government of Odisha.
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