



Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Impact Assessment Division)

To,

The Project Officer  
KULDA EXPANSION OCP MAHANADI COALFILEDS LIMITED  
Project Office, Kulda Expansion OC Project, P. O.-Basundhara, Dist.-  
Sundergarh, State-Orissa,,Sundargarh,Orissa-770076

**Subject:** Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the Ministry vide proposal number IA/OR/CMIN/271821/2022 dated 13 May 2022. The particulars of the environmental clearance granted to the project are as below.

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| 1. EC Identification No.                   | EC22A042OR116159                                |
| 2. File No.                                | J-11015/10/1995-IA-II(M)                        |
| 3. Project Type                            | Expansion7                                      |
| 4. Category                                | A   |
| 5. Project/Activity including Schedule No. | 1(a) Mining of minerals                         |
| 6. Name of Project                         | Kulda Expansion Opencast Project                |
| 7. Name of Company/Organization            | KULDA EXPANSION OCP MAHANADI COALFILEDS LIMITED |
| 8. Location of Project                     | Orissa  |
| 9. TOR Date                                | N/A   |

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page no 2 onwards.

Date: 25/05/2022

(e-signed)  
Lalit Bokolia  
Scientist F  
IA - (Coal Mining sector)

*Note: A valid environmental clearance shall be one that has EC identification number & E-Sign generated from PARIVESH. Please quote identification number in all future correspondence.*

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**Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

**To**

The Project Officer  
M/s The Mahanadi Coalfields Limited  
Kulda OCP Basundhara area PO- Balinga,  
Tehsil- Hemgir, Sundargarh, Odisha-770076  
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**Sub: Expansion of Kulda Opencast Coal Mine Project from 19.6 MTPA to 21 (increase of 10% w.r.t 14 MTPA) in an ML area of 634.205 ha M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, located at village Balinga, Tumulia, Siarmal, Kulda & Bankibahal, Tehsil: Hemgir, District Sundargarh (Odisha) - Environmental Clearance under OM vide no. F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III 07.05.2022- [Availing total 50% relaxation of OM dealing with exemption of public hearing under clause 7 (ii) of EIA notification].**

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/OR/CMIN/271821/2022 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 submitted to this Ministry for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) in terms of the provisions with MoEF & CC's Office Memorandum vide no. F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III (E 177258) dated 11.04.2022 & 07.05.2022 and as per EIA Notification, 2006) of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for Expansion of Expansion of Kulda Opencast Coal Mine Project from 19.6 MTPA to 21 (increase of 10% w.r.t 14 MTPA) in an ML area of 634.205 ha M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, located at village Balinga, Tumulia, Siarmal, Kulda & Bankibahal, Tehsil Hemgir, District Sundargarh (Odisha).

2. Earlier, Environment Clearance (EC) was accorded by Ministry on 24.12.2002 for 10 MTPA in an ML area of 878.29 ha. Further, proposal was granted EC for production capacity of 14 MTPA in ML area of 634.205 Ha dated 10.01.2020. Later, EC was granted for expansion under Clause 7 (ii) of EIA notification, 2006 as per O.M. dated 15.09.2017 for 20% expansion each (total 40%) i.e. 16.80 MTPA & 19.6 MTPA on 02.03.2021 & 14.02.2022 respectively. Presently the proposal is considered by the Ministry at central level in view of the exigency, as per the provisions of O.M. F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III dated 07.05.2022.

3. Based on the submission of Project Proponent, Ministry hereby grants approval to Expansion of Kulda Opencast Coal Mine Project from 19.6 MTPA to 21 (increase of 10% w.r.t 14 MTPA) in an ML area of 634.205 ha M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, located at village Balinga, Tumulia, Siarmal, Kulda & Bankibahal, Tehsil: Hemgir, District Sundargarh (Odisha), under the provisions of OM vide no. F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III 07.05.2022, under the Environment Impact Assessment

(EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of the following terms & conditions / specific conditions for environmental safeguards as stated below:-

- i. PP shall submit Certified Compliance Report of the EC vide No. F. No. No. J- F No. J-11015/10/1995-IA-II(M) dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 granted for total 40% expansion, along with EIA/EMP report, prepared based on standard ToRs for the additional capacity of 10% on PARIVESH portal within six months of enhancement of production beyond 40%.
- ii. In view of above para (i), Ministry shall ascertain the adequacy of the proposed environmental safeguards and stipulate necessary conditions, if required, which shall be monitored as a part of the EC compliance monitoring.
- iii. PP shall obtain necessary prior consent for enhanced capacity from State Pollution Control Board under Air and Water Act.
- iv. Environmental quality parameters arising out of proposed expansion shall be within the prescribed norms and the same shall be maintained as per prescribed norms.
- v. Hon'ble Supreme Court in an Writ Petition(s) Civil No. 114/2014, Common Cause vs Union of India & Ors vide its judgement dated 8th January, 2020 has directed the Union of India to impose a condition in the mining lease and a similar condition in the environmental clearance and the mining plan to the effect that the mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. Compliance of this condition after the mining activity is over at the cost of the mining lease holders/Project Proponent".
- vi. All other terms and conditions as prescribed in Ministry's letter dated 10.01.2020 02.03.2021 & 14.02.2022 shall remain the same and this enhancement shall be read with EC dated 14.02.2022, which needs to be complied by PP.

This issues with the approval of the competent Authority

  
**(Lalit Bokolia)**  
**Director**

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The APPCF, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, A-31, Chandrashekhapur, Bhubaneswar-751023 (Odisha)
3. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Orissa, Secretariat Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
4. The Chairman, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilkanthnagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012 (Odisha)
5. The Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, Jamnagar House, 18/11, Man Singh Road Area, New Delhi, Delhi 110001
6. The District Collector, Sundergarh, Government of Odisha
7. Monitoring File /Record File /PARIVESH Portal

  
**(Lalit Bokolia)**  
**Director**