

No. J-11015/85/2010-IA-II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 6th February, 2015

To,

The General Manager (W B P & Environment)
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Amendment to Environmental Clearance

Subject: Expansion (under 7(ii) of EIA Notification 2006) of Gevra OCP project from 40 MTPA to 41 MTPA in ML area of 4058.146 ha (Latitude; 20°18'00" and 22°21'42" North; Longitude; 82°32'20" and 82°39'30" East) of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited, dist. Korba, Chhattisgarh – Amendment to Environmental Clearance reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to letter no. SECL/BSP/ENV/EAS/2014/5684 dated 03.12.2014 with a request for permission for incremental difference under the revised OM no. J-11015/30/2004-IA-II(M) dated 02.09.2014 for production of coal in expansion under 7(ii) of EIA Notification 2006.

2. The proposal was considered in the 2nd EAC meeting held on 3rd -4th October, 2013 and recommended for granting Environmental Clearance. The Committee after deliberation had recommended in accordance with the OM no. J-11015/30/2004-IA.II (M) dated 19 December, 2012 for expansion for granting EC of production only by 5 MTPA i.e. for 35 MTPA to 40 MTPA only. The proposal was accorded Environmental Clearance vide letter no. J-11015/85/2010-IA-II(M) dated 31.01.2014 for expansion of production from 35 MTPA to 40 MTPA in an ML area of 4058.15 Ha.

3. The proponent has requested for incremental difference in production capacity in accordance to the OM J-11015/30/2004-IA.II (M) dated 19th December, 2012 which inter-alia stipulated an upper limit of 5 MTPA, was further amended vide OM J-11015/30/2004-IA.II (M) dated 2nd September, 2014 which, inter-alia, made further dispensation in the matter of granting Environment Clearance for expansion of Coal Mining Projects involving one time production Capacity Expansion in the existing operation so as to quickly ramp-up coal production for enhancing power production in public interest, it has been decided that in respect of one time capacity expansion proposals of existing coal mining projects with production capacity exceeding 20 MTPA, the EAC may after due diligence consider exempting public hearing subject to the ceiling of additional production upto 6 MTPA if the transportation of additional production of coal is proposed by means of a conveyor and/or rail transport.



4. The proposal was considered in the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (Thermal & Coal Mining) and recommended in 27th EAC meeting held on 18th - 19th December, 2014 for granting Environmental Clearance for incremental difference i.e. for 40 MTPA to 41 MTPA. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change hereby accords Environmental Clearance for the above-mentioned **Expansion (under 7(ii) of EIA Notification 2006) of Gevra OCP project from 40 MTPA to 41 MTPA in ML area of 4058.146 ha (Latitude; 20°18'00" and 22°21'42" North; Longitude; 82°32'20" and 82°39'30" East) of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited, dist. Korba, Chhattisgarh** under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments/circulars thereto subject to the compliance of the additional terms and conditions mentioned in addition to specific, general and other addition condition as stipulated in the earlier EC no. J-11015/85/2010-IA-II(M) dated 31.01.2014.:

- i. The maximum production from the mine at any given time shall not exceed the limit as stipulated in the EC.
- ii. The validity of the EC is for the life of the Mine or as specified in the EIA Notification, 2006, whichever is earlier.
- iii. All safety measures shall be adequately taken as per CMR, 1957 & related Circulars.
- iv. The production shall be within the same Mining Lease area.

5. The Environmental Clearance is subject to the outcome of the case filed by the Chhattisgarh Environmental Conservation Board in the Court of First Class Judicial Magistrate.


(Dr. Manoranjan Hota)
Director

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