

(Annexure-I)

No. J-11015/215/2007-IA.II (M)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014

To,  
The General Manager,  
Talabira Opencast project,  
M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,  
Anand Vihar, MCL. Complex,  
PO - Jagruti Vihar , Burla  
Dist.-Sambalpur, Odisha

**Sub. : Talabira-II & III Opencast Project (20 MTPA Normative and 23 MTPA Peak in an area of 1914.063 ha; Latitude 21°44'37" to 21°47'-29" N & Longitude 83°56'45" to 83°59'00"E) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., District- Jharsuguda, Odisha Environment Clearance - reg.**

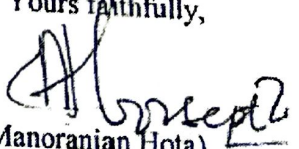
Sir:

This is with reference to letter no. E-43011/23/2007-CPAM dated 05.03.2007 with the application for Terms of Reference (TOR) and this Ministry's letter dated 23.05.2007 granting TOR. Reference is also invited to the letter no CIL/DLI/EMP-TOR/2011/03 dated 30.03.2011 and subsequent letter nos. dated 15.06.2011; 17.08.2011; 02.01.2012; 25.01.2012; 06.02.2012; 06.09.2012; 30.10.2012; 07.06.2013; 08.07.2013; 03.10.2013; 08.10.2013; 10.01.2014; 05.03.2014 and 03.07.2014 for environmental clearance on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has considered the application. The proposal was considered in the 65<sup>th</sup> EAC- meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> January, 2013; 2<sup>nd</sup> EAC meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> October, 2013; 12<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and 15<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. which recommended the project for the Environmental Clearance.

3. In accordance to the OM No.J-11015/200/2008-IA.II (M) dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011, this is to inform that the Competent Authority has approved the project. However, the formal environmental clearance will be issued only after the stage-I forestry clearance for the forest land involved in the project has been obtained and submitted. For the purpose, a maximum time limit of one year will be provided to the proponent during which the project will be kept in abeyance. In case, the formal forestry clearance is not submitted within this time frame, the proposal will stand rejected and the process for obtaining environmental clearance will have to be initiated, de novo, as per the procedure under EIA Notification, 2006.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Manoranjan Hota)  
Director