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The Director(s),

Ministry of Environment & Forest . Govt. Of India

Eastern Region Office

A/3, Chandrashekharapur, Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub:- Submission of 6 monthly report on implementation of environmental measures for the period from April'13 to September'13 in respect of cluster XIV group of mines of BCCL.

Ref: EC Order No- J-11015/10/2010- IA.II(M) DATED 06/06/2013.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the six monthly report on implementation of environmental protection measures for the period from April'2013 to Sep'2013 in respect of Cluster XIV group of mines of BCCL.We hope you will find in order.

Thanking You,

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully

General Manager

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WJ Area

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2. HOD(Envn.), BCCL, Koyla Bhawan, Dhanbad.
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE COMPLIANCE OF
CLUSTER-XIV (GRANTED VIDE LETTER NO.J-
11015/10/2010-IA.II(M) DATED 06.06.2013

(April,2013 to September,2013)

Sl. No.	A. Specific Conditions by MOEF:	Compliance
i.	No mining shall be undertaken in/under the forestland until prior forestry clearance has been obtained under the provisions of FC Act 1980.	Application for forest clearance was applied on 16.3.2010 to DFO,Dhanbad vide ref. no. WJA/MND/F/10/13 dated 16.3.2010. When we approached to DFO Dhanbad for further process, he told that application for the same was misplaced while directing us to apply again demanding "Jungle- Jhari" report for the whole leasehold area. We applied to get the above report from concerned Circle Officer .After several correspondences ,C.O. sent the above report mentioning the above report for 3 mouzas out of 14 mauza while showing inavailability/ tearing off of Khatiyani.After putting up the above report to DFO, Dhanbad, he directed to get the above report for rest of Mouzas from D.C's Office ,Dhanbad . D.C's Office issued the same for 2 mauzas showing inavailability/tearing off of Khatiyani. D.C's office issued the same for 2 mauzas showing inavailability/tearing off of Khatian for 12 mouzas.Hence, application for forest clearance was again applied to DFO, Dhanbad vide ref. no. WJA/MND/GM/2013/2529 dt. 22.4.13/28.5.13 including above report. DFO again directed verbally to include above report while deducting area of notified forest land for each plot from whole area of each (same) plot of notified forest land. The above direction is awaited for written statement from DFO's side to proceed further process. In the meantime, NOC from concerned villagers' panchayat members are being taken to include it in the application as per DFO's advice.
ii.	The maximum production in the cluster shall not exceed beyond that for which environmental clearance has been granted for the cluster XIV as per given below:	Agreed
iii.	The measure identified in the environmental plan for cluster – XIV group of mine and the condition given in this environmental clearance letter shall be dovetailed to the implementation of Jharia Action Plan.	Agreed
iv.	As there is no fire in cluster XIV but the measure should be adopted proponent to control spread of neighbouring fire to this cluster XIV. The proponent shall prepare time	Agreed

	series maps of Jharia Coal field through NRSA to monitor & prevent fire problems in this Jharia Coalfield by Isothermal mapping / imaging and monitoring temperatures of the coal seam (whether they are closed spontaneous ignition temperatures) and based on which , areas with potential fire problems shall be identified. Measures to prevent ingress of air (ventilation) in such areas , to prevent restart fresh/spread fire in other areas including in mines of cluster – XIV shall be undertaken.	
V.	Underground mining should be taken up after completion of reclamation of O/C mine area after two years.	Agreed
vi.	No mining shall be undertaken where underground fires continue. Measure shall be taken to prevent/check such fire including in old OB dump .	Agreed
vii.	A part of Cluster XIV is under River Damodar. It was clarified that although the mine is underground, there is no coal underneath River Damodar, which would be mined. The Committee desired that the date of bore wells near River Damodar require to be monitored for permeability and seepage of water of River Damodar.	Agreed.
viii.	The rejects of washeries in Cluster –XIV should be send to FBC based plant.	Agreed
ix.	There shall be no external OB dumps .OB produce from the whole cluster will be 7.29 Min3. OVB from one patch OCP mine shall be backfilled. At the end of the mining there shall be no void and the entire mined out area shall be re-vegetated. Areas where opencast mining was carried out and completed shall be reclaimed immediately thereafter.	Agreed
x.	A detailed calendar plan of production with plan for OB dumping and back filling (for open cast mines) and reclamation and final mine closure plan for each mine of cluster XIV shall be drawn up & implemented.	Agreed
xi.	The void in 5 ha. Area shall be converted in to a water reservoir of maximum depth of 15-20 mtr in post mining stage and shall be gently sloped and upper benches of the reservoir shall be stabilized with plantation and periphery of the reservoir fenced . The abandoned pits and voids should be backfilled with OB & biologically reclaimed with plantation and or may used for pisciculture .	Agreed
xii.	Mining shall be carried out as per statuette from the streams/nalas flowing within the lease and Maintaining a safe distance from the Nalas flowing along the lease boundary. A safety	Complied and will be complied.

	barrier of a minimum 60m width shall be maintained along the nalas/water bodies. The small water bodies in OC shall be protected to the extend feasible and the embankment proposed along water body shall be strengthened with stone pitching .	
xiii.	Active OB dumps near water body and rivers should be rehandled for back filling abandoned mine voids. However, those which have been biologically reclaimed need not be disturbed.	Agreed
xiv.	Thick green belt shall be developed along undisturbed areas, mine boundary and in mine reclamation. During post mining stage , a total of 47.63 ha would be reclaimed and afforested by planting native species in consultation with local DFO/Agriculture deptt./Institutions with the relevant discipline. The density of the trees should be around 2500 p lants per ha.	Agreed.
xv.	The roads should be provided with avenue plantation on both sides as trees act as sink of carbon and other pollutant.	Agreed.
xvi.	Specific mitigative measures identified for the Jharia Coalfields in the Environmental Action Plan prepared for Dhanbad as a critically polluted are and relevant for Cluster XIV shall be implemented.	Will be implemented .
xvii.	The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields should be finalised in consultation with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board. The Committee stated that smoke/dust emission vary from source to source (fuel wood, coal, flyash from TPPs, silica from natural dust, etc.) and a Source Apportionment Study should be got carried out for the entire Jharia Coalfields. Mineralogical composition study should be undertaken on the composition of the	At B.C.C.L. level work is under progress.

	suspended particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) in Jharia Coalfields and also quantified. These studies would help ascertain source and extent of the air pollution, based on which appropriate mitigative measures could be taken.	
xviii.	No ground water shall be used for mining activities . Additional water required, if any, shall be met from mine water or by recycling / reused of the water from the existing activities and from rain water harvesting measures . The project authority shall meet water requirement of nearby village (s) in case the village wells go dry to dewatering of mine.	.Agreed.
xix.	Regular monitoring of groundwater level and quality of the study area shall be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and construction of new peizometers. The monitoring for quantity shall be done four times a year in pre-monsoon (May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality including Arsenic and Fluoride during the month of May. Data thus collected shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest and to the Central Pollution Control Board/SPCB quarterly within one month of monitoring. Rainwater harvesting measures shall be undertaken in case monitoring of water table indicates a declining trend.	Agreed.
xx.	Mine discharge water shall be treated to meet standards prescribed standards before discharge into natural water courses/agriculture. The quality of the water discharged shall be monitored at the outlet points and proper records maintained thereof and uploaded regularly on the company website.	Agreed

xxi.	ETP shall also be provided for workshop, and CHP, if any. Effluents shall be treated to confirm to prescribed standards in case discharge into the natural water course.	Agreed
xxii.	Regular monitoring of subsidence movement on the surface over and around the working area and impact natural drainage pattern , water bodies, vegetation, structure, roads and surroundings shall be continued till movement ceases completely. In case observation of any high rate of subsidence movement , appropriate effective corrective measure shall be taken to avoid loss of life and material. Cracks shall be effectively plugged with ballast and clayey soil /suitable material.	Agreed
xxiii.	Sufficient coal pillars shall be left un extracted around the air shaft(within subsidence influence area) to protect from any damage from subsidence , if any.	Agreed
xxiv.	High root density tree species shall be selected and planted over areas likely to be affected by subsidence.	Agreed
Xxv.	Depression due to subsidence resulting in water accumulating within low lying areas shall be filled up or drained out by cutting drains .	Agreed
Xxvi.	Solid barriers shall be left below the roads falling within the blocks to avoid any damage to the road.	Agreed
xxvii.	No depillaring operation shall be carried out below the township/colony .	Agreed
xxviii.	The transportation plan for conveyor – cum – rail for cluster XIV should be dovetailed with Jharia Action Plan. Road transportation of coal during phase I should be by mechanically covered trucks , which should be introduced at the earliest. The plan for conveyor – cum – rail for cluster XIV should be dovetailed with Jharia Action	Agreed. Action is also taken by corporate level.

	Plan. The road transportation of coal during phase I should be by mechanically covered trucks,.	
xxix.	A study should be initiated to analyze extent of reduction in pollution load every year by reducing road transport.	Agreed
xxx.	R & R of 713 nos. of PAF's involved. They should be rehabilitated at cost of Rs. 5035.38 lacs as per the approved Jharia Action Plan	Agreed for PAP's

Xxxi.	Details of transportation, CSR, R&R and implementation of environmental action plan for each of the 17 clusters should be brought out in a booklet for and submitted to Ministry	Agreed for cluster <u>XIV</u>
Xxxii.	A detailed CSR action plan shall be prepared for cluster XIV group of mines . Specific activities shall be identified for CSR of Rs. 20.25 / annum @of Rs.5/ton of coal production as recurring expenditure . The area within the cluster XIV ML that would be existing waste land and not being acquired shall be put to productive use under CSR and developed with fruit bearing and other useful species for the local communities . Third party evaluation shall be got carried out regularly for the proper implementation of activities under taken in the project area under CSR . Issue raised in the public hearing should also be integrated with activities being taken up under CSR . The details of CSR undertaken alongwith budgetary provisions for the village wise various activities and the expenditure thereon shall be uploaded on the company website every year. The company must give priority to capacity building both within the company and to the local youth, who are motivated to carry out the work in future.	Agreed

xxxiii.	For monitoring land use pattern and for post mining land use, a time series of land use maps, based on satellite imagery (on a scale of 1: 5000) of the core zone and buffer zone, from the start of the project until end of mine life shall be prepared once in 3 years (for any one particular season which is consistent in the time series), and the report submitted to MoEF and its Regional office at Bhubaneswar.	Agreed
xxxiv.	A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund shall be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests five year before mine closure for approval. Habitat Restoration Plan of the mine area shall be carried out using a mix of native species found in the original ecosystem, which were conserved in-situ and ex-situ in an identified area within the lease for reintroduction in the mine during mine reclamation and at the post mining stage for habitat restoration.	Agreed
xxxv.	A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the head of Company for implementing environment policy and socio – economic issues and the capacity building required in this regard.	A full-fledged Environment Department, headed by a HoD (Environment) along with a suitable qualified multidisciplinary team of executives (12 nos.) which includes Environment, Mining, Excavation, Civil, Survey, Electrical & mechanical, Forestry disciplines executives and technicians (4 nos.) has been established in Headquarters. They are also trained in ecological restoration, sustainable development, rainwater harvesting methods etc. At the project level, one Executive in each area has also been nominated as Project Nodal Officer (Environment) and is also entrusted with the responsibility of compliance and observance of the environmental Acts/ Laws including environment protection measures. The activities are monitored on regular basis at Area and at Head quarters levels. GM (Environment) at head quarter level, co-ordinates with all the Areas and reports to the Director (Technical) and in turn he reports to the CMD of the company. The team is multidisciplinary and very much motivated under the guidance of company's Director (Technical) and CMD. Further capacity building at both corporate and operating level is being done.
xxxvi.	Implementation of final mine closure plan for cluster XIV, subject to obtaining prior approval of the DGMS in regard to Mines Safety issues.	Agreed
xxxvii.	Corporate Environment Responsibility:	Agreed
a)	The Company shall have a well laid down Environment Policy approved by the Board of Directors.	Agreed
b)	The Environment Policy shall prescribe for standard operating process/procedures to	

	bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental or forest norms/conditions.	Agreed
c)	The hierarchical system or Administrative Order of the company to deal with environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the environmental clearance conditions shall be furnished.	Agreed
d)	To have proper checks and balances, the company shall have a well laid down system of reporting of non-compliances/violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large.	Agreed
Sl. No	B. General Conditions Conditions by MOEF:	Compliance
i.	No change in mining technology and scope of working shall be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.	Being Followed.
ii.	No change in the calendar plan of production for quantum of mineral coal shall be made.	Being Followed.
iii.	Four ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for PM10, PM 2.5, SO 2 and NOx monitoring. Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Monitoring of heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr ,etc carried out at least once in six months.	The fixing up of locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields has been taken up with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board. The work of monitoring of ambient environment will be done through Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad which is having CSIR laboratory recognized under the EP Rules.
iv.	Data on ambient air quality (PM 10, PM 2.5, SO 2 and NO x) and heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr and other monitoring data shall be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional Office at Bhubaneswar and to the State Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board once in six months. Random verification of samples through analysis from independent laboratories recognised under the EPA rules, 1986 shall be furnished as part of compliance report.	It shall be complied.

v.	Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM, etc shall be provided with ear plugs/muffs.	Being Complied.
vi.	Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) shall be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th May 1993 and 31st December 1993 or as amended from time to time before discharge. Oil and grease trap shall be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.	The fixing up of locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields has been taken up with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board. The work of monitoring of ambient environment will be done through Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research(CIMFR), Dhanbad which is having laboratory recognized under the EP Rules. Presently mine effluent is being monitored through BCCL own Laboratory at HQ level.
vii.	Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Vehicles used for transporting the mineral shall be covered with tarpaulins and optimally loaded.	Already Complied.
viii.	Monitoring of environmental quality parameters shall be carried out through establishment of adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board and data got analysed through a laboratory recognised under EPA Rules, Monitoring of environmental quality parameters shall be carried out through establishment of adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board and data got analysed through a laboratory recognised under EPA Rules, 1986	It is being complied.
ix.	Personnel working in dusty areas shall wear protective respiratory devices and they shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.	Being Complied. Vocational training Centers under separate Human Resource Development Deptt. is conducting regular training programme on these issues.
x.	Occupational health surveillance programme of the workers shall be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and to take corrective measures, if needed and records maintained thereof. The quality of environment due to outsourcing and the health and safety issues of the outsourced manpower should be addressed by the company while outsourcing.	Initial Medical Examination (IME) and Periodical Medical Examination (PME) of all the personnel are carried out as per the Statutes and Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS)'s guideline.
xi.	A separate environmental management cell	A full-fledged Environment Department, headed by a

	with suitable qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the company.	HoD (Environment) along with a suitable qualified multidisciplinary team of executives (12 nos.) which includes Environment, Mining, Excavation, Civil, Survey, Electrical & mechanical, Forestry disciplines executives and technicians (4 nos.) has been established in Headquarters. They are also trained in ecological restoration, sustainable development, rainwater harvesting methods etc. At the project level, one Executive in each area has also been nominated as Project Nodal Officer (Environment) and is also entrusted with the responsibility of compliance and observance of the environmental Acts/ Laws including environment protection measures. The activities are monitored on regular basis at Area and at Head quarters levels. GM (Environment) at head quarter level, co-ordinates with all the Areas and reports to the Director (Technical) and in turn he reports to the CMD of the company. The team is multidisciplinary and very much motivated under the guidance of company's Director (Technical) and CMD. Further capacity building at both corporate and operating level is being done.
xii.	The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and shall not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure shall be reported to this Ministry and its Regional Office at Bhubaneswar.	It is being complied. Agreed to report the same .
xiii.	The Project authorities shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution control Board and may also be seen at the website of the ministry of Environment & Forests at www.envfor.nic.in	It has been complied.
xiv.	A copy of the environmental clearance letter shall be marked to concern Panchayat/Zila Parishad, Municipal Corporation or Urban local body and local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal. A copy of the clearance letter shall also be displayed on company's website.	Complied.

xv.	A copy of the environmental clearance letter shall be shall also be displayed on the website of the concerned State Pollution Control Board. The EC letter shall also be displayed at the Regional Office, District Industry Sector and Collector's Office/Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.	Complied.
xvi.	The clearance letter shall be uploaded on the company's website. The compliance status of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions shall also be uploaded by the project authorities on their website and updated at least once every six months so as to bring the same in public domain. The monitoring data of environmental quality parameter (air, water, noise and soil) and critical pollutant. such as PM10, PM2.5, SO 2 and NOx (ambient) and critical sectoral parameters shall also be displayed at the entrance of the project premises and mine office and in corporate office and on company's website.	Complied.
xvii.	The project proponent shall submit six monthly compliance reports on status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions (both in hard copy and in e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of the Ministry, respective Zonal Office s of CPCB and the SPCB.	Being complied.
xviii.	The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bhubaneswar shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The Project authorities shall extend full cooperation to the office(s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/ information/monitoring reports.	Agreed .It shall be complied.
xix.	The Environmental statement for each financial year ending 31 March in For -V is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent for the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules,1986,as amended subsequently, shall also be uploaded on the company's website along with the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the MoEF by e-mail.	Being complied.Agreed.

8	The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.	Agreed
9	Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Agreed
10	The above conditions will be enforced Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules. The proponent shall ensure to undertake and provide for the costs incurred for taking up remedial measures in case of soil contamination, contamination of groundwater and surface water, and occupational and other diseases due to the mining operations.	Agreed
11	The Environmental Clearance is subject to the outcome of the Writ Petition filed by M/S Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) in response to the closure orders issued by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board which is pending in the Jharkhand High Court.	Agreed

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Secretariat, Ranchi.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandrashekarpur, Bhubaneswar - 751023.
4. Chairman, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, T.A. Division Building (Ground Floor), H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004.
5. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi -110032.
6. Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
7. District Collector, dist. Dhanbad Government of Jharkhand.
8. HOD Environment BCCL Koyla Bhawan.
9. Office copy.

[Signature]
Project officer, Lohapatti colliery
17/12/13