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To,

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**Sub: Expansion of Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mine Project from 2.5 MTPA to 3.5 MTPA by M/s Western Coalfields Limited in a mine lease area of 791.40 ha in Village Gondegaon, Tehsil Parseoni, District Nagpur (Maharashtra) - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/MH/CMIN/117831/2019 dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.

**2.** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, has granted environmental clearance to the expansion of Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mining Project from 2.5 to 3.5 MTPA in area of 917 ha (mine lease area 845.74 ha) for a period of one year, subject to compliance of certain terms & conditions and environmental safeguards.

**3.** M/s Western Coalfields Limited has sought amendment in environmental clearance Gondegaon Extension Opencast Coal Mining Project for reducing the area from 845.74 ha to 791.40 ha i.e. reduction of area by 54.34 ha, as the area has become part of the proposed Amalgamation of the Kamptee Deep and Inder OCP coal mines.

**4.** The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. The sectoral EAC in its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 has recommended the project for amendment of environmental clearance subject to the compliance of certain terms & conditions.

**5.** The matter was examined further in the Ministry and accordingly, it was observed that the current proposal requires extension of EC beyond 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 wherein, EAC had observed that the project proponent shall submit certified compliance report from Regional Office for further consideration. Accordingly, it is

informed that both the proposal for extension and amendment in environmental clearance shall be considered together at a later stage after submission of compliance report.

**6.** In the light of the above, the undersigned is directed to inform that the proposal of extension of environmental clearance shall be applied with requisite compliance of EAC observation and its action plan for further processing along with current proposal of amendment in environmental clearance.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.



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