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Date: 28. 05. 2012

To,

The Director,

Impact Assessment (mines)

Ministry of Environment & Forest

Paryavaran Bhawan,

CGO Complex,

New Delhi-110510

Subject: Reply in respect of EAC minutes uploaded on MoEF website dated 16.05.12 for Durgapur-II/Sariya Coal Block.

Reference: Minutes of 47th Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (Thermal & Coal Mining) meeting held on 23rd -24th April 2012 in, Scope Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi.(Further consideration of EC based on TOR granted on 23.10.2008)

Madam,

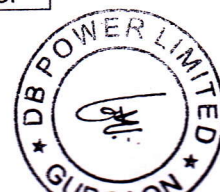
We are thankful to the Expert Appraisal Committee, to have considered our case again for EC meeting in the month of 23rd April 12. Based on the EAC minutes uploaded on the MoEF website, we would like to present our point wise replies in tabulated form which are as under:

Sr. no	Recommendation by EAC Committee	Compliance by DBPL
1	The Committee desired that the mined out area should be completely backfilled upto ground level and reclaimed with plantation consisting of native species of the pre-mining ecosystem and should also include bamboo and grass species as a part of Habitat Restoration for the elephants for which an additional Rs 30 lakhs should be provided.	As desired by the committee, we will completely backfill the mined out area upto the ground level & reclaim with plantation consisting of native species such as Sal, Mahua , Palas , Neem ,Siris ,Acacia ,Mango etc. of the pre-mining ecosystem and a total provision of Rs. 6.87 crores for implementation of Wildlife Conservation Plan (WLCP) shall also include Corpus Fund of Rs. 20 lakhs, bamboo and grass species as a part of Habitat Restoration for the elephants for which an additional Rs. 30 lakhs has already been incorporated

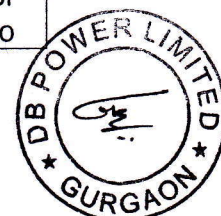
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		in the WLCP. Rs. 4.985 crores has been earmarked for elephant related initiatives alone, which have been detailed in WLCP submitted to PCCF, Raipur on 26.04.2012 incorporating the desired addition. Copy of revised WLCP is enclosed as Annexure-1
2	The Committee also desired that the temporary external OB dumps should be stabilised with grass species until the 14 th year when the re-handling begins.	An estimated 93.77 Mm ³ of OB is proposed to be stored in external dumps (86.87 Mm ³ in West Pit and 6.90 Mm ³ over East Pit). The external dumps would be temporary. The height of surface dump will remain less than 80 m up to 14 th year and would reach 100 m during 15 th year and reduced to 80 m again during 16 th year. The entire OB would be backfilled into the voids of an area of 517.48 ha up to adjoining ground level and all OB from the external OB dumps would be re-handled and backfilled into the excavated area. Considering the rehandling of the OB over short periods, it will be stabilised with grass species upto 14 th yr.
3	The Committee desired that the area between the mine and the township and the mine and agricultural fields should be planted with a 50m thick 3-tier plantation (after extraction of coal) to act as a shield against fugitive particulate emissions from the mine operations	We will do the plantation with 50 m thick 3-tier plantation as a shield against fugitive particulate emissions from the mine operations between the mine and the township. Map showing the 3-tier plantation, as Annexure-2 .
4	The Committee also desired that the project specific WL Conservation Plan should be dove-tailed with the Regional WL Conservation Plan prepared by the State Govt. for which the proponent has earmarked an additional Rs 30 lakhs. Villagers and local communities should form an important stakeholder in the implementation of the WL Conservation Plan and Habitat Restoration Programme	A Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with BALCO, whose Durgapur-Taraimar coal mine forms the adjoining block, for free movement of animals through the coal mines between adjoining forest areas but the same is under consideration of the PCCF (Wildlife), Govt. of Chhattisgarh. The elephants occasionally visit the study area from Orissa and Jharkhand in search of habitat. They move from East Corridor (Bhupdevpur-Gharghoda-Dharmanjaygarh). A provision of Rs. 6.87 crores has been made for



		implementation of the Wildlife Conservation Plan of which, Corpus Fund of Rs. 20 lakhs & Rs. 4.985 crores has been earmarked for elephant related initiatives such as solar fencing, water holes and dusting place, habitat improvement, activities of village committees including publicity and awareness campaigns, compensation for loss/damage, etc. Villagers and local community members are important participants in the implementation of the WL Conservation Plan and Habitat Restoration Programme as described in the WLCP
5	The Committee desired that proponent should pursue with the Railway authorities for establishment of a railway siding as existing one at Kharsia is about 70 km away from mine.	We are pursuing with the Railway authorities (SECR) for establishment of a railway siding as the existing one at Kharsia is about 70 km away from our mine. Our consultant M/s Arvee Associates, Hyderabad has submitted the pre-feasibility report to SECR & as per instructions received vide letter no. OPTG/ SECR/PLG/New Project/515 dated 04/05/12 (Annexure-3), the detailed survey is going on.
6	The Committee recommended coal transportation by 30-Tonne mechanically covered trucks until a railway line gets operational within 5 years of mine operation.	Initially the coal transportation will be carried by 30-Tonne mechanically covered trucks until a railway line gets operational within 5 years of mine operation.
7	The Committee further desired that the loading arrangements at the railway siding should be by hopper /mechanical loading	The loading arrangements at the railway siding will be carried by hopper /mechanical loading system. Sketch showing tentative mechanical loading system as Annexure-4 .
8	The Committee noted that the issues of land acquisition, which form the crux of the Court Case, need to be considered by the State Government vide norms laid down under the various regulations for land acquisition and vide norms laid down by the State Government and in the R&R Policy	The land acquisition will be done through the State Government norms which are laid down under the various regulations for land acquisition act laid down by the State Government and in the R&R Policy
9	The Committee desired that the matter of rehabilitating and resettlement of projects affected	Only 21 tribal PAFs belong to Taraimar village have to be relocated. Total of 119 PAPs (including land losers), who



	families/persons should also be in compliance with the provisions laid down under PESA	are ST would be affected by the project. All will be compensated as per provisions of the Panchayat Extension in Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act, 1996, the details were submitted vide our letter dated 16.01.2012 and are again enclosed as Annexure-5 . The same was presented during presentation dated 23.4.12 to EAC meet.
10	The Committee sought details of the approved R&R Plan and CSR Action Plan with budgetary provisions	The R&R Plan has been forwarded by Collector, Raigarh on 15.05.2012 to Mineral Resources Deptt. Raipur for further comments copy enclosed as Annexure -6 . The plan prior to approval had been submitted to MOEF vide our letter dated 04/10/2011 as Annexure XXIII to the EIA/EMP report. The same was presented during presentation during EAC meet dated 28.11.11. Total provision of Rs. 63.56 crores have been kept for R&R Policy in which Rs.7.70 crores for TDP & Rs. 10 crores for CSR. The CSR Action Plan with budgetary provisions is given in Annexure-7 .

There is a typo error in 2nd para 5th line during 18th year replace by during 16th year in the uploaded minutes.

Keeping in view the above clarification and facts we have submitted before the learned committee, we request your good self to kindly consider our case favorably for award of Environment Clearance to Durgapur-II/Sariya coal mine.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

For, D.B. Power Ltd.

28/05/2012
Pankaj Bharadwaj
General Manager (Mining)



Encl: As stated above

Annexure-1: Copy of revised Wildlife Conservation Plan along with our letter dated 26.04.2012 submitted to PCCF, Raipur.

Annexure-2: Map showing 3-tier Plantation.

Annexure-3: Copy of letter from SECR, Bilaspur dated 04.05.2012 to our consultant M/s Arvee Associate, Hyderabad, regarding preparation of detailed survey of the proposal.

Annexure-4: Sketch diagram showing tentative mechanical loading system.

Annexure-5: Compensation as per provisions of the PESA, Act 1996, all details were submitted vide our letter dated 16.01.2012 the same is again submitted.

Annexure-6: Copy of R&R Plan forwarded by Collector, Raigarh to MRD, Raipur dated 15.05.2012

Annexure-7: Copy of revised R&R Plan including budgetary provisions of CSR Action Plan.

