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File No.: J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA Division



Dated 14/07/2026



To,

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Subject: Parsa East and Kanta Basan (PEKB) Opencast Coal Mine (ML area: 2682.856 Ha having production capacity 18 MTPA), by M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidhyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd, located at villages: Ghatbarra, Salhi, Kedmaforest, Kete, Mahadevpara, Para, Hariharpur; District: Surguja; State: Chhattisgarh – Amendment in Environmental Clearance – Regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to your online application vide proposal no. IA/CG/CMIN/577635/2026 dated 15/05/2026 seeking for Amendment in Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter dated 14.02.2022 and its subsequent amendments dated 21.05.2025 under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and as amended therein for the project mentioned above.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC26A0101CG5921810A
(ii) File No.	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)
(iii) Clearance Type	Amendment in EC
(iv) Category	A
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vi) Sector	Coal Mining
(vii) Name of Project	Amendment of Condition in Parsa East and Kanta Basan (PEKB) Opencast Coal Mine (ML area: 2682.856 Ha having production capacity 18 MTPA), by M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidhyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	Surguja, Chhattisgarh
(ix) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC

- (x) EC Date
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions
(xii) Status of implementation of the project

14/02/2022

NO

3. The instant proposal pertains to amendment of the Environmental Clearance granted to M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUNL) for the Parsa East and Kanta Basan (PEKB) Opencast Coal Mine (production capacity: 18 MTPA; ML area: 2682.856 ha), located at villages Ghatbarra, Salhi, Kedma Forest, Kete, Mahadevpara, Para, and Hariharpur in Surguja District, Chhattisgarh. The project was accorded Environmental Clearance vide letter dated 14.02.2022 and subsequently amended vide letter No. J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M) dated 21.05.2025. The application for the instant amendment proposal was submitted by the Project Proponent on the PARIVESH portal on 15.05.2026. The proposal was considered in 45th EAC Meeting held during 16-17th June, 2026. The MoM for the same may be seen using the web link: parivesh.nic.in.

Details submitted by the PP

4. Details of all the prior ECs including the EC for which amendment is sought:

S. No	Details of Letter No.	EC/ Expansion EC/ Amendment in EC/ Validity extension/ Transfer of EC	Capacity (MTPA)	Area (ha)	Date of Issuance
1	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II (M)	Environmental clearance	10	2711.034	
2	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)	Corrigendum of EC	10	2711.034	22.06.2012
4	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)	Revalidation of EC	10	2711.034	25.06.2015
5	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)	Amendment in EC dated 21.11.2011 (Para 2A (iii & v))	10	2711.034	29.12.2015
6	J-11015/03/2008-IA-I I (M)	Environmental clearance	10 to 15	2682.856	10.08.2018
7	J-11015/03/2008-IA-I I (M)	Amendment in EC dated 10.08.2018 (Specific Condition para 4(ix))	10 to 15	2682.856	24.07.2019
8	J-11015/03/2008-IA-I I (M)	Amendment of EC dated 10th August, 2018 & amendment in EC dated 19th July, 2019 (Specific Condition para 4(ix))	10 to 15	2682.856	23.12.2021
9	J-11015/03/2008-IA-II(M)	Expansion EC (Coal Mine)	15 to 18	2682.856	14.02.2022
13	J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M)	Amendment of EC dated 14.02.2022 (Specific Condition No. vii)	18	2682.856	21.05.2025
14	J-11015/03/2008- IA. II (M)	Amendment of EC dated 12.07.2023 & 21.02.2025 (Amendment for Condition no. 4(ii) – Transport of washery reject)	18	2682.856	14.04.2026

W.r.t. the previous approvals, PP submitted the actual production details of the concerned mine and submitted that the mine become operation from 2015 onwards. CTO renewal has been obtained from the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board vide consent no. 5553/TS/CECB/2025 dated 13.08.2025 which valid up to 31.07.2028.

Year	Actual Coal Production in MTPA	Planned coal production in MTPA as per Environmental Clearance	Excess Production
2012-13	0.29	10	Nil
2013-14	1.2	10	Nil
2014-15	3.44	10	Nil
2015-16	6.21	10	Nil
2016-17	8.27	10	Nil
2017-18	8.33	10	Nil
2018-19	15	15	Nil
2019-20	15	15	Nil
2020-21	15	15	Nil
2021-22	15	15	Nil
2022-23	11.80	15	Nil

Year	Actual Coal Production in MTPA	Planned coal production in MTPA as per Environmental Clearance	Excess Production
2023-24	6.70	18	Nil
2024-25	16.04	18	Nil
2025-26	18	18	Nil

5. Details regarding amendment sought in the EC dated 21.05.2025:

Specific/General	Details of Conditions as per EC	Amendment Sought	
Specific condition no. 4 (vii) as amended vide File No.: J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M) dated 21.05.2025.	"PP shall construct a hospital of 25 beds for local people in an area 4 ha of government land as identified in Salhi village by May 2026. Further, this hospital shall accept Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana for medical facilities to the nearby villagers."	Request for extension of the timeline by three years (03 year) for construction of a 25-bed hospital.	Due to Land Allotment - 4.0 hectares identified in Village Salhi and proposal for Government land allotment submitted to District Collector on 09.05.2025. The matter was further pursued with the Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Chhattisgarh, through letters dated 13.06.2025 and 17.12.2025. The Ministry of Coal, vide File No. NA-103/13/2015-NA dated 06.03.2026, also requested land allocation from the Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh. Subsequently, the Under Secretary, Revenue Department, Chhattisgarh, vide Letter No. LAND/75/2025-REVENUE dated 22.04.2026, directed the District Collector, Surguja, to allot 4.0 hectares for the hospital. Additionally, M/s Hosmac India Pvt. Ltd., a reputed healthcare consultancy, was engaged to prepare a detailed cost estimate. As per their report, the estimated project cost is Rs. 62.16 Crores (excluding land cost and applicable GST).

6. Details of Court Cases: PP reported that there is no legal issue/ violation w.r.t i) Environment (Protection) Act, ii) Air (P&CP) Act, Water (P&CP), Act, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, Wildlife Protection Act, MMDR Act, Factories Act. Further, there is no court case on the project. However, there are three court cases related to the forest clearance and the details are given as below:

S. No.	Case No. and Cause Title	Forum	Status	Remarks/ Next Date
1.	WP (c) No. 371/2019 Dinesh Kumar Soni Vs UoI & Ors PEKB Allotment matter	Supreme Court of India	Matter pertains to the challenge of JV between RVUNL and AEL for coal mining services. Pending for final arguments.	Next date awaited
2.	WP (c) No. 510/2023 Sudiep Shrivastava Vs UoI & Ors PEKB/PCB – FC EC Matter	Supreme Court of India	Matter pertains to the challenge to the phase 2 mining permissions under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 granted to PEBK coal Block. Pending for final arguments.	Next date awaited
3	CA (D) No. 11127/2025 Hasdeo Arand Bachao Sangrash Samiti vs MoEF & Ors (PCB-FC matter)	Supreme Court of India	Matter pertains to the appeal against NGT final order. Petitioners challenged EC of PCB before the NGT. Parties to complete pleadings.	Next date awaited

Observation and deliberation of the EAC:

7. Committee after deliberations noted the following:

i. MoEF&CC has originally granted EC to M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidhyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. for Parsa East and Kanta Basan (PEKB) Opencast Coal located at villages: Ghatbarra, Salhi, Kedmaforest, Kete, Mahadevpara, Para, Hariharpur; District: Surguja; State: Chhattisgarh vide EC letter no. J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M) dated 21.12.2011 and has subsequently undergone expansion, revalidation, corrigendum, and amendments from time to time. The Committee further noted that the project is presently operating with an approved production capacity of 18 MTPA within a mining lease area of 2682.856 ha.

ii. The Committee deliberated on the proposal seeking amendment in Specific Condition No. 4(vii) of the Environmental Clearance dated 14.02.2022, as amended vide letter dated 21.05.2025, pertaining to construction of a 25-bedded hospital for the benefit of local communities in the project affected area.

iii. The Committee noted the submission of the Project Proponent that the condition requiring construction of the hospital within the stipulated timeline could not be completed due to procedural and administrative constraints associated with finalization of the project design, preparation of tender documents, award of work, and related statutory and contractual processes.

iv. The Committee further noted the submission of the Project Proponent that the commitment towards establishment of the hospital remains unchanged and that necessary actions for implementation of the facility have already been initiated. The Project Proponent submitted that the proposed hospital is intended to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the project affected area and provide improved medical facilities to the local population.

v. After detailed deliberations, the Committee agreed to the request of the Project Proponent and recommended extension of the timeline for construction and commissioning of the 25-bedded hospital up to May 2028. The Project Proponent shall ensure completion of the hospital within the revised timeline and submit periodic progress reports along with documentary evidence to the Ministry's concerned Regional Office in its six-monthly compliance report.

Recommendations of the Committee:

8. In view of the foregoing and after the detailed deliberations, the Committee **recommended** the instant proposal for grant of amendment in the EC granted vide letter no. J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M) dated 21/05/2025, as detailed below:

Specific/General	Details of Conditions as per EC	Recommendation of EAC
Specific condition no. 4 (vii) as amended vide File No.: J-11015/03/2008-IA.II(M) dated 21.05.2025.	"PP shall construct a hospital of 25 beds for local people in an area 4 Ha of government land as identified in Salhi village by May 2026. Further, this hospital shall accept Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana for medical facilities to the nearby villagers."	Agreed. The EAC agreed to change the same as follows: <i>"PP shall construct and commission a 25-bedded hospital for the benefit of local communities on 4 ha of Government land identified at Salhi village by May 2028. The hospital shall provide healthcare facilities to the local population and shall be empanelled under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) or any subsequent equivalent Government healthcare scheme to facilitate access to affordable medical services for the nearby villagers."</i>

Decision of MoEF&CC:

9. The undersigned is directed to inform that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and after accepting the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Coal) hereby decided for grant of amendment in the EC letter dated 21.05.2025 as mentioned in table of above **Para 8**, under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

10. All Other terms and conditions prescribed in EC dated 14.02.2022 and its subsequent amendments dated 21.05.2025 shall remain unchanged.

11. The project proponent shall obtain fresh Environment Clearance in case of change in scope of the project, if any.

12. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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