



File No.: J-11015/80/2013-IA.II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and
Climate Change
IA Division



Dated 11/08/2026



To,

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Subject: Block-B Expansion OCP (having production capacity of 10 MTPA within the ML Area of 1500.688 ha), by M/s. Northern Coalfields Limited, located at villages: audhiya and PO Gorbi; Tehsil; Chitrangi; District: Singrauli; State: Madhya Pradesh - Amendment in Environment Clearance – Regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to your online application vide proposal no. IA/MP/CMIN/578188/2026 dated 13/05/2026 along with EDS reply dated 24.06.2026 seeking for Amendment in Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter dated 14.05.2025 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.	EC26A0101MP5805007A
(ii) File No.	J-11015/80/2013-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	Block-B Expansion OCP Project
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	SINGRAULI, MADHYA PRADESH
(ix) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(x) EC Date	14/05/2025
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	NO
(xii) Status of implementation of the project	

3. The instant proposal is for amendment in Environment Clearance granted to M/s Northern Coalfields Limited accorded vide letter J-11015/80/2013-IA-II (M) dated 14.05.2025 for Block-B Expansion OCP (having production capacity of 10 MTPA within the ML Area of 1500.688 ha), located at villages: audhiya and PO Gorbi; Tehsil; Chitrangi; District: Singrauli; State: Madhya Pradesh. The application for the instant proposal has been submitted by the PP on Parivesh portal on 13.05.2026 followed by the EDS reply on 24.06.2026. The proposal was considered in 46th EAC Meeting held during 08-09th July, 2026. The MoM for the same may be seen using the web link: parivesh.nic.in.

4. Name of EIA consultant: M/s. CMPDIL; NABET/EIA/25-28/RA 0412 valid till 08.04.2028.

Details submitted by the PP

5. 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	Status of implementation
1.	J-11015/39/2004-IA.II(M)	EC	3.5	1339	13.05.2005	Implemented
2.	J-11015/40/2009-IA.II(M)	Expansion EC	4.375	1339	19.05.2009	Implemented
3.	J-11015/80/2013-IA.II(M)	Expansion EC	5.47	1339	06.08.2014	Implemented
4.	J-11015/80/2013-IA.II(M)	Expansion EC	10.00	1500.688	14.05.2025	Operational for complete components/ units envisaged in the EC

W.r.t the previous approvals, PP submitted the actual production details of the concerned mine and submitted that the mine became operational from 2006-07 onwards. CTO has been obtained from the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board vide consent no. AW-62781 dated 21.08.2025 and is valid up to 31.07.2026. Details of the same are as follows:

Year	EC Sanctioned Capacity (MTPA)	Actual Production (MTPA)	Excess Production beyond the EC sanctioned capacity
2006-07	3.5	0	Nil
2007-08	3.5	2.152	Nil
2008-09	3.5	3.431	Nil
2009-10	4.375	3.355	Nil
2010-11	4.375	3.807	Nil
2011-12	4.375	4.007	Nil
2012-13	4.375	4.375	Nil
2013-14	4.375	4.375	Nil
2014-15	5.47	4.475	Nil
2015-16	5.47	4.101	Nil
2016-17	5.47	5.231	Nil
2017-18	5.47	5.468	Nil
2018-19	5.47	5.469	Nil
2019-20	5.47	5.4695	Nil
2020-21	5.47	5.470	Nil
2021-22	5.47	5.470	Nil
2022-23	5.47	5.470	Nil
2023-24	5.47	5.470	Nil
2024-25	5.47	5.470	Nil
2025-26	10.00	7.501	Nil

6. Details regarding amendment sought in the EC dated 14.05.2025:

Specific/ General	Details of Conditions as per EC	Amendment Sought	Justification
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Condition No																										
Specific Condition 1.6	Construction of the new Coal handling plant shall be completed by March 2026, as committed by the project proponent.	Construction of the new Coal handling plant shall be completed by March 2027.	§ L.O.A. for construction of additional CHP (4.5 MTPA) was issued to M/s HEC Ltd. on 11.09.2020. Work of construction was commenced by M/s HEC Ltd. since October, 2020. § Till 31.03.2026, physical progress of CHP is 76%. Delay in construction occurred due to failure by M/s HEC Ltd. § As per current progress of the work, it is expected that construction of CHP will be completed by March, 2027.																							
Specific Condition 1.17	9 MTPA of Coal shall be transported from the mine to the end users through the Railway and 1.0 MTPA of Coal is permitted to be transported by road to the small-scale industry and thermal power located within the vicinity of the mine lease area as committed.	8 MTPA of Coal shall be transported from the mine to the end users through the Railway and 2 MTPA of Coal is permitted to be transported by road to the small-scale industry and thermal power located within the vicinity of the mine lease area as committed.	§ Block-B Expansion OCP is a basket mine having no direct linkages with any thermal power plant, catering different thermal power plants and industries. § It is major Coal mine located in Madhya Pradesh and many industries of region dependent on Coal supplied by it. § The details of mode wise despatch for the previous financial years is as below : <table><tr><th rowspan="2">F.Y.</th><th colspan="3">Mode wise despatch (MT)</th></tr><tr><th>Rail</th><th>Road</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>2025-26</td><td>5.97</td><td>0.85</td><td>6.82*</td></tr></table> Note: 7.50 MT Coal was produced in 2025-26. § As detailed in EC dated 14.05.2025, following mode wise quantity of Coal despatch has been prescribed as: <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Mode</th><th>Quantity (MT)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Rail</td><td>9.00</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Road</td><td>1.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>10.00</td></tr></table> § The additional CHP (4.5 MTPA capacity) is under construction and was to be completed by March'2026. However, due to failure of M/s HEC Ltd, it is expected to be completed by March, 2027. § The maximum coal despatch possible through Rail with the present CHP capacity (Existing 3.5 MTPA + surveyed off 2.5 MTPA) is approx. 6 MTPA. § Additionally, there are many small industries which are not having rail connectivity, and if rail connectivity is available with some of them, they still prefer road mode from economic point of view. Consumers to whom Coal despatched through road : § In 2025-26, Block-B Expansion OCP catered to the needs of 25 nos. of different Coal consumers which have Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) with NCL as well as the needs of 107 nos. of Coal consumers through e-auction for despatch of Coal (non-FSA) through Road and 'Road cum Rail' mode. The average monthly requirement per consumer is about 1,429.55 Tonne for FSA consumers and 327.69 Tonne for non-FSA consumers, which is significantly less than the Coal loading capacity in a single rake of Indian Railways (i.e., 4000 Tonne). § Bulk of these consumers requires small quantity of Coal with staggered requirement over the year. Therefore, even with direct rail connectivity available, these consumers are fully dependent on Block-B Expansion OCP through road mode. FSA Road Consumers : § Coal consumers having FSA with NCL includes industries of following sectors - Power, Sponge Iron, Steel, Cokery,	F.Y.	Mode wise despatch (MT)			Rail	Road	Total	2025-26	5.97	0.85	6.82*	S. No.	Mode	Quantity (MT)	1	Rail	9.00	2	Road	1.00	Total		10.00
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			Distillery etc. § Coal despatched through Road or RCR (Road cum Rail) mode in FY 2025-26 to consumers having FSA are as shown in Table given below** § From the above table, it is evident that 69.3% of the Coal committed in FSA is being despatched to Power sector. § As seen from the above table, average monthly requirement of Coal of most of the FSA Coal consumers is less than the capacity of one rake of Indian Railways. Coal requirement less than one rake would require loading/unloading of Coal from the nearest rail siding available and then employing road transport for end point delivery of Coal. This would increase Coal handling activities. Therefore, road being the only option available to them. Non FSA Road Consumers : § The above is also true for Coal despatched by road to non-FSA Coal consumer as average monthly quantity per non-FSA consumers is 327.69 Tonne. In this category, 43.36% of the total Coal was despatched in 2025-26 to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited - Mahan which is situated appx. 15 km away from Block-B Project. § M/s Hindalco Industries Limited - Mahan is the non-FSA road consumer having highest average monthly requirement. As most of the rail despatch is being done towards up country power plants in Haryana, Punjab, Western UP etc. while for rail despatch to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited - Mahan will create further congestion on rail route (Katni – Chopan Route). Furthermore, road transportation is economical for the consumers for such short distance. § Nearly 2,000 people residing nearby Block-B OCP are directly dependent on road transportation for their livelihood. § Furthermore, Mahan Super Thermal Plant, Singrauli of M/s Mahan Energen Limited has executed FSA for 8 Lakh tonnes with NCL. This coal will be preferably despatched from Block-B Project as the TPP is appx. 50 km away, and it is not having rail connectivity. § In view of the above deliberation, mode wise despatch of coal is proposed as follows : <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Mode</th><th>Quantity (MT)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Rail</td><td>8.00</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Road</td><td>2.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>10.00 MT</td></tr></table>	S. No.	Mode	Quantity (MT)	1	Rail	8.00	2	Road	2.00	Total		10.00 MT
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Specific Condition 1.24	PP shall emphasize for using and developing Renewable Energy for its consumption in its utilities/machinery/equipment instead of using electricity from Grid/generated from Thermal Power Plants. PP shall install solar power	Project PP shall emphasize for using and developing Renewable Energy for its consumption in its utilities/machinery/equipment. PP shall install solar power generation units. Compliance status in this regard shall be submitted to the concerned	§ LOA for Supply, Construction and Erection, Testing and Commissioning of grid connected 180 kW (AC) Rooftop Solar Power Plant at Block-B Expansion Project has been issued on 13.11.2025. § However, 100% switch through renewable energy is not possible at Block-B Expansion Project. As the project is operating, round the clock (24x7). It is difficult to meet the energy requirement of utilities/machinery/equipment solely through solar generated power.												

	generation units. Compliance status in this regard shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Office along with the six monthly compliance report and also be uploaded on the web portal of the company.	Regional Office along with the six monthly compliance report and also be uploaded on the web portal of the company.	
Standard Condition 5.4	5- Star Rating is mandatory to obtain certification as per guidelines of Ministry of Coal	Star Rating is mandatory to obtain certification as per guidelines of Ministry of Coal	Block-B Expansion OCP has achieved 5-Star Rating in the Ministry of Coal's star rating system for the past two consecutive years, specifically from 2022-23 to 2023-24, for which results have been declared. This achievement reflects compliance across all seven modules of all rating system, with environmental parameters contributing 26 points out of total of 100. The remaining points hinge on performance in the other six modules, highlighting the comprehensive approach required for success. While Block-B OC is fully committed to achieving the highest standards, securing a 5-Star rating every year may not always be feasible due to operational and regulatory variables beyond the mine's control. Therefore, it is requested that the condition be suitably amended.

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F.Y. 2025-26					
S. No.	FSA Consumer	ACQ Qty. (Tonnes)	Location	Mode	Sector
1	Prayagraj Power Generation Company	1,12,866.40	Prayagraj, UP	RCR	Power
2	Jaypee Bina Thermal Power Plant	64,103.11	Bina, MP	RCR	Power
3	Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited	52,997.00	Kanpur, UP	RCR	Power
4	Lanco Anpara Power Limited	44,737.54	Anpara, UP	Road	Power
5	Shanti Gopal Concast Limited	32,439.68	Mirzapur, UP	Road	Sponge Iron
6	Rungta Mines Limited	23,598.00	Hazaribagh Jharkhand	RCR	Steel
7	Bihar Foundry & Castings Ltd.	17,345.65	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Road	Sponge Iron
8	Chintpurni Steel Pvt Ltd	12,688.18	Ramgarh, Jharkhand	Road	Sponge Iron
9	Rungta Mines Ltd	11,799.00	Dhenkanal, Odisha	RCR	Sponge Iron
10	Lalitpur Power Generation	11,682.00	Lalitpur, UP	RCR	Power
11	MB Power (Madhya Pradesh) Limited	10,835.78	Anuppur, MP	Road	Power
12	NAVA Limited	9,833.64	Dhenkanal, Odisha	Road	Others
13	Sundaram Steels Private Limited	6,910.11	Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand	Road	Sponge Iron
14	RKC Promoters Private Limited	5,372.00	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Road	Cokery
15	Maithan Steels and Power Ltd	3,689.65	Burdwan, WB	Road	Sponge Iron
16	Narsimha Iron and Steel Pvt. Ltd	2,420.00	Ramgarh, Jharkhand	Road	Sponge Iron
17	S A Iron and Alloys Pvt. Ltd	2,346.00	Varanasi, UP	Road	Sponge Iron
18	RLJ Concast Pvt Ltd	1,470.00	Kolkata, WB	Road	Sponge Iron
19	Vindhyachal Distilleries Private Limited	526	Bhopal, MP	Road	Distillery
20	Oasis Distilleries Ltd	363.16	Indore, MP	Road	Distillery
21	Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited	241.8	Chandigarh, Punjab	Road	Others
22	Vaibhavi Enterprises	241.03	Raniganj, WB	Road	Traders
23	Dras Enterprises	182.68	Satara, MP	Road	Traders
24	Prayag Fuels	118.8	Prayagraj, UP	Road	Traders
25	Bhopal Glues and Chemicals Pvt Ltd	58	Bhopal, MP	Road	Others
	Total Road FSA	4,28,865.21			

7. Present and proposed coal evacuation system and environmental parameters of the coal transportation road:

I. Present Coal Evacuation Method:

Coal from Block – B OC is being dispatched through both road mode and railway mode.

In the F.Y. 2025-26 Block – B produced 7.5 MTPA coal and modewise dispatch is as given below:

F.Y.	Mode wise dispatch (Million Tonne)		
	Rail	Road	Total
2025-26	5.97	0.85	6.82

As per Environmental Clearance granted vide J-11015/80/2013-IA.II(M) dated 14.05.2025, the existing mode of coal dispatch is as follows:

Mode	Quantity (MT)
Rail	9.00
Road	1.00
Total	10.00

II. Proposed Coal Evacuation Method:

The proposed mode of coal dispatch is as follows:

Mode	Quantity (MT)
Rail	8.00
Road	2.00
Total	10.00

As there are numerous small consumers are present for which 2 MTPA coal is proposed to be transported through road – mode due to their very less requirement and close proximity by road to the project. .

III. Environmental parameters of the coal transportation road:

CAAQMS has been installed at guest house of Block – B OC which is the nearest monitoring points of Coal Transportation Route. Summary of ambient air quality monitoring data:

	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	NO _x	SO _x
Maximum Value	193.32	100.53	41.24	40.15
Minimum Value	63.86	33.21	40.20	26.00
98%ile	190.12	99.28	41.16	39.75
Standards	100	60	80	80

Noise Level:

Noise Level monitoring has been conducted in Block-B mines and residential area, the details are given below:

MINE SITE			
ZONE	DATE OF RECORDING	NOISE LEVEL IN dB(A)	
Industrial	15.04.2026	Day time	Night time
Industrial	30.04.2026	69.2	58.6
Industrial	14.05.2026	71.4	62.4
Industrial	29.05.2026	70.8	61.2
Permissible limits		75	70
WORKSHOP			
ZONE	DATE OF RECORDING	NOISE LEVEL IN dB(A)	
Industrial	15.04.2026	Day time	Night time
Industrial	30.04.2026	72.6	63.6
Industrial	14.05.2026	71.3	61.8
Industrial	29.05.2026	73.5	64.2
Permissible limits		75	70
COLONY			

ZONE	DATE OF RECORDING	NOISE LEVEL IN dB(A)	
Residential	15.04.2026	Day time	Night time
Residential	30.04.2026	49.7	40.5
Residential	14.05.2026	51.5	42.0
Residential	29.05.2026	52.8	43.8
Permissible limits		55	45

Existing Pollution Control Measures being taken on Coal transportation road:

- 02 no. of Truck Mounted Fog Cannon.
- 02 Nos. Water Tankers.
- Wheel Washing facility at mine exit for trucks carrying coal.
- Road Sweeping of Coal transportation roads.

Additional Pollution Control Measures proposed:

- An elevated NH-39 corridor over a length of about 1 Km and its direct connectivity with Block-B coal transportation road through slip roads is under construction by Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited (MPRDC) as part of NH-39. Rs. 104 Crore has been funded by NCL for the same and the project is expected to be completed by Sept., 2026.
- 02 Nos. Truck Mounted Fog Cannon.

8. Details of Court Cases:

Case no.	Court	Case Details	Status
OA No. 164/2018	NGT Principal Bench - Delhi	Original Application no. 164 of 2018 (Ashwani Kumar Dubey vs. Union of India & Ors.) is pending at Principal Bench, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal. Case pertains to issue of pollution in Singrauli Area (UP & MP). It involves all the industries located in the area. The last hearing in the case was held on 16.03.2026 and next hearing is scheduled on 09.07.2026. Matter is being heard for objections submitted by various other industries w.r.t. the imposed Environmental Compensation. In the ongoing case, no Environmental Compensation has been imposed on Block-B OCP.	Pending. The previous hearing was on 09.07.2026. The next hearing has been scheduled on dt: 09.09.2026.

Observation and deliberation of the EAC:

9. Committee after deliberations noted the following:

- The instant proposal is for amendment in the Environmental Clearance granted to M/s Northern Coalfields Limited for Block-B Expansion OCP having production capacity of 10 MTPA within the ML Area of 1500.688 ha, located at villages: audhiya and PO Gorbi; Tehsil; Chitrangi; District: Singrauli; State: Madhya Pradesh, vide letter dated 14.05.2025.
- The Committee noted that the project has been granted Environmental Clearance and subsequent expansion Environmental Clearances from time to time, with the latest Environmental Clearance for 10.0 MTPA over an area of 1500.688 ha issued on 14.05.2025.
- Committee deliberated on the production details submitted by the Project Proponent with respect to the previous Environmental Clearances and noted that the mine has been operational since 2006-07. The Committee further noted that the annual production has remained within the Environmental Clearance sanctioned capacity during all the years of operation and no excess production has been reported. The Committee also noted that the project holds a valid Consent to Operate issued by the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.
- Committee deliberated on the proposal seeking amendment in Specific Condition No. 1.6 of the EC dated 14.05.2025 regarding extension of the timeline for construction of the new 4.5 MTPA Coal Handling Plant (CHP) from March 2026 to March 2027. The Committee noted that the physical progress of the CHP is about 76% and that the delay has been

attributed to the contractor. Considering the submissions made by the Project Proponent, the Committee recommended extension of the timeline up to March 2027, subject to completion of the CHP within the revised schedule.

v. Committee deliberated on the proposal seeking amendment in Specific Condition No. 1.17 of the Environmental Clearance dated 14.05.2025 for revision of the coal evacuation mode from 9.0 MTPA by rail and 1.0 MTPA by road to 8.0 MTPA by rail and 2.0 MTPA by road. The Committee noted that the additional 4.5 MTPA Coal Handling Plant is under construction and that the existing coal handling infrastructure presently limits rail dispatch to about 6.0 MTPA. The Committee further noted that a substantial number of small-scale industries and power plants are dependent on road transportation due to low individual coal requirements, lack of rail connectivity, and economic considerations. Considering the submissions made by the Project Proponent, the Committee recommended the proposed amendment, subject to strict implementation of dust suppression measures, transportation through covered trucks, traffic management, road maintenance, and compliance with all applicable environmental safeguards during road transportation.

vi. Committee deliberated on the proposal seeking amendment in Specific Condition No. 1.24 of the Environmental Clearance dated 14.05.2025 regarding the use of renewable energy. The Committee noted the submission of the Project Proponent that while a 180-kW grid-connected rooftop solar power plant is under installation, the round-the-clock operation of the mine makes complete dependence on renewable energy technically unfeasible at present. Considering the submissions, the Committee recommended modification of the condition while emphasizing that the Project Proponent shall continue to progressively enhance the share of renewable energy in the project.

vii. Committee deliberated on the proposal seeking amendment in Standard Condition No. 5.4 of the Environmental Clearance relating to the mandatory achievement of 5-Star Rating under the Ministry of Coal's Star Rating system. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent has achieved 5-Star Rating for two consecutive assessment years and submitted that the overall rating depends upon multiple operational and regulatory parameters, of which environmental performance constitutes only one component. Considering the submissions made by the Project Proponent, the Committee recommended modification of the condition in accordance with the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Coal.

viii. Committee deliberated on the proposed revision in the coal evacuation system and noted that the total coal production capacity remains unchanged at 10.0 MTPA, with the proposed modification limited to the mode of dispatch from 9.0 MTPA by rail and 1.0 MTPA by road to 8.0 MTPA by rail and 2.0 MTPA by road. The Committee further noted that the increased road transportation has been proposed to cater to the requirements of small consumers located in the vicinity of the mine having limited coal demand and inadequate rail connectivity. The Committee emphasized that the Project Proponent shall ensure transportation through covered trucks and implement adequate dust suppression, traffic management, road maintenance, and road safety measures to minimize environmental impacts along the transportation route.

ix. Committee deliberated on the environmental parameters along the proposed coal transportation route and noted that the project is located in the Singrauli district, which has been identified as a Severely Polluted Area (SPA) under the CEPI Assessment, 2018. The Committee further noted that Northern Coalfields Limited is already implementing various mitigation measures under the SPA action plan. The Committee observed that PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at the monitoring location exceeded the prescribed National Ambient Air Quality Standards, whereas NO, SO₂ and noise levels were within the permissible limits. Considering the proposed increase in road transportation, the Committee emphasized that the PP shall further strengthen the ongoing SPA mitigation measures and ensure that the additional road transportation does not result in any adverse incremental impact on the ambient environment.

x. Committee deliberated on the pollution control measures proposed for coal transportation and noted that the project is located in the Singrauli area, which has been identified as a Severely Polluted Area (SPA) under the CEPI Assessment, 2018. The Committee further noted that the Project Proponent has already deployed truck-mounted fog cannons, water tankers, wheel washing facilities, and mechanized road sweeping for dust suppression along the coal transportation route. The Committee also noted the proposed augmentation of pollution control measures, including deployment of additional truck-mounted fog cannons and construction of an elevated corridor on NH-39 with direct connectivity to the project road to reduce traffic congestion and vehicular emissions. Considering the proposed increase in road transportation, the Committee emphasized that the Project Proponent shall ensure effective implementation of the existing and proposed

mitigation measures so that the incremental impact on the ambient environment remains minimal.

xi. Committee deliberated on the details of the court cases submitted by the Project Proponent and noted that Original Application No. 164/2018 (Ashwani Kumar Dubey vs. Union of India & Ors.) pertaining to pollution in the Singrauli area is pending before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi. The Committee further noted that the matter pertains to all industries operating in the Singrauli area and that no Environmental Compensation has been imposed on Block-B Expansion OCP in the said proceedings. The Committee emphasized that the Project Proponent shall comply with all directions/orders issued by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal from time to time.

Recommendations of the Committee:

10. 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-11015/80/2013-IA-II (M) dated 14.05.2025, as detailed below, subject to stipulation of additional specific conditions (**Annexure-I**).

Specific/ General Condition no.	Details of Conditions as per EC dated 14.05.2025	Recommendation of EAC
Specific Condition 1.6	Construction of the new Coal handling plant shall be completed by March 2026, as committed by the project proponent.	Agreed. The EAC agreed to change the same as follows: “Construction of the new 4.5 MTPA Coal Handling Plant (CHP) shall be completed by March 2027, as committed.”
Specific Condition 1.17	9 MTPA of Coal shall be transported from the mine to the end users through the Railway and 1.0 MTPA of Coal is permitted to be transported by road to the small-scale industry and thermal power located within the vicinity of the mine lease area as committed.	Agreed. The EAC agreed to change the same as follows: “8.0 MTPA of coal shall be transported from the mine to the end users through rail and up to 2.0 MTPA of coal is permitted to be transported by road to the small-scale industries and thermal power plants located within the vicinity of the mine lease area, as committed by the Project Proponent. The Project Proponent shall ensure transportation of coal through covered trucks and implement adequate dust suppression measures, traffic management, road maintenance, and all applicable environmental safeguards during road transportation.”
Specific Condition 1.24	PP shall emphasize for using and developing Renewable Energy for its consumption in its utilities/ machinery/ equipment instead of using electricity from Grid/ generated from Thermal Power Plants. PP shall install solar power generation units. Compliance status in this regard shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Office along with the six-monthly compliance report and also be uploaded on the web portal of the company.	Agreed. The EAC agreed to change the same as follows: “Project Proponent shall explore the feasibility of use and development of renewable energy for its utilities, machinery and equipment to the extent technically feasible and shall progressively enhance the share of renewable energy in the project. The Project Proponent shall install solar power generation units, wherever feasible, as committed, and submit the compliance status to the Regional Office of the Ministry along with the six-monthly compliance reports.”
Standard Condition 5.4	5-Star Rating is mandatory to obtain certification as per guidelines of Ministry of Coal	Agreed. The EAC agreed to change the same as follows: “Project proponent shall obtain star rating as per the guidelines of Ministry of Coal.”

Decision of MoEF&CC:

11. 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 14.05.2025 as mentioned in table of above **Para 10**, under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

12. All Other terms and conditions prescribed in EC dated 14.05.2025 shall remain unchanged.
13. The project proponent shall obtain fresh Environment Clearance in case of change in scope of the project, if any.
14. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,
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5. The Deputy Director General, Regional Office, "Ministry Of Environment Forest And Climate Change Regional Office E-5 Central Paryavaran Bhawan E-5 Arera Colony Link Road-3 Ravi Shankar Nagar Bhopal – 462016", N/A, N/A, rowz.bpl-mef@nic.in
6. The Member Secretary, SPCB/PCC, Paryavaran Parisar Sector E-5 Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, achyutmishra-mspcb@mp.gov.in
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Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)

1. Additional Specific Conditions:

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1.1	As committee, Project Proponent shall extend all necessary financial and logistical support and coordinate with the Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited (MPRDC) and other concerned agencies to facilitate timely completion of the elevated NH-39 corridor (about 1 km) and its direct connectivity with the Block-B coal transportation road by September 2026. The compliance status shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry as part of the six-monthly compliance reports.
1.2	Project Proponent shall strictly comply with all directions/orders issued by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, from time to time in Original Application No. 164/2018 (Ashwani Kumar Dubey vs. Union of India & Ors.), and any other orders issued by the Hon'ble Courts or statutory authorities concerning environmental protection in the Singrauli area.
1.3	Project Proponent shall undertake strengthening, repair, and regular maintenance of all internal

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	roads and road shoulders within the mine lease area and along the coal transportation routes. The road shoulders shall be properly paved/compacted and maintained free from loose material to prevent re-suspension of dust, ensure effective drainage, and facilitate safe and smooth movement of vehicles throughout the year.
1.4	Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) and Noise quality data along the entire coal transportation route shall be monitored and the data shall be submitted along with the six-monthly compliance to the concerned Regional Office and also kept on the web portal of the company.
1.5	All the recommendations made in the Traffic Assessment Study Report regarding coal transportation by road shall be strictly adhered with. Additional air pollution control measures should be taken along roads being used for transport of coal including e-/CNG/LNG vehicles.
1.6	Project Proponent shall adopt wildlife protection measures including creating awareness among the drivers, sensitizing the drivers about prevention of road kills and handling of wildlife encounters while driving through forest areas and speed governors must be installed in the coal transporting trucks/dumpers.
1.7	Project proponent shall carry out three tier plantations along the coal transportation route on both the sides, within 3 years with saplings of native and evergreen species of not less than 4 feet height. Compliance in this regard shall be submitted along with the six-monthly compliance to the concerned Regional Office and also kept on the web portal of the company.

