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Sub: Six monthly reports on implementation of environmental measures for the period from
Apr'13 to Sep'13 in respect of cluster-II group of mines

Ref : EC order no: J-11015/35/2011-IA.II(M)

Dear Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the six monthly reports on implementation of Environmental
protection measures for the period from April-2013 to Sep-2013 in respect of cluster group of mines.

Hope you will find the same in order.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE COMPLIANCE OF CLUSTER-II
(GRANTED VIDE J-11015/35/2011-IA II (M) Dated 06.12.2013)
(Up to Sep' 2013)

SN	A. Specific Conditions by MOEF:	Compliance
i	The maximum production by opencast mining shall not exceed beyond that for which environmental clearance has been granted for the 5 mine of Cluster- II.	The production from the cluster is within the limit for which environmental clearance has been granted.
ii	The measure to identify in the Environmental Plan for Cluster- II groups of mine and the conditions given in this environmental clearance letter shall be dovetailed to the implementation of the Jharia Action Plan.	Master Plan is dovetailed with environmental clearance conditions.
iii	The proponent shall prepare time -series maps of the Jharia Coalfields through NRSA to monitor and prevent fire problems in the Jharia Coalfields by Isothermal mapping /imaging and monitoring temperatures of the coal seams (whether they are close to 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 fires in other areas including in mines of cluster II shall be undertaken. Expertise available internationally could also be utilised for control of fire in Jharia Coalfields and for their reclamation and to further minimize time for fire and subsidence control. Monitoring of fire should be carried out regularly.	Work has been awarded to NRSC (earlier NRSA). A MoU is to be entered with the NRSC for start of the work .For this purpose, duly signed MOU has been sent to NRSC for necessary processing at their end and to start the work immediately. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-A) Action is being taken as specified in the Master Plan and EMP.
iv	Underground mining should be taken up after completion of reclamation of Opencast mine area.	It is being complied.
v	The embankment constructed along the river boundary shall be of suitable dimensions and critical patches shall be strengthened by stone pitching on the river front side and stabilised with plantation so as to withstand the peak water flow and prevent mine inundation.	It is being followed. Action for construction Embankments have been taken as specified in EMP.
vi	The rejects of washeries in Cluster –II should be send to FBC based plant.	No washery at present in this cluster
vii	No mining shall be undertaken where underground fires continue. Measure shall be taken to prevent/ check such fire including in old OB dump areas where the fire could start due to presence of coal /shale with sufficient carbon content.	It is being complied.
viii	There shall be no external OB dumps. OB produce from the whole cluster will be 484.89Mm ³ . OB from 3 OCP and 2 patches in	At the end of mining there shall be no void and area will be re-vegetated and reclaimed. Action

	mixed 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.	is being taken as specified in EMP.
ix	A detailed calendar plan of production with plan for OB dumping and backfilling (for OC mines) and reclamation and final mine closure plan for each mine of cluster-II shall be drawn up and implemented.	Calendar plan has been prepared. Mine closure plan as per the guidelines of Ministry of Coal and on the basis of cluster concept is under preparation by Central Mine planning and Design Institute (CMPDI).
x	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 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 extent feasible and the embankment proposed along water body shall be strengthened with stone pitching taking into account the highest flood level, based on past data, so as to guard against mine inundation. The slope of the embankment shall at least 2:1 towards the ML. The height of the embankment shall be at least 3 m higher than the HFL. The embankment to be constructed by OB /solid waste shall be strengthened with stone pitching. Slope stability of the embankment shall be done by planting suitable grass and shrubs using native species selected from the study area.	It is being followed.
xi	Active OB dumps near water bodies and rivers should be rehandled for backfilling abandoned mine voids. However, those which have been biologically reclaimed need not be disturbed.	It is being complied.
xii	Thick green belt shall be developed along undisturbed areas, mine boundary and in mine reclamation. A total area of 1237.48ha shall be reclaimed and afforested.	It is being complied. Eco-restoration, plantation are being done for development of green belts as per EMP.
xiii	The road should be provided with avenue plantation on both side as trees act as sink of carbon and other pollutant.	It shall be complied.
xiv	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- II shall be implemented.	Dhanbad Action Plan is being implemented. The salient actions of this cluster 1. Covered transportation of coal. 2. Water sprinkling 3. Plantation. 4. Utilisation of surplus mine water
xv	The locations of monitoring stations in the	The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia

	<p>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, fly ash 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 suspended particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) 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.</p>	<p>Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.</p> <p>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. For the source apportionment study the action has been taken with help of CMPDIL. Presently ambient air is being monitored through BCCL own Laboratory at HQ level.</p>
xvi	<p>The Transportation Plan for conveyor-cum-rail for Cluster-II 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.</p>	<p>Action has been taken for formulating transportation plan for conveyor cum rail system of dispatch. CMPDIL has been requested to prepare the plan.</p> <p>By that time transportation is being done by covering vehicle with tarpaulin cover.</p>
xvii	<p>R&R of 1137 nos. of PAF's involved. They should be rehabilitated at cost of Rs 45.08 Crores as per the approved Jharia Action Plan.</p>	<p>It shall be complied BCCL is implementing CSR activities.</p>
xviii	<p>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.</p>	<p>It shall be complied. The work of monitoring will be done through Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad which is having CSIR laboratory recognized under the EP Rules. Presently CMPDI is monitoring the ground water level.</p> <p>The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.</p>
xix	<p>Regular monitoring of subsidence movement on the surface over and around the working area and impact on natural drainage pattern, water bodies, vegetation, structure, roads, and surroundings shall be continued till movement ceases completely. In case of observation of any high rate of subsidence movement, appropriate effective corrective</p>	<p>It shall be complied.</p>

	measures shall be taken to avoid loss of life and material. Cracks shall be effectively plugged with ballast and clayey soil/suitable material.	
xx	Sufficient coal pillars shall be left unextracted around the air shaft (within the subsidence influence area) to protect from any damage from subsidence, if any.	Presently OCP is working in this cluster.
xxi	High root density tree species shall be selected and planted over areas likely to be affected by subsidence.	It shall be complied.
xxii	Depression due to subsidence resulting in water accumulating within the low lying areas shall be filled up or drained out by cutting drains.	It shall be complied.
xxiii	Solid barriers shall be left below the roads falling within the blocks to avoid any damage to the roads.	Sufficient barriers are left as per the statute.
xxiv	No depillaring operation shall be carried out below the township/colony.	Presently OCPs are working in this cluster.
xxv	A detailed CSR Action Plan shall be prepared for Cluster II group of mines. Specific activities shall be identified for CSR for the budget of Rs 77.50 Lakhs per year @ Rs 5/T of coal provided for CSR for 2012-2013 and Rs. 5/T of coal as recurring expenditure. The 416.98 ha of area within Cluster II ML existing as 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. In addition to afforesting 1237.48 ha of area at the post-mining stage, the 122.18ha of fallow/abandoned land and 416.98 ha waste land /barren land within Cluster- II mining lease area shall be rehabilitated/ reclaimed as forest/agricultural land under CSR Plan in consultation with local communities. Third party evaluation shall be got carried out regularly for the proper implementation of activities undertaken in the project area under CSR. Issue raised in the Public Hearing shall also be integrated with activities being taken up under CSR. The details of CSR undertaken along with budgetary provisions for the village-wise various activities and expenditure thereon shall be uploaded on the company website	It shall be complied. BCCL is implementing CSR activities.

	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.	
xxvi	Details of transportation, CSR, R&R and implementation of environmental action plan for the clusters-II should be brought out in a booklet form within a year and regularly updated	It shall be complied
xxvii	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.	The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board . The monitoring will be done through Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad which is having CSIR laboratory recognized under the EP Rules. Presently mine water is being monitored through BCCL own Laboratory at HQ level.
xxviii	No groundwater shall be used for the mining activities. Additional water required, if any, shall be met from mine water or by recycling/reuse of the water from the existing activities and from rainwater harvesting measures. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry to dewatering of mine.	It is being complied and mine water is being used for the industrial purpose. Further Mine water is also utilized for the community and irrigation purposes. Following actions has been taken by the company 1. Utilisation of surplus mine water for irrigation purpose.
xxix	The void shall be converted into a water reservoir of a maximum depth of 15-20 m and shall be gently sloped and the upper benches of the reservoir shall be stabilised with plantation and the periphery of the reservoir fenced. The abandoned pits and voids should be backfilled with OB and reclaimed with plantation and or may be used for pisciculture.	It shall be complied. At the end of mining a part of the void will be converted into the water body as specified in EMP.
xxx	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.	It shall be complied. The work of monitoring will be done through Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad which is having CSIR laboratory recognized under the EP Rules. Presently CMPDI is monitoring the ground water level. The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.

xxxi	ETP shall also be provided for workshop, and CHP, if any. Effluents shall be treated to confirm to prescribe standards in case discharge into the natural water course.	Construction of Oil Grease Trap has been taken-up.
xxxii	The location of monitoring stations in the Jharia coalfield should be finalized in consultation with Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.	The locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.
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.	Being Complied. Presently a time series map of vegetation cover in the Jharia Coal Field is being carried out through CMPDI Ranchi. Further CMPDI has been requested to prepare "Time series of land use maps based on satellite imagery of the core zone and buffer zone in the scale 1:50000 for every 3 years.
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.	CMPDI, Ranchi has been requested to prepare clusterwise "Final Mine Closure Plan along with a Plan for Habitat Restoration and with details of Corpus Fund".
xxxv	A separate management structure 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

		<p>reports to the Director (Technical) and in turn he reports to the CMD of the company.</p> <p>The team is multi-disciplinary 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.</p>
xxxvi	<p>Corporate Environment Responsibility:</p> <p>a) The Company shall have a well laid down Environment Policy approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>A well defined Corporate Environment Policy has already been laid down and approved by the Board of Directors. This is also posted on BCCL website.</p> <p>Complied.</p> <p>A hierarchical system of the company to deal with environmental issues from corporate level to mine level already exists.</p> <p>Being complied.</p>
B	General Conditions by MOEF:	
i	No change in mining technology and scope of working shall be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.	Being complied.
ii	No change in the calendar plan of production for quantum of mineral coal shall be made.	Being complied.
iii	Four ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , SO ₂ and NO _x 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 locations of monitoring stations in the Jharia Coalfields have been finalized with the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.

	protective respiratory devices and they shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.	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) guideline.
xi	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 the company.	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 multi-disciplinary 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.
xiii	The Project authorities shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated	It has been complied.

	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 http://envfor.nic.in .	Advertisement in local newspaper is enclosed as annexure-B.
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 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 NO _x (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	Shall be complied.

	Authorities shall extend full cooperation to the office (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/information/monitoring reports.	
	The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31 march on form 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 email.	Being complied

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