



File No: SIA/MH/CMIN/576674/2026

State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Maharashtra

(Constituted as per the provision of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India)

Dated **04/07/2026**



To,

Prashant M. Lokhande
Western Coalfields Limited
Coal Estate Civil lines, Nagpur-440001 Coal Estate Civil lines, Nagpur-440001, CHANDRAPUR,
MAHARASHTRA, Civil Lines, Nagpur, 440001
gmenvironment.wcl@coalindia.in

Subject: Amendment in Environmental Clearance (EC) 24/04/2026 granted to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/MH/CMIN/576674/2026 dated 23/04/2026 for grant of an amendment in prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC26B0101MH5322363A
(ii) File No.	SIA/MH/CMIN/576674/2026
(iii) Clearance Type	Amendment in EC
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Gouri Deep expansion OC
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(x) EC Date	24/04/2026
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	NO
(xii) Status of implementation of the project	

Plot/Survey Khasra Nos.:

1. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1(Part A, B and C)/

EIA & EMP Reports were submitted to the SEIAA for an appraisal by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Appraisal Committee SEIAA under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Appraisal Committee SEIAA in the meeting held on 10/06/2026. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed from the PARIVESH portal by scanning the QR Code above or through the following web link [click here](#).
3. The brief about the reasons for an amendment requested along with comparison table illustrating the details of amendments are annexed to this letter as Annexure (1)
4. The brief about the reasons for an amendment requested along with comparison table illustrating the details of amendments are annexed to this letter as Annexure (1). The SEIAA, in its meeting held on 10/06/2026, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of amendment in Environment Clearance under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.
5. The MoEF&CC has examined the proposal in accordance with the extant provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Appraisal Committee hereby accords amendment in Environment Clearance dated 24/04/2026 for the instant proposal to M/s. Prashant M. Lokhande under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of EC conditions, general instructions issued vide EC letter dated 24/04/2026 and EC identification number EC26B0101MH5322363A and following additional specific conditions as mentioned below:
Additional Specific Condition:
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)

1. Specific Conditions

S. No	EC Conditions
1.1	<u>Specific Conditions:</u> 1. The project proponent shall ensure that the amendment in EC is restricted only to reduction in project area and no change in production capacity, mining method or project configuration shall be carried out without prior approval. 2. The project proponent shall ensure that the revised mine lease boundary (334.13 ha) is strictly followed during mining operations and no activity shall be carried out outside the approved area. 3. The project proponent shall update all relevant project documents, plans and statutory compliances in accordance with the revised EC area. 4. The project proponent shall ensure that all environmental safeguards and conditions stipulated in the existing EC dated 13.03.2015 shall remain applicable and complied with 5. The project proponent shall continue to implement pollution control measures, including dust suppression, water sprinkling and plantation, as per approved Environmental Management Plan. 6. The project proponent shall ensure that no additional land acquisition or R&R issue arises due to the proposed amendment.

S. No	EC Conditions
	7. The project proponent shall ensure that any future expansion or modification in the project shall be taken up only after obtaining necessary prior environmental clearance 8. The Project Proponent shall implement the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in letter and spirit and ensure continuous monitoring of environmental parameters. 9. The Project Proponent shall implement the Progressive Mine Closure Plan and ensure compliance with mine closure guidelines 10. The Committee suggested revising the existing provision towards Occupational Health & Safety to 10 lakh per year 11. The Project Proponent shall carry out regular ambient air quality monitoring in and around the mine lease area as per prescribed standards. 12. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the earlier Environmental Clearance dated 13.03.2015 shall remain unchanged and shall be strictly complied with by the Project Proponent.

Annexure 2

Amendment Logs

Description	Reference	Existing	Proposed / Amendment	Reason
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. SIA/MH/MIN/576674/2026
Environment & Climate Change
Department
Room No. 217, 2nd Floor,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400032.

To
M/s Western Coalfields Limited.
Villages Goigaon, Mutra and Antargaon (khurd),
Rajura Tehsil, Chandrapur District

Subject: Environmental Clearance Amendment Application for Gouri Deep Expansion OC with production capacity of 0.6 MTPA with reduction of area from 356.11 ha to 334.13 ha, located at villages Goigaon, Mutra and Antargaon (khurd), Rajura Tehsil, Chandrapur District by M/s Western Coalfields Limited. (Amendment in EC).

Reference: Application no. SIA/MH/MIN/576674/2026

This has reference to your communication on the above-mentioned subject. The proposal was considered by the SEAC-1 in its 372nd meeting under screening category 1 (a) B2 as per EIA Notification, 2006 and recommend to SEIAA. Proposal then considered in 342nd meeting of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) held on 10th June, 2026.

2. Brief Information of the project submitted by you is as below: -

S. No	Parameters	Details
A.	Meeting Details	
1.	Meeting No. / Item No.	Part-B, serial no.1
2.	Proposal No.	SIA/ MH/CMIN/576674/2026
B.	Project Details	
1.	Project Name	Gouri deep expansion OC
2.	Category	B1

3.	Project Proponent Name	Western Coalfields Limited Coal Estate Civil lines, Nagpur-440001 E-mail-gmenvironment.wcl@coalindia.in
4.	Project / Activity Cost (in ₹ Lakh)	Rs.4199.22 Lakhs
5.	Permanent Employment Generated	598 nos
C.	Consultant Details	
1.	Consultant Name	Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.
2.	NABET Certificate No.	QCI/NABET/EIA/25-28/RA 0412 dated 03.07.2025 (Enclosed as Annexure-I)
3.	NABET Validity	08.04.2028
D.	Project Information	
1.	Land Gat / Survey No.	Survey no's are detailed in Section 9(i) vide S.O. 964 dated 11.03.2002 & Section 11(i) Vide S.O. 1410, dated.02.05.2003 under the CBA (A&D) Act, 1957. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II)
2.	Village/Town	Goigaon, Mutra, Antargaon (Khurd)
3.	Taluka and District	Rajura, Chandrapur
4.	Project Area (Ha.)	• 356.11 ha as per Existing EC. • 334.13 ha as per actual Land Acquisition as per CBA (A&D) Act, 1957.
5.	Ownership Area as per 7/12 extracts (Ha.)	• Section 9(i) vide S.O. 964 dated 11.03.2002 & Section 11(i) Vide S.O. 1410, dated.02.05.2003 under the CBA (A&D) Act, 1957.

6.	8A Register-Total area (Ha.)	356.11 ha as per Existing EC. 334.13 ha as per actual Land Acquisition as per CBA (A&D) Act, 1957.
7.	Land use (Agriculture / Industrial / Barren)	Pre-Mining land use Land particulars CBA Act, 1957 (ha) Forest Act 1980 (ha) Total land Agriculture land 317.45 Nil 317.45 Govt/other 16.68 Nil 16.68 Forest Nil Nil Nil Total 334.13 Nil 334.13
8.	Terrain (Undulating / Plain / Hilly)	Plain land
E.	Environmental Sensitivity	
1.	Nearest Habitat / Village with Distance & Direction	- Goigaon village- 0.17 km, Towards Northeast - Antargaon Village – Along the mine boundary towards Northwest - Mutra village- 0.45 km, Towards South
2.	Sensitive Structures in the periphery of 200 m of coal Mine Quarry (School / Hospital / Residential / National / State Highway / Dam / River / Bridge etc.)	S.no Sensitive structure Distance (km) a. School 1 Z.P.Pry School Antargaon Kh 0.07 2 Z.P.pry School Goigaon 0.21 b. Habitation Distance (km) 3 Goigaon village 0.17 4 Antargaon Village 0.01 c. River Distance (km) 5 Gouri nallah Along the mine boundary towards western side.
3.	Whether Project village lies within Western Ghats ESA (Draft) Notification (Yes/No)	No
F.	Project Documents / Approvals	
1.	Corresponding Entry Number & Pg no.	Not Applicable

2.	Mining Plan Approval date & Validity Ref- Vide File No. CPAM-34011/28/2019-CPAM, Government of India, Ministry of Coal has delegated the authority to the Board of Directors of Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies, including WCL, for approval of Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan	# MP & PMCP Approval Vide resolution Dt. 1 Mining plan including Mine closure plan 28.02.2014 - Mining plan including Mine closure plan approved by WCL board of directors 2 Revised Mine closure plan as per MoC guidelines Jan'2025 WCL/Office of CS/BM-380/2025-26/712 dated 06.10.2025. 3 Land area Reduction from 356.11 ha to 334.13 ha WCL/Office of CS/BM-386/2026-27/78, dated. 21.04.2026
3.	Mine Slope Ratio & Cutting angle:	
	1. Mine slope ratio (Vertical: Horizontal)	37 °
	1. Designed slope stability ratio (minimum requirement not less than 1: 5)	37 °
	1. Proposed cutting angle (∞)	37 °
	1. Permissible cutting angle not exceeding 45°(Yes/No)	37 °
4.	Minable Total reserve quantity (Mte)	1.01 Mte (as on 01.04.2026)
5.	Excavation quantity (Million Tonne per Annum)	0.6 MTPA
6.	Life of Mine (years)	As per EC, life is up to FY 2029-30.
7.	Allowed Mining Depth (mts.)	130 m- ultimate depth
G.	EMP Provisions	

1.	Total Capital investment (in ₹)	Rs.293.00 Lakhs								
2.	Total Recurring Expenditure (in ₹)	Rs.107.55 lakhs/ year (Excluding plantation cost)								
3.	Air Pollution Control – Total Capital Cost (in ₹)	Rs. 253 lakhs.								
4.	Air Pollution Control – Total Recurring Cost (in ₹)	Rs.4 Lakhs/ year								
5.	Noise Pollution Control – Total Recurring Cost (in ₹)	Rs.2.00 Lakhs/ Year								
6.	Water Pollution Control – Total Capital Cost (in ₹)	Rs. 40 Lakhs								
7.	Water Pollution Control – Total Recurring Cost (in ₹)	Rs. 1 lakh/ year								
8.	Environmental Monitoring Cost (Annual) (in ₹)	Rs.94.55 Lakhs/ year								
9	Garland Drainage Execution Cost (in ₹)	Rs. 4 lakhs/ year (approx.).								
10	Occupational health & safety Recurring Cost (in ₹)	Rs.2 lakhs/ year								
11	Plantation expenditure till date (in ₹)	Rs. 135.66 Lakhs.								
H.	CER Provisions									
1	Total CER Budget (In Rs. Lakh)	During the grant of existing EC, there was no concept of CER. However, the activities against CER as mentioned in OM dated.01.05.2018 are being carried under CSR Activities in and around 25 km of the project area.								
2.	Proposed Activity (School / Health Centre / Gram Panchayat, etc) with Budget (in ₹ Lakh)	<table><tr><th>Financial Year</th><th>CSR Expenditure (Rs. lakhs)</th></tr><tr><td>2023-24</td><td>60.30</td></tr><tr><td>2024-25</td><td>379.35</td></tr><tr><td>2025-26</td><td>418.64</td></tr></table> It is pertinent to mention that all the activities like providing computers to nearby schools, digital library, construction of ponds, bio toilets, RO purifier at nearby villages are being carried out based on requirement of villages/	Financial Year	CSR Expenditure (Rs. lakhs)	2023-24	60.30	2024-25	379.35	2025-26	418.64
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		Gram Panchayat.
I.	Affidavits, Undertakings, Reports & Letters	
1.	Project consultant & EIA Coordinator (Undertaking) – Attached? (Yes/No)	Yes, as Annexure-III
2.	Affidavit on EC, EMP, CER Implementation – Attached? (Yes/No)	Yes, Affidavit is enclosed as Annexure- IV.

3. The proposal has been considered by SEIAA in its 342nd meeting held on 10th June, 2026 and decided to accord Environment Clearance to the said project under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 subject to implantation of following terms and conditions-

Specific Conditions:

A. SEAC Conditions-

1. The project proponent shall ensure that the amendment in EC is restricted only to reduction in project area and no change in production capacity, mining method or project configuration shall be carried out without prior approval.
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7. The project proponent shall ensure that any future expansion or modification in the project shall be taken up only after obtaining necessary prior environmental clearance
8. The Project Proponent shall implement the **Environmental Management Plan (EMP)** in letter and spirit and ensure continuous monitoring of environmental parameters.
9. The Project Proponent shall implement the **Progressive Mine Closure Plan** and ensure compliance with mine closure guidelines
10. The Committee suggested revising the existing provision towards Occupational Health & Safety to ₹10 lakh per year

11. The Project Proponent shall carry out regular ambient air quality monitoring in and around the mine lease area as per prescribed standards.
12. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the earlier **Environmental Clearance dated 13.03.2015** shall **remain unchanged** and shall be strictly complied with by the Project Proponent.

B. SEIAA Conditions-

Proposal is for amendment in Environment clearance. Proposal is recommended by SEAC-1 in its 372nd meeting dated 07.05.2026 for grant of Environment Clearance.

As per the recommendation given by SEAC-1 in its 372nd meeting, SEIAA decided to grant of amendment in Environmental Clearance (EC) for reduction in project area from 356.11 ha to 334.13 ha for Gouri Deep Expansion Opencast Coal Mine of M/s Western Coalfields Limited, under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, subject to compliance of specific conditions stipulated in SEAC, in addition to the standard conditions prescribed by MoEF&CC.

General Conditions:

- I. No hill cutting should be allowed during the quarrying. No aquifers should be disturbed either by blasting or by quarrying.
- II. Blasting crushing & transportation of crushed material should be carried out under covered conditions to avoid any kind of dust pollution.
- III. PP shall employ dust suppression measures by use of water sprinklers, foggers etc.
- IV. The PP shall undertake 2 rows of tree plantation along the lease boundary. Dust absorbing trees shall be planted.
- V. Quarrying allowed only in the recharge zone of hills, not in run off or storage zone. For this purpose, GSDA should be involved to carry out intensive geophysical survey to identify such recharge zone where quarrying can be allowed.
- VI. The mining plan shall be approved first before initiating any mining operations.
- VII. Discharge of sewage from quarry sites should be strictly controlled.
- VIII. The quarries to maintain benches of 60 slope in the cut, 6 m depth in cut and 6 m for the bench. 10. No dumping of material shall be allowed in the water resources of Nallas.
- IX. No quarrying should be allowed in the run-off zone of hilly areas.
- X. After mining extraction is completed, the existing pits on site must be filled up and the closure must be supervised and certified by the District Mining Officer.
- XI. No quarry shall be allowed within safe distance from any habitation or human activity.
- XII. District Collector will take bank guarantee of Rs. 2,00,000/- OR up to 2% of the annual royalty, whichever is higher, for the given lease from the lease holder to ensure the compliance of the conditions stipulated. In case of violation of stipulated conditions by project proponent bank guarantee so obtained shall be forfeited and legal action under the law should be initiated against such project proponent.
- XIII. It shall be ensured that there is no fauna dependent on the areas close to mining for its nesting.
- XIV. To prevent dust / particulate matter pollution, the lease holder shall take up tree plantation in an area 10 m from the boundary of the leased area and also on either side of the road leading to the quarry from the already surfaced road.
- XV. District Collector to ensure that the provisions stipulated in Maharashtra Minor Minerals Extraction (development and Regulation) Rules shall be strictly adhered to.
- XVI. The configuration of benches should be: 60 degrees slope in the cut, 6 mt depth for cut and 6 mt width for the bench. PP shall ensure that no quarrying is carried out in forest

or zudpi jungle. No water sources shall be affected due to quarrying activity. All labor engaged in quarrying will be provided with protective gears like mask, helmets, boots etc.

- XVII. District Collector to ensure that distance between one lease area and another lease area or clusters of lease area is more than 500 m.
 - XVIII. Project Proponent to ensure that vehicles transporting stone should not be overloaded beyond stated capacity also to ensure that there is no violation of the Hon'ble NGT, Hon'ble Supreme Court order given in related matters.
 - XIX. PP to prepare Mine closure plan and get it approved by the competent authority, PP will be held responsible personally for non-compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Environmental clearance and shall be liable for legal action under Environment (Protection) Act of 1986.
 - XX. Transport of stone should be by vehicles which are properly covered with Tarpaulin and it should not be overloaded.
 - XXI. The lease holder shall undertake adequate safeguard measures during extraction of material and ensure that due to this activity, the hydro-geological regime of the surrounding area is not affected. The depth of quarrying should be above the levels of aquifers to avoid the contamination/ degradation of water quality of aquifers. Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out around the mine lease area during the mining operation. If at any stage, it is observed that the groundwater table is getting depleted due to the mining activity; necessary corrective measures shall be carried out. District Collector/mining officer shall ensure this.
 - XXII. Effective safeguards, such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as loading and unloading point and all transfer points. Water sprinkling shall also be carried out on haul roads. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard. The status of implementation of measures taken shall be reported to Environment Department.
 - XXIII. This environmental clearance is issued subject to obtaining NOC from Forestry & Wild life angle including clearance from the standing committee of the National Board for Wild life as if applicable & this environment clearance does not necessarily implies that Forestry & Wild life clearance granted to the project which will be considered separately on merit.
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- 4. The environmental clearance is being issued without prejudice to the action initiated under EP Act or any court case pending in the court of law and it does not mean that project proponent has not violated any environmental laws in the past and whatever decision under EP Act or of the Hon'ble court will be binding on the project proponent. Hence this clearance does not give immunity to the project proponent in the case filed against him, if any or action initiated under EP Act.
 - 5. In case of submission of false document and non-compliance of stipulated conditions, Authority/ Environment Department will revoke or suspend the Environment clearance without any intimation and initiate appropriate legal action under Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
 - 6. The Environment department reserves the right to add any stringent condition or to revoke the clearance if conditions stipulated are not implemented to the satisfaction of the department or for that matter, for any other administrative reason.
 - 7. Validity of Environment Clearance: The prior Environmental Clearance granted for mining projects shall be valid for the project life as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty

years, whichever is earlier.

8. In case of any deviation or alteration in the project proposed from those submitted to this department for clearance, a fresh reference should be made to the department to assess the adequacy of the condition(s) imposed and to incorporate additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
9. The above stipulations would be enforced among others under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules there under, Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and its amendments, the public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and its amendments.
10. Any appeal against this Environment clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal (Western Zone Bench, Pune), New Administrative Building, 1st Floor, D-Wing, Opposite Council Hall, Pune, if preferred, within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.


Jayashree Bhoj (IAS)
(Member Secretary, SEIAA)

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1. Chairman, SEIAA (Maharashtra), Mumbai.
2. Secretary, MoEF & CC, IA- Division MOEF & CC
3. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
4. Regional Office MoEF & CC, Nagpur
5. District Collector, Akola.
6. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Amravati.



