



File No.: J-11015/299/2010-IA-II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate
Change
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To,

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Subject: **Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC (having production capacity of 6.125 MTPA within the ML area of 1255.55 ha), by M/s Western Coalfields Limited, located at village: Mugoli; Tehsil: Wani; District: Yavatmal; State: Maharashtra – Amendment in Environment Clearance - Regarding**

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to your online application vide proposal no. IA/MH/CMIN/582948/2026 dated 25.06.2026 along with EDS reply dated 07.07.2026 and written submission dated 21.08.2026 seeking for Amendment in Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter dated 12.06.2026 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.	EC26A0101MH5882422A
(ii) File No.	J-11015/299/2010-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	Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC (having production capacity of 6.125 MTPA within the ML area of 1255.55 ha), by M/s Western Coalfields Limited
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	Yavatmal, Maharashtra
(ix) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(x) EC Date	12/06/2026
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	NO

(xii) Status of implementation of the project

3. The instant proposal pertains to amendment of the Environmental Clearance granted to M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC (having production capacity of 6.125 MTPA within the ML area of 1255.55 ha), located at village: Mugoli; Tehsil: Wani; District: Yavatmal; State: Maharashtra. The project was accorded Environmental Clearance vide letter no. J-11015/38/2011-IA.II (M) dated 12.06.2026. Application for the said amendment was submitted by the PP on the Parivesh portal on 25.06.2026, followed by the EDS reply on 07.07.2026.

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	Status of implementation
1.	J-11015/299/2010- IA.II (M)	EC	4.375	1317.55	26.02.2020	Implemented
2.	J-11015/299/2010- IA.II (M)	EC	5.25	1267.55	11.01.2022	Implemented
3.	J-11015/299/2010- IA.II (M)	EC Amendment	5.25	1267.55	29.07.2024	Being implemented
4.	J-11015/299/2010- IA.II (M)	EC Amendment	5.25	1267.55	18.08.2025	Being implemented
5.	J-11015/38/2011- IA.II (M)	EC expansion	6.125	1255.55	12.06.2026	Being implemented

W.r.t. the previous approvals, the Project Proponent submitted the actual production details of the concerned mine and informed that the mine became operational from FY 2019-20 onwards. CTO renewal for 5.25 MTPA has been obtained from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) and is valid up to 31.03.2028, further CTO application of 6.125 MTPA is submitted to MPCB. The production details are as follows:

Year	Actual production (MTPA)	Planned Coal production in MTPA as per Environment Clearance	Excess production
2019-2020	4.1163	4.375	0
2020-2021	4.3153	4.375	0
2021-2022	4.167	5.25	0
2022-2023	4.3075	5.25	0
2023-2024	5.250	5.25	0
2024-2025	5.250	5.25	0
2025-2026	5.250	5.25	0

5. The details of the condition/ para for which amendment is sought and justification for the same is as follows:

Specific/ General Condition No.	Details of Conditions as per EC dated 12.06.2026	Amendment Sought	Justification
Specific Condition No. 1.4	The Project Proponent shall ensure that transportation of coal from the surface stockyard to the railway siding is carried out through the proposed closed conveyor system connected to the SILO loading system	The Project Proponent shall ensure that transportation of coal from the surface stockyard to the railway siding is carried out through the proposed closed conveyor system connected to the	The SILO loading system and railway siding were planned for commissioning by 30.06.2026 and all possible efforts were undertaken to achieve the committed timeline but due to following reason work is getting delayed: • Delay in execution due to unforeseen site constraints and logistic challenges. • Delays in transportation and movement of

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	and railway siding of the Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC Mine, which shall be commissioned by June 2026 , as committed during the meeting. Till commissioning of the said system, coal transportation may be undertaken through the temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mining lease area. No extension of timeline beyond June 2026 shall be considered for commissioning of the conveyor system, SILO loading system, and railway siding. Thereafter, coal transportation shall be carried out only through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.	SILO loading system and railway siding of the Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC Mine, which shall be commissioned by Dec 2026 . Till commissioning of the said system, coal transportation may be undertaken through the temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mining lease area. No extension of timeline beyond Dec 2026 shall be considered for commissioning of the conveyor system, SILO loading system, and railway siding. Thereafter, coal transportation shall be carried out only through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.	materials. • Slower progress of site activities due to limited availability of skilled contractor manpower for specialized jobs and difficulties in carrying out work at height. • Delayed supply of certain critical materials and equipment by vendors and contractors. Further, considering the onset of the monsoon season, additional time is required for: • Completion of the balance works. • Testing and trial runs of the SILO loading system and railway siding. • Performance validation and stabilization of the system prior to final commissioning.

6. Present coal transportation arrangement and status of the conveyor system, SILO loading system and railway siding:

The Project Proponent submitted that at present, the coal is being transported from Temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within mining lease area of mine. Thereafter, coal transportation shall be carried out only through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.

The work for construction of off pit conveyor belt system and silo loading system at Railway Siding is under progress. The status of both the activity is given below:

a) Railway siding: The work order for construction of Railway Siding was awarded to RITES on 15.01.2021 for Route length - 9.3 km and Track length - 13.9 km and total nos. of bridges 16 with DPR cost 332.86 Crs. Till date (as on 22.06.2026) payment made is for Rs. 281.03 Crores with 85 % physical progress of the work.

b) Off-pit conveyor system & Silo loading system: The work of construction of Silo Loading system was awarded on 16.02.2022 to contractor M/s Hamtek Technologies India Private Limited with capital investment of Rs 252.61 Crore. Till date (as on 22.06.2026), expenditure of Rs. 209.55 Cr has been incurred with 92 % physical progress of work.

In view of above, time extension for commissioning of Railway siding and SILO loading system is proposed to be extended till Dec 2026.

7. 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.

8. **Written Submissions:** During the meeting, PP submitted the following:

i. Justification for extension of timeline for completion of SILO and Railway Siding works: Additional time upto Dec 2026 is requested for completion of the remaining work due to ongoing delay in execution due to site constraints, logistical challenges, delayed supply of critical materials by vendors, limited availability of skilled contractor manpower for specialized jobs, and reduced output of work due to high working height of SILO.

ii. Additional mitigation measure proposed are given below:

a. *Solar Power plant:*

A 400 KWP solar power plant is proposed along with SILO construction.

b. *Plantation:*

During FY 2026-27, plantation of 97500 Nos. sapling is already being undertaken in the mine. In addition, 25,000 nos more saplings will be planted, taking total plantation to 1,22,500 saplings.

c. *Grass seeding:*

Grass seeding will be carried out on the slopes of the OB dumps as well as along the embankment throughout the entire length of the railway track connecting to the Silo.

Deliberations and Observation of the Committee:

9. *The Committee noted the following:*

i. The instant proposal is for amendment of the Environmental Clearance granted to M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC, having a production capacity of 6.125 MTPA within a mine lease area of 1,255.55 ha, located at village Mungoli, Tehsil Wani, District Yavatmal, Maharashtra. The project was accorded Environmental Clearance vide letter No. J-11015/38/2011-IA.II (M) dated 12.06.2026.

ii. The Committee noted the details of the previous Environmental Clearances/amendments accorded to the project and the status of their implementation. The Committee also noted that the mine has been operational since FY 2019-20 and that the actual coal production remained within the production capacity stipulated in the respective Environmental Clearances during FY 2019-20 to FY 2025-26, with no excess production reported. The Committee further noted that CTO for 5.25 MTPA has been obtained from MPCB and is valid up to 31.03.2028, while the application for CTO for the revised capacity of 6.125 MTPA has been submitted to MPCB.

iii. The Committee deliberated on the amendment sought in Specific Condition No. 1.4 of the EC dated 12.06.2026, wherein the Project Proponent has sought extension of the timeline for commissioning of the off-pit conveyor system, SILO loading system and railway siding from June 2026 to December 2026. The Committee noted that, till commissioning of the said system, coal transportation is permitted through the temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mine lease area, and thereafter transportation is required to be carried out through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.

iv. The Committee took a serious view of the request, noting that the Environmental Clearance for expansion of the project was accorded only on 12.06.2026, wherein the commissioning of the closed conveyor system, SILO loading system and railway siding by June 2026 had been specifically deliberated and the Project Proponent had confidently committed to the said timeline. The Committee observed that seeking an extension within such a short period, immediately after grant of the expansion EC, raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of planning and assessment of the project at the time of appraisal and the basis on which the commitment was made before the Committee. The Committee further observed that such repeated requests for extension, particularly soon after the matter has been deliberated and decided, result in avoidable re-appraisal, Committee's time and resources, and delay in achieving the environmentally preferable mode of coal transportation. The Committee advised the Project Proponent to ensure that such commitments are made only after due assessment of the feasibility and realistic timelines for completion of the associated infrastructure.

v. The Committee considered the justification submitted by the Project Proponent for the delay in commissioning of the SILO loading system and railway siding. The Committee noted that the delay has been attributed to site constraints and logistic challenges, delays in movement of materials, limited availability of skilled manpower, difficulties in carrying out work at height, and delayed supply of critical materials and equipment. The Committee further noted that the Project Proponent has sought additional time citing the onset of the monsoon for completion of balance works, testing and trial runs, and performance validation and stabilization of the system prior to commissioning.

vi. The Committee noted the present coal transportation arrangement wherein coal is being transported from the surface stockyard to the Temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mine lease area. The Committee further noted that, upon commissioning of the proposed system, coal transportation is envisaged to be carried out through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through the permitted road sale mode.

vii. The Committee noted that the work for the railway siding and SILO loading system is under progress. The railway siding work comprises a route length of 9.3 km, track length of 13.9 km and 16 bridges, and had achieved 85% physical progress as on 22.06.2026. The SILO loading system had achieved 92% physical progress as on 22.06.2026. The Committee noted the progress of the works and the request of the Project Proponent for extension of the commissioning timeline up to December 2026.

viii. The Committee noted the additional mitigation measures proposed by the Project Proponent, including installation of a 400 kWp solar power plant along with the SILO construction, plantation of 1,22,500 saplings during FY 2026-27, and grass seeding on the slopes of OB dumps and along the embankment throughout the railway track connecting to the SILO.

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-11015/38/2011-IA.II (M) dated 12.06.2026, as detailed below, subject to stipulation of the additional specific conditions (**Annexure-I**):

Conditions as per EC dated 12.06.2026	Description as per approved EC dated 12.06.2026	Recommendation of EAC
Specific Condition No. 1.4	The Project Proponent shall ensure that transportation of coal from the surface stockyard to the railway siding is carried out through the proposed closed conveyor system connected to the SILO loading system and railway siding of the Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC Mine, which shall be commissioned by June 2026, as committed during the meeting. Till commissioning of the said system, coal transportation may be undertaken through the temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mining lease area. No extension of timeline beyond June 2026 shall be considered for commissioning of the conveyor system, SILO loading system, and railway siding. Thereafter, coal transportation shall be carried out only through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.	Agreed. EAC agreed to amend the said condition as follows: <i>“The Project Proponent shall ensure that transportation of coal from the surface stockyard to the railway siding is carried out through the proposed closed conveyor system connected to the SILO loading system and railway siding of the Mungoli Nirguda Extension Deep OC Mine, which shall be commissioned by December 2026. Till commissioning of the said system, coal transportation may be undertaken through the temporary Mungoli Railway Siding located within the mine lease area. No further extension of timeline beyond December 2026 shall be considered for commissioning of the conveyor system, SILO loading system and railway siding. Thereafter, coal transportation shall be carried out only through the approved conveyor-cum-rail transportation system, except for dispatch of auctioned coal through permitted road sale mode.”</i>

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 12.06.2026 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 12.06.2026 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 issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)

1. Additional Specific Condition:

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1.1	The Project Proponent shall undertake plantation of 1,22,500 saplings during FY 2026-27, including the 97,500 saplings already under implementation and an additional 25,000 saplings, with adequate measures for maintenance, gap filling and ensuring high survival rate. The status of plantation shall be submitted to MoEFCC and its Regional Office along with the compliance report.
1.2	The Project Proponent shall undertake grass seeding on the slopes of OB dumps and along the embankment throughout the entire length of the railway track connecting to the SILO, and shall ensure its proper establishment and maintenance to control soil erosion and fugitive dust emissions.
1.3	The Project Proponent shall install and commission a 400 kWp solar power plant in association with

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	the SILO loading system, ensuring that the solar panels are suitably positioned and oriented to receive adequate solar exposure throughout the day and are installed at locations with adequate accessibility for regular cleaning, maintenance and inspection. The status of installation and commissioning shall be reported in the subsequent compliance reports.

