

File No.103/8/2015/NA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o Nominated Authority

Room No. 120, F -Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated: October 19, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of Meeting held on 12.10.2022 at 03:00 pm under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority to review the future plan of coal production from the Captive Coal Blocks allotted to M/s WBPDCCL.

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The undersigned is directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the minutes of meeting held on 12.10.2022 at 03:00 pm under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority to review the future plan of coal production from the Captive Coal Blocks allotted to M/s WBPDCCL, for information and necessary action.

Encl. as above



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Minutes of Meeting held on 12.10.2022 at 03:00 pm under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority to review the future plan of coal production from the Captive Coal Blocks allotted to M/s WBPDCCL.

List of participants is at Annexure A

At the outset, Nominated Authority welcomed representatives of M/s WBPDCCL. The meeting was convened to review the future plan of coal production from the Captive Coal Blocks allotted to M/s WBPDCCL. Coal production target of the Captive coal blocks allotted to the M/s WBPDCCL is 19.5 MT for the year 2022-23.

2. The brief of the coal mine wise discussion held in the meeting is as under:-

a. Pachhwara (North)

Submission of representative of M/s WBPDCCL:

Due to want of FC Stage-2, coal production is going on from non-forest area only. The proposal of FC -II has been recommended by Jharkhand Govt to MoEF&CC. Reply to the queries raised by MoEF&CC has been submitted and approval of FC Stage-2 from MoEF&CC is expected within 2 weeks. After FC Stage-2 approval, they will try to obtain CTE/CTO and Mining Lease for forest area as quickly as possible.

Revised Mine Plan/Mine closure Plan for the complete mine area including forest area has been prepared and they are in process of getting approval of the board of the company. They will submit the revised Mine Plan/Mine Closure Plan to CCO for approval in next 15 days.

Allottee further informed that a minimum of 3 months' time will be taken in starting mining operation in forest area from time of getting FC-II and they are expecting to produce 12.378 MT in current year against the annual target of 15 MT.

Comments of NA:

Allottee should have prepared and submitted revised Mine Plan/Mine Closure Plan for the whole area long back and they have unnecessarily delayed it. Allottee was advised to submit revised Mine Plan/Mine Closure Plan without further delay. They were advised to fulfill the coal production target for current year as committed by them in April 2022.

b. Barjora (North)

Submission of representative of M/s WBPDCCL:

Due to very high stripping ratio and severe rainfall, coal production has been affected in first half of the current financial year. However, they will achieve the target coal production of 2.0 MT during current financial year.

Comments of NA:

It was advised to ramp up coal production during post monsoon period and achieve the overall target for WBPDCCL by March 2023 as committed by them.

c. Tara (East & West)

Submission of representative of M/s WBPDCCL:

Prior MDO (i.e. SICAL Mining Limited) has become bankrupt. Bidding process were initiated

multiple times for selection of new MDO. Finally, board of the company has given approval of MDO and the proposal has been sent to West Bengal Govt for its approval. File is pending with Finance department of West Bengal Govt.

Allottee informed that they will make all out effort for starting mining operation immediately after appointment of MDO.

Comments of NA:

Expedite the process of appointment of MDO which is long pending and shall produce 0.5 MT Coal in this Financial Year.

d. Gangaramchak and Gangaramchak Bhadulia

Submission of representative of M/s WBPDCCL:

PRC (1 MTPA) has already been achieved. Applied for EC amendment for capacity enhancement up to 1.5 MTPA to MoEF&CC, however, EAC deferred the proposal and asked to submit the mine plan approved by CCO and comply with some other conditions. Meanwhile, they have submitted the revised Mine plan/Mine closure Plan for PRC of 3 MTPA to CCO.

Comments of Director(Tech)/NA:

During a recent meeting, MoEF&CC has been briefed about the guideline issued by MoC regarding Mine Plan/Mine Closure and its provision related to enhancement in annual production capacity. As MoEF&CC has agreed to look into this again, it is advised to produce to the capacity to be enhanced.

e. Deocha Pachami and Dewanganj Harinsingha

Submission of representative of M/s WBPDCCL:

Exploration started by CMPDIL on 14.07.2022. Boreholes in Dewanganj Harinsingha are already completed and GR is under preparation. Boreholes drilling work in Deocha Pachami is expected to be completed by 2023.

Comments of NA:

Nominated Authority advised to start the selection process of MDO as soon as possible.

3. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure A**List of Participants:****From Ministry of Coal**

Sl. No.	Name and Designation
1.	Shri M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority
2.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Director/NA
3	Shri Marapally Venkatsarlu, Director(Tech)/NA
4	Shri Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary
5	Shri Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager (Mining)
6	Shri Prince Kumar, Dy. Executive Engineer
7.	Shri Harish Chand, Manager, Manager
8	Smt. Uma Chakrawarti, Management Analyst
9	Shri Ramawtar Kumar Yadav, Management Analyst

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/s WBPDC

Sl. No.	Name and Designation
1.	Shri Debal Gangopadhyay, Advisor(Mining)
2.	Shri Priyant Kumar, Regional officer