

**F.No-104/22/2023-NA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o Nominated Authority

120, F- Wing, First Floor, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi,
Dated: 19.12.2025

To,

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Sub: - Termination of CBDPA Agreement and Allocation Order in respect of North West of Madheri coal block allotted to M/s. MHNRL under 6th Tranche of MMDR Act,1957

Ref: 1. Coal Block Development and Production Agreement (CBDPA) dated 29.03.2023.
2. Allocation Order dated 08.06.2023.
3. MHNRL letter dated 28.08.2024, 20.03.2025 & 01.12.2025.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the allocation order No- NA-104/22/2022-NA dated 08.06.2023 issued in favour of M/s MH Natural Resources Private Limited (MHNRL) and the Coal Block Development and Production Agreement (CBDPA) executed on 29.03.2023 for North West of Madheri coal block located in the state of Maharashtra.

2. M/s MHNRL, vide letter dated 28.08.2024 and 20.03.2025, requested for relinquishment of the North West of Madheri Coal Block citing technical non-feasibility and non-viability of coal block. The matter was kept in abeyance due to pending preparation and approval of the Geological Report, in accordance with Clause 5.3.2.3 (a) of the CBDPA. Subsequently, upon the approval of the Geological Report on 12.03.2025, M/s MHNRL reiterated their request for surrender of North West of Madheri Coal block on 01.12.2025 in pursuant to clause 26.3.4 of CBDPA.

3. MHNRL vide their letter dated 01.12.2025 has cited several geological constraints pursuant to clause 26.3.4 of CBDPA, stating that only 5.04 sq. km out of the total 36.61 sq. km area is coal-bearing, with actual reserves of merely 9 MT as against the estimate of 200 MT. The allocatee also highlighted that the remaining area is also non-coal bearing, consisting predominantly of Deccan Traps and Lameta Formations underlain by the Vindhyan Formation. It was further noted that the stripping ratio is significantly high as 1:82, and the coal seams are geologically inconsistent, being disrupted by 12 faults.

4. The said request was examined in consultation with CMPDIL and Technical Division, and it was observed that the geological constraints are beyond the control of the allocatee and due to the same the mining operation has been impeded, thereby attracting **Clause 26.3.4** of the CBDPA which states

" In case the Successful Bidder faces severe impediment in mining operation owing to factors beyond its control such as difficult mining conditions arising out of geological features, issues in land acquisition including law and order issues and protests against land acquisition, declaration of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, eco-sensitive zones, high conservation value areas, environmental constraints due to specific conditions in Environment Clearance / Forest Clearance, then the request

for surrender for the Coal Mine and termination of the Agreement shall be examined on a case-to-case basis. In case Nominated Authority elects to terminate this Agreement under this clause, then i) the Performance Security submitted by the Successful Bidder shall not be forfeited; ii) the balance Upfront Amount, if any, after adjustment of Monthly Payments in accordance with Clause 9.4 and compensation to Prior Allottee shall not be refunded; and (iii) any pending show-cause notices issued by Nominated Authority shall stand withdrawn.

The Successful Bidder shall not be entitled to any other benefits under this Agreement but would continue to be liable towards any antecedent liability, all obligations accrued before the effective date of the surrender/ termination and for the obligations that must be fulfilled after termination."

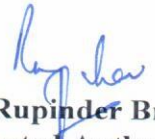
5. Accordingly, in view of the above, the request of MHNRL for surrender of North West of Madheri Coal block has been accepted and the Nominated Authority hereby elects to terminate the agreement dated 29.03.2023 in pursuant to Clause 26.3.4 of CBDPA.

6. Accordingly, this communication may be treated as a formal Notice of Termination of CBDPA dated 29.03.2023. Consequent to such termination, the entire Performance Bank Guarantee amounting to **Rs. 11,00,40,000/-** (Rupees Eleven Crores Forty Thousand Only) available with the Office of Nominated Authority shall be returned.

7. Further, MHNRL shall cease to have any right, title, or claim in respect of the Northwest of Madheri Coal block and shall continue to remain liable for all obligations and liabilities accrued prior to the effective date of termination.

8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Rupinder Brar)

Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority

Copy to: -

1. The Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra-for information.
2. CMD, CMPDIL.
3. Deputy Secretary (P&S)/MoC-for information
4. Coal Controller, CCO, MoC, Scope Minar,5th Floor, Core-II, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi.
5. Legal Cell, MoC.
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