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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA Division

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Jorbagh Road, N Delhi-3
Dated: 24th May, 2019

To,

The Assistant Vice-President (Corporate-Affairs)
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Sub: Gare-Palma IV/4 Coal Block of capacity 1 MTPA of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited located in District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) - Amendment in Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to your online proposal No.IA/CG/CMIN/7679/2010 dated 25th January, 2019 on the above-mentioned subject.


2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted environmental clearance vide letter dated 12th March, 2013 in favour of M/s Jayaswal Neco Industries to Gare-Palma IV/4 Coal Block of production capacity 1 MTPA (0.6 MTPA Underground & 0.4 MTPA Opencast) in mine lease area of 701.512 ha located in District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh).
3. Subsequent to cancellation of coal blocks pursuant to order of Hon'ble Supreme Court in August/September, 2014 and their reallocation to successful bidders, Gare-Palma IV/4 coal block was vested with M/s Hindalco Industries Limited vide Allotment Order No.104/16/2015/NA dated 23rd March, 2015 issued by the Nominated Authority in the Ministry of Coal. The said environmental clearance was accordingly transferred to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited vide this Ministry's letter dated 16th April, 2015.
4. M/s Hindalco Industries Limited has sought amendment in the said environmental clearance for change in mining operations (Underground from 0.6 to 0.44 MTPA and Opencast from 0.4 to 0.56 MTPA) with the total capacity remains at 1 MTPA in the same mine lease area of 701.512 ha. Revised Mining Plan has the approval of Ministry of Coal vide letter dated 13th December, 2018.
5. The EAC, in its meeting held on 21st February, 2019, has recommended the proposed amendment for change in mining operations, and thus amendment in the environmental clearance dated 12th March, 2013, read with communication dated 16th April, 2015, with all other conditions stipulated therein remaining the same. With the proposed restructuring, mining operations would be revised as under:-

Mining method	Proposed Production Capacity
Opencast	0.56 MTPA (Increase by 0.16 MTPA)
Underground	0.44 MTPA (Decrease by 0.16 MTPA)



6. Based on recommendations of the EAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for amendment in environmental clearance dated 12th March, 2013, read with communication dated 16th April, 2015, to Gare-Palma IV/4 Coal Block of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited located in District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh), to effect change in mining operations as stated in para 5 above, with the total capacity remains at 1 MTPA in the same mine lease area of 701.512 ha.

7. All other conditions stipulated in environmental clearance granted vide letter dated 12th March, 2013, read with communication dated 16th April, 2015, shall remain unchanged.


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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Secretariat, Raipur
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, E-2/240 Arera Colony, Bhopal - 462016
4. The Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Environment Conservation Board, 1-Tilak Nagar, Shiv Mandir Chowk, Main Road, Avanti Vihar, Raipur- 492001(Chhattisgarh)
7. The District Collector, Raigarh, Government of Chhattisgarh
8. Monitoring File 9. Guard File 10. Record File