


# MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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No. BO/MPCB/JD (APC)/ EIC No.CH-1078-12/Refusal/TB-1/B-966 Date: 08/07/2013.

To,  
M/s. Western Coal Fields Limited,  
Mungoli Open Cast Mine, Mungoli Sub-Area,  
Post-Sakhra (Kolgaon), Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavatmal.

**Sub :** Refusal of Consent to Operate for expansion project of the coal mine from 1.55 million ton per annum (mtpa) to 4.0 mtpa- under Section 27 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules 2008.

**Ref :** 1. SRO Nagpur-II consent processing report No.C-310/2012 dated 26.12.2012.  
2. Consent Appraisal Committee (CAC) meeting held on 19.03.2013.  
3. Consent to establish for expansion project of coal mine from 1.55 mtpa to 4.0 mtpa refused by Board vide letter No. MPCB/JD (APC)/TB-1/B-399 dated 25.04.2012.  
4. Show cause notice issued by Board vide No. BO/MPCB/JD (APC)/ EIC No.CH-1205-13/SCN/TB-1/B-1849 dated 10.04.2013.  
5. Your reply of SCN dated 18.04.2013.  
6. SRO Chandrapur report No.MPC/SROC/924/2013 dated 6.5.2013.  
7. CAC meeting held on 27.06.2013.

WHEREAS, Board has granted Consent to Operate for the existing mine under Section 26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974; under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Hazardous Wastes (Management Handling & Transboundary Movement ) Rules, 2008 to your unit stipulating conditions to be adhered to by the industry.

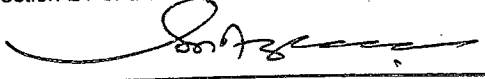
AND WHEREAS, You have applied for consent to operate for expansion project of the coal mine from 1.55 million ton per annum (mtpa) to 4.0 mtpa. AND WHEREAS your case was discussed in CAC held on 19.03.2013 & not approved consent to operate for expansion. AND WHEREAS The Board has already refused the consent to establish for expansion of mine for non satisfying the RRZ policy. Now the industry has applied for consent to operate, hence It was decided not to grant consent. Industry has already increased the mining activity for expanded capacity without permission of the Board. Hence it is also decided to issue stop work order.

AND WHEREAS, Board has issued show cause notice for refusal of consent as per the decision taken in CAC dated 19.03.2013 vide letter under reference 4. AND WHEREAS the reply of SCN submitted by you vide letter dated 18.4.2013 is not satisfactory.

AND WHEREAS, your case was again discussed in CAC meeting held on 27.06.2013 & not approved consent to operate for expansion. AND WHEREAS In CAC meeting held on 27.06.2013, it was decided to refuse consent to first operate for expansion and direct Regional Officer Chandrapur to issue closure direction to the unit.

AND WHEREAS, you have violated the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, & Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

In view of the above, your application for **Consent to Operate** for expansion project of the coal mine from 1.55 million ton per annum (mtpa) to 4.0 mtpa is hereby refused under Section 27 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

  
(V.M.Motghare)  
Member Secretary

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1. **Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur-** You are hereby directed to issue closure direction to the industry as per the decision taken in CAC meeting held on 27.06.2013 & submit the action taken report within 7 days.
2. **Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur-** He is directed to serve the copies of refusal order and ensure the compliance and report urgently.