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No. BO/CAC-CELL/RO(Pune)/Refusal/~~73~~-

CAC-1873

Date: 18/09/2014

To,
Western Coal Fields Ltd.,
Gondegaon Open Cast Mine,
Post Gongegaon, Tal. Parseoni,
Dist. Nagpur

Sub: Refusal of Renewal of consent to Operate with increase in capital investment under Section 27 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Ref: 1. Your application for Renewal of consent with increase in capital investment dated 06/11/13.
2. SCN for Refusal of consent to Operate issued vide dtd 26.06.2014
3. Your reply to SCN vide dtd 14.07.2014
4. Verification report of SRO, Nagpur-I vide mail dtd 26.08.2014
5. CAC meeting held on 28.08.2014.

Board has granted consent to Operate to your unit with certain terms & conditions therein which was valid upto 31.12.2013. WHEREAS NOW, you have applied for grant of Renewal of consent with increase in capital investment as per the provisions of Section 26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008.

AND WHEREAS, your case has been discussed in the Consent Appraisal Committee meeting held on 12/06/2014 and the Consent Appraisal Committee had decided to issue SCN for refusal of consent for non-compliances reported. The show cause notice for Refusal of consent was issued vide reference No. (2).

AND WHEREAS, you have replied to the Show Cause Notice issued by the Board vide 14.7.2014 vide ref 3 above. AND WHEREAS, your case was again placed before CAC meeting held on 28.08.2014 along with the verification report submitted by SRO, Nagpur-I vide ref 4 above of the non-compliances observed during the investigation of the complaints received about pollution due to overburden (OB dump) resulting into damaging crops in surrounding area as below:

1. Water sprinkling arrangement not provided to both OB dumps
2. Trucks were not fully covered with tarpolene.
3. Not operating mobile tanker for haul road and coal transportation road.
4. Fugitive emissions observed.

5. Discharge of blackish coloured water in local stream ultimately meeting to Kanhanriver and it was decided to issue final Refusal of renewal of consent with increase in capital investment due to above non-compliances.

In view of above, your application for grant of consent with increase in capital investment is hereby refused under Section 27 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008.

You may prefer Appeal against the refusal order passed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, in case aggrieved by this order, to Appellate Authority within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the Refused order.


(Rajeev Kumar Mital, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy for information & necessary action:

- 1) Regional Officer, M.P.C.B., Nagpur – He is directed to issue appropriate directions to the industry after appeal period is over as per CAC decision, (Copy of CAC minutes dated 28.08.2014 is enclosed herewith) and submit the report accordingly.
- 2) Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B., Nagpur-I – for information and necessary follow-up action.