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To,

The Deputy Director/Scientist-C,
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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Aranya Bhawan, Jhalana Dungri,
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Sub: Six monthly compliance report of Environmental Clearance for Sonari Lignite Mines, Distt. Barmer (Rajasthan) for the period of October-2024 to March-2025.

Dear Sir,

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Arun Singh)
Group General Manager (Lignite)
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2. The Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, 4, Institutional Area, Jhalana Dungri, Jaipur, e-mail- member-secretary@rpcb.nic.in
3. Dy.General Manager (System), Corporate Office Udaipur to upload on RSMML website

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Name of the Project: Sonari Lignite Project, District Barmer (Rajasthan)

Project Code: Thermal & Coal

Clearance letter No. J-11015/186/2006-IA.II(M) dated 17th July, 2007

Period of Compliance Report: October 2024 to March 2025

S.No	(A) Specific Conditions:	Status of implementation:
I.	Mining shall be carried out as per statuette at a safe distance from the villages located within the mine lease area.	Lignite mining is carried out as per statuette & at safe distance from the villagers located within the mining lease area.
II.	Top Soil shall be stacked properly with proper slope at earmarked site (s) and should not be kept active and shall be used for reclamation and development of green belt.	Top soil is being stacked separately at earmarked site and is being used for reclamation & rehabilitation of the mined out areas.
III.	OB should be stacked at earmarked one external OB dumpsite within ML area for three years only and shall be a maximum height of 30 M only and consist of three benches of 10 M each. The ultimate slope of the dump shall not exceed 28°. The OB dumps shall be vegetatively reclaimed. Monitoring and management of reclaimed dumpsite should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Compliance status should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and its Regional Office located at Lucknow on a yearly basis.	Over-burden has been dumped at earmarked site as proposed in EIA & EMP and an overall slope of 28° is being maintained. Partial backfilling has commenced. Monitoring and management of rehabilitation areas will continue till the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Status of compliances is being sent regularly.
IV.	Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from soil, OB and mineral dumps. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly desilted and maintained properly.	Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate sizes have been constructed to arrest silt and sediments flows from OB dump and mineral dumps. The water so collected will be utilized for watering & spraying in the mine area, roads & for green belt development and the drains will be regularly maintained.

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	Garland drains (size, gradient and length) and sump capacity should be designed keeping 50% safety margin over and above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine site. Sump capacity should also be provided adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material.	maintained properly. The Garland drains sump capacity has been constructed keeping in view 50% over & above safety margin for peak sudden rainfall & proper settling of silt material is also being allowed.
V.	Dimension of the retaining wall at the toe of the dumps and OB benches within the mine to check run-off and siltation should be based on the rainfall data.	Dimension of the retaining is Height 2 Mtrs. X 1 Mtr. Width & 1 Km. Length. To check run of siltation is being provided based on rainfall data.
VI.	Permanent haul roads shall be metal topped. Water sprinkling system should be provided to check fugitive emissions haulage roads, transfer points, etc.	Regular water sprinkling / spraying system has been provided to check fugitive emissions at haulage roads and transfer points with the help of 20 KL water tanker available at the site and daily water dust suppression by water spraying under the control of mines manager and shift incharge and check on regular basis.
VII.	Mining shall not involve drilling and blasting operations. No lignite handling plant or washery shall be installed in the ML without prior permission of the Ministry.	No drilling & blasting is needed for lignite mining because formation of over burden is soft. No lignite handling plant & washery is installed in the mining lease area .
VIII.	The total area brought under afforestation at the end of mine life (post mining land use) shall not be less than 775 ha. and shall include reclaimed external OB dump, reclaimed quarry area, green belt including plantation along ML boundary, roads, around infrastructure area and vacant /	Total area to be brought under afforestation at the end of mine life will not be less than 775 Hect. and shall include reclaimed area, green belt including plantation along ML boundary, roads, around infrastructure area and vacant /

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	undisturbed area by planting native species in consultation with the local DFO / Agriculture Department. The density of the trees should be around 2000 plants per Ha. Plant species selected shall be local species suitable for growth in arid climatic conditions.	undisturbed area; by planting native species in consultation with DFO / Agricultural Deptt. The density of the trees have kept as per the norms of MoEF clearance. 8000 Nos. plants planted different species like Acacia, Nilotica, Acaciatoralis, Neem, Sisam etc.
IX.	Backfilling shall begin from 3 rd year of mining operations. A Progressive Mine Closure Plan shall be implemented from the 3 rd Year of mining operation and the OB generated shall be backfilled. Plantation shall be developed over the backfilled area.	Backfilling begin from November, 2014, i.e. at the end of 3 rd year of Mining operations. Progressive mining closure plan shall be implemented from the 3 rd year of mining operation and OB generated will be backfilled & plantation will be undertaken in the backfilled area simultaneously.
X.	The project authorities shall provide for grazing, if required, in the reclaimed land / quarry area, in consultation with local villagers.	RSMM will provide areas for grazing, if required.
XI.	Prior approval of the competent authority such as the SGWB / CGWA shall be obtained for using ground water for the project.	Prior approval will be taken for using ground water for the project if required.
XII.	Mining shall not intersect ground water. A detailed hydro-geological study of the impact of mining on the ground water regime shall be prepared and submitted to Ministry within two years of grant of this environmental clearance.	No groundwater table is likely to be intersected during mining. A detailed hydro-geological study of the impact of mining on the ground water regime has already been submitted to the Ministry along with EIA & EMP Report.
XIII.	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and construction of new peizometers. The monitoring for quantity should be done four times a year in pre-monsoon (May), Monsoon (August), post monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons and for quality in May. Data thus	There are no wells around the village and the mine area because there is no availability of ground water. The drinking water source is about 15 kms away from the mines' site at Bharka. Digitally signed by Arun Singh Designation: Group General Manager

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	<p>collected should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and to the Central Pollution Control Board quarterly within one month of monitoring.</p> <p>The project proponent shall undertake continuous monitoring/surveillance of quality of mine seepage water to address the impact of mining on ground water regime on long-term basis. During Post-mining period, the proponent shall undertake monitoring of mine pit water quality and ground water regime in the area on a long term basis (for at least three years) to assess the impact of mining during post mining period. The proponent shall also carry out appropriate treatment technology of mine water in case of Acid Mine Drainage problem resulting from high sulphur labels from lignite/rocks and treatment of TDS to prescribe levels before discharge of mine water outside the premises during mining operation. Prior approval of SGWB/CGWA shall be obtained in case of abstraction of groundwater in the core zone and in the over exploited buffer zone, which are critical/semi critical from exploitation of groundwater. (As per Modification Letter dated 13.08.2010)</p>	<p>There is no mine seepage in the mining area and there is no Acid Mine Drainage. There is no need of Prior approval of SGWB/CGWA because there is no availability of ground water in mining area.</p>
XIV.	<p>The company shall put up artificial ground water recharge measures for augmentation of ground water resource. The project authorities should meet water requirement of nearby village (s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.</p>	<p>Ground water recharge measures have been proposed, which are under progress. There are no wells around the village & mine area; because, there is no availability of ground water. Drinking water source is about 15 kms. away from the mine site i.e. at Bharka (PHED tubewell).</p>

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XV.	ETP should also be provided for workshop treating workshop effluents and an STP for the colony and only treated effluents meeting prescribed standards shall be discharged out of ML area.	There is no colony at mine site & all the employees are living in Barmer town. The existing contractor not having any workshop only washing of machinery at Camp Site.
XVI.	For monitoring land use pattern and for post mining land use, a time series of land-use maps, based on satellite imagery (on a scale of 1 : 5,000) of the core zone and buffer zone, from the start of the project until end of mine life shall be prepared once in 3 years (for any one particular season which is consistent in the time series), and the report submitted to MoEF and its Regional Office at Lucknow.	Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique is being undertaken once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and will be submitted to MoEF & its Regional Office.
XVII.	Pre-project study on characterization of dust shall be taken up and a pre-project health survey shall be carried out. Besides carrying out regular periodic health check up of their workers, 10% of the workers identified from workforce engaged in active mining operations shall be subjected to health check up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any, through an agency such as NIOH, Ahmedabad within a period of one year and the results reported to this Ministry and to DGMS.	As per the norms of DGMS regular periodic health checkups of the workers & 10% of the workers identified from work force engaged in active mining operation are being checked for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any. RSMML is also having facility for medical check-ups for labours as well as villagers living nearby.
XVIII.	R&R shall be as per norms of State Government and completed within an agreed time schedule.	R&R as per the norms of State Government have been completed within agreed time schedule.
XIX.	A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.	Final mine closure plan along-with details of Corpus funds will be submitted to the Ministry five years in advance.
XX.	Consent to Operate shall be obtained before starting mining operations after fulfilling the conditions imposed in NOC.	Consent to operate has been obtained from concerned authority of mines. It is valid up to 31/7/2028.

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II.	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral and waste should be made.	No changes in the calendar plan beyond approved quantities for excavation, quantum of mineral lignite and overburden have been made.
III.	Four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as the buffer zone for SPM, RPM, SO ₂ NO _x monitoring. Locations of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultations with the State Pollution Control Board.	Ambient air monitoring stations are established in core zone as well as in buffer zone for RPM, SPM, SO ₂ , NO _x in consultation with RSPCB. Reports are enclosed.
IV.	Data on ambient air quality (SPM, RPM, SO ₂ NO _x) should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional Office at Lucknow and the State Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.	Six (6) monthly ambient air quality (RPM, SPM, SO ₂ , NO _x) reports are sending to MoEF, Regional Office at Lucknow and RSPCB regularly. Reports are enclosed.
V.	Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly monitored and data recorded properly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, wagon loading, dump trucks (loading & unloading) points should be provided and properly maintained.	Regular water spraying is carried out on haulage roads, loading & unloading points to protect fugitive dust emissions. Proper monitoring & data recording are being undertaken. The permanent haul roads available are being used and regular water sprinkling / spraying system with the help of 20 KI Water tanker available at site for daily water tanker spraying are being undertaken by Manager and Shift In-charge on regular basis.

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VI.	Adequate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM etc. should be provided with ear plugs / muffs.	Measures are being taken for controlling & managing noise levels below 85 dBA. Ear plugs & muffs are being provided to all HEMM operators, supervisors etc. Report enclosed.
VII.	Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated: 19 th May, 1993 and 31 st December, 1993 or as amended from time to time before discharge. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.	Industrial waste waters from work- shops are being properly collected as per the standard prescribed rules.
VIII.	Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Vehicles used for transporting the mineral should be covered with tarpaulins and optimally.	Vehicular emissions are being checked & controlled. During the despatch to power plant or open market tarpaulin sheets are used for loaded trucks.
IX.	Environmental laboratory should be established with adequate number and type of pollution monitoring and analysis equipment in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.	Environmental laboratory has been established just adjoining of Giral Lignite Mine. Adequate numbers and types of pollution monitoring equipments, like dust sampler, noise meter, wind monitor etc. have been provided.
X.	Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance programme of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and to take corrective measures, if needed.	Persons working in dusty areas are being provided protective respiratory devices and also imparted adequate training & information on safety and health at V.T. center at Mines. Health check-ups of all the employees are being conducted periodically, as per the norms of National Institute of Miners Health, Nagpur.
XI.	A separate environmental management	A

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	cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Company.	Management Cell (comprising qualified personnel) has been setup and persons are directly reporting to the competent authority.
XII.	The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to this Ministry and its Regional Office at Lucknow.	The funds earmarked for environmental control measures are not being utilized for any other purpose. Year-wise expenditure on environmental protection measures will be reported accordingly.
XIII.	A copy of the will be marked to concerned Panchayat / Local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.	Copy of clearance letter has been sent to concerned Panchayat & local NGO for their information.
XIV.	State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industry Center and Collector's Office / Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.	Already requested all concerned for displaying the copy of clearance letter.
XV.	The Project authorities should advertise at least in two local news papers widely circulated around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also been seen at the website of the Ministry of Environment & Forests at http://envfor.nic.in .	It has been advertised in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project.

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