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Government of India  
Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

To,

**Shri Anjani Kumar,**  
Coal Controller,  
Coal Controller Organisation,  
1, Council House Street,  
Kolkata-700001

Subject : Invocation of Bank Guarantee in respect of Sondiha coal block earlier allocated to M/s. Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corp. Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that it was decided by this Ministry to review the issue of invocation/release of BG of coal blocks by the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for the delay in development of coal blocks until it were held by prior allottees. The IMG in its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 03.12.2015 had observed that as per allocation letter of Sondhia coal block, 50% of BG was related to achievement of milestones stipulated for development of coal block and the rest 50% was related to production. There was delay attributable to prior allottee(s) in compliance of milestones stipulated for development of **Sondiha** coal block. However, Sondiha coal block could not commence production till its cancellation by Hon'ble Supreme Court and hence the BG determined to be deducted in respect of lag in production is determined to be NIL. Accordingly, the IMG had recommended to invoke an amount of Rs.0.0228 crores from the BG submitted by prior allottee(s) in respect of Sondhia coal block. The said recommendation of the IMG has been accepted by the Government.

2. In view of the above, an amount of **Rs.0.0228 Crores** from the Bank Guarantee furnished by prior allottee(s) of Sondhia coal block is determined to be deducted and deposited with the Government. Accordingly, CCO is directed to invoke **Rs.0.0228** Crores from the Bank Guarantee furnished by prior allottees of Sondiha coal block and deposit the same in the relevant Government Account. The remaining BG, if any, be returned to prior allottee(s). Action taken report may be furnished to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Rishan Ryntathi)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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1. The Managing Director, Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corp. Ltd., Sonakhan Bhavan, Ring Road No.1, Gram- Puraina, Post- Ravigram, Raipur-492006.
2. The Director (Technical), NIC, Ministry of Coal for uploading this order in the Website of Ministry of Coal.