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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 24.10.2013 and 25.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of allocated coal / lignite blocks - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the **23rd Meeting** of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 24.10.2013 and 25.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of coal blocks, for necessary action.




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25/11/13
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MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL GROUP (IMG) HELD ON 24th AND 25th OCTOBER, 2013 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (COAL) TO UNDERTAKE PERIODIC REVIEW ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALLOCATED COAL/LIGNITE BLOCKS

A list of participants of the 23rd IMG meeting held on 24th and 25th October, 2013 including representatives of the State Governments and representatives of coal block allocatees who appeared before the IMG on 24th and 25th October, 2013 at **Annex-I** & **Annex-II**, respectively.

2. The IMG confirmed the minutes of **22nd** meeting held on **23.10.2013**.

3. Initiating the discussion, Addl. Secretary (Coal) & Chairman, IMG informed the members that in present meeting, cases of coal block allocatees of 30 coal blocks, who were issued show-cause notices (SCNs) in pursuance to the recommendations made by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 were to be considered on the basis of the reply to show-cause notices, status note on coal block as well as end-use plant (EUP) development as prepared by CCO and the other factual details as available in the Ministry of Coal. The representatives of the block allocatees were also invited to present their case before the IMG.

4. He further recalled that in the **2nd** meeting of IMG held on **25.07.2012**, the IMG, *inter-alia*, made the following recommendations:

(i) *Regarding the cases where blocks were allotted prior to 2005 and no BG was stipulated, the Committee noted that all these blocks have far-exceeded time schedule and that the normative date for production is already over. As such, the blocks are fit for de-allocation. However, in case, the committee finds on case to case basis that substantial progress in terms of land acquisition and investments has been made in the project then they may be allowed to continue only after accepting the new guidelines providing for provision of BG. Case to case review may accordingly be taken up in the IMG meetings.*

(ii) *As regards the coal blocks in no-go areas and wild life corridors, etc., the Ministry may take a view whether to continue with the allocation or de-allocate the same. The IMG recommended that in such cases, the allocatee may be given an option to surrender the block without deduction of BG.*

5. Further, in the **3rd** IMG meeting held on **08.08.2012**, the IMG decided that the following guidelines/ principles may be followed by the IMG while conducting its business in accordance with the terms of reference:-

- (1) *The IMG may meet once in a month and the next date of the meeting may be fixed in the IMG itself; Minutes may be confirmed in the next meeting.*
- (2) *All relevant materials including the allocation letter and latest status report of the blocks may be made available to each member of the IMG so as to enable them to deliberate, discuss and contribution in objective decision making.*

- (3) Where show cause notices have been served or / and where replies of the show cause notices have been received copies of the same may be provided which may also be considered by the IMG before forming any view.
- (4) The deduction of bank guarantee (BG) should be linked 50% to delay in development of coal block and 50% to achievement of production levels as per approved mining plan.
- (5) The weightage to various milestones and critical parameters on the basis of which deduction may be recommended would be as per annexure.
- (6) The IMG may recommend additional deduction to the extent of 10% of total BG for every year of delay after the normative date of production from the coal block unless the allocatee is able to establish to the satisfaction of the IMG that the delay is not attributable to the allocatee.
- (7) The allocatees will be required to revalidate and replenish the BG to the extent of the BG deducted till the block has achieved PRC as per mining plan.
- (8) The BG may be deducted after issue of SCN to the allocatee specifying the amount to be deducted on the basis of delays attributable to the allocatee in the assessment of the IMG and after giving an opportunity to the allocatee to present his case before the IMG.
- (9) The BG provision should be made uniformly applicable to all the coal blocks and the linked 50% to the milestones for development of the block and 50% to the production of coal as per mining plan for all the allocated coal blocks (as is the condition prescribed for blocks allocated after 2006).
- (10) Allocatee companies that have exceeded the normative date of production and have thus already breached the terms and conditions of the allotment may be given the option to continue to hold the coal blocks after review only if they have made substantial progress and investment in development of the block and they agree to accept the new Guidelines, failing which the block may be de-allocated in addition to the deduction of the BG linked to the extent of delay attributable to the allocatees in the assessment of the IMG.
- (11) In case of inordinate delays, where the allocatees are unable to develop the block for reasons beyond his control, he may be given the option to surrender the block, with return of BG, within a stipulated time. The Government shall de-allocate such block, if not surrendered by the allocatee, with or without deduction of BG depending on the extent of delay attributable to the allocatees.
- (12) The deduction of BG may be recommended by the IMG on the basis of the above Guidelines. However, the specific recommendation shall be made on case to case basis after considering all relevant material as circumstances may differ State to State and case to case.
- (13) While the IMG has adopted above guidelines for its own recommendations, it is also recommended that the Ministry may notify and publish these guidelines on the website of the Ministry for information of all concerned.

6. In the 4th meeting of IMG held on **03.09.2012**, IMG decided that the following guidelines/ principles may be followed by the IMG while conducting its business and making recommendations regarding the deduction of BG in accordance with the terms of reference:-

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- (1) *The IMG will meet as and when required. The next date of the meeting may as far as possible be fixed in the IMG itself; Minutes may be confirmed in the next meeting.*
- (2) *All relevant materials including the allocation letter and status report of the blocks may be made available to each member of the IMG in advance.*
- (3) *Copies of show cause notices issued and replies to the same may be provided to the members.*
- (4) *The weightages to various milestones on the basis of which proportionate deduction of BG may be recommended are enclosed.*
- (5) *Where allocatee companies have exceeded their normative date of production and there is no provision for BG related to development of coal block, then the IMG may, only in cases where it finds that the company has made substantial progress and investment in development of the block even though they have exceeded normative date of production, recommend imposition of BG in addition to any other action.*
- (6) *The recommendations of the IMG regarding BG may be made on the basis of the above guidelines after considering all relevant material and the facts and circumstances of the case.*

7. In the **5th** meeting of IMG held on **7th-8thSeptember, 2012**, the IMG decided that in order to facilitate further deliberations, the Coal Controller/MoC will provide a status paper for each case indicating the following:-

- i. *Terms and conditions of allotment and subsequent revisions, if any;*
- ii. *Slippages against milestones as stated in the SCN;*
- iii. *History of previous reviews and action taken;*
- iv. *Condonation of delay or extension of zero date granted, if any and permissible grace period, if any; whether any request for condonation is pending with Ministry ;*
- v. *Litigation and orders of the court, if any;*
- vi. *Summary of reply of the company including reasons for delay;*
- vii. *Comments of MoC with respect to issues pertaining to delay in purchase of GR, transfer of surface rights by coal companies, sanction of mining plan, etc.*

8. In the **6th** meeting of IMG held on **12th September, 2012**, the IMG deliberated upon the broad parameters which may constitute substantial progress of coal block. It was decided that purchase of GR, approval of Mining Plan, grant of EC, status of FC and progress made in land acquisition shall constitute basic requirement. Physical status of EUP, investment made and expected date of opening of mine and commissioning of EUP shall also be a material consideration. Where there is no provision for BG and the block is not found fit for de-allocation and there is substantial progress, the IMG may recommend that the allocatee may be asked to submit a BG. The amount of BG that may be asked for would be fixed factoring in the time elapsed since date of allotment.

9. In the **15th** meeting of IMG held on **05.11.2012**, the IMG was informed that a large number of blocks in the Government dispensation route are regionally explored blocks in which the exploration has taken more time than 27 months envisaged in the allocation letter. After review in 2009-10, it was decided not to de-allocate these blocks on this account at that time. Taking all factors into consideration IMG took a view that in general, those regionally explored blocks in which detailed exploration has been completed by that

time may not be recommended for de-allocation at that stage. The IMG also noted that for the coal blocks allotted under Government dispensation, the BG was introduced only from **June, 2007** onwards. In case of coal blocks allotted before June, 2007, which are not recommended for de-allocation, IMG may recommend imposition of BG to ensure adherence to the milestones. The amount of BG that may be asked for would be fixed factoring in the time elapsed since date of allotment.

10. Before discussing individual cases, IMG deliberated upon the principle for imposition of BG on the cases to be considered in the instant meeting. IMG was unanimous to recommend imposing one year's royalty amount based on peak rated capacity in all cases where BG is decided to be imposed. This recommendation deviates from the earlier recommendations to the extent that earlier BG amount was decided factoring in the time elapsed since the date of allotment as mentioned in para-9 in view of the fact that time elapsed is contested by the allocatees. Further 50% of the such BG imposed shall be linked to the milestones set for development of captive block and remaining 50% to the guaranteed production, as provided in the allocation guidelines of 2006.

11. After recapitulating the above-mentioned previous decisions of the IMG, the representatives of allocatees were invited to present their case before the IMG. The IMG thereafter took up individual cases and made recommendations as below after due deliberation and consideration of all material made available.

[A] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

(Representatives of Govt. of Jharkhand were present in the meeting)

1. TOKISUD NORTH COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s GVK POWER (GOVINDWAL SAHIB) LTD.

Tokisud North coal block was allocated to M/s GVK POWER (GOVINDWAL SAHIB) LTD. on 07.01.2002. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 07.07.2005. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 6th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 24.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR has been purchased, mining plan approved, previous approval of mining lease granted by MoC, Environment and Forest clearance obtained, mining lease executed, mine opening permission granted and mine started on 05.12.2012; however, there have been delays in achieving milestones. A part of

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land acquisition is pending. The mine operation for removal OB has been suspended due to local disturbance.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that it could purchase the Geological Report (GR) from Central Coalfields Ltd., Ranchi on 11.03.2004 i.e. after a lapse of more than 2 years from the date of allocation. Further, as per the prevailing policy of Govt. of Jharkhand, no mineral was to be taken out without the value addition in Jharkhand itself. Accordingly, the Govt. of Punjab (PSEB) had initially approved preparation of mining plan with pit-head thermal power plant. However, after making considerable progress, PSEB in 2005 directed that the end-use plant(EUP) should be located in Punjab and therefore the company was constrained to revise the mining plan. The same was approved by MOC in April 2006. In its reply, the allocatee company also stated that forest land diversion was delayed at the end of State Government and complete land acquisition is still pending. There has been considerable delay in obtaining forest clearance due to problems at State level with regard to land for compensatory afforestation. As regards EUP, the allocatee informed that Unit 1 & 2 boilers have been light up and they are under testing and expected commissioning date is November, 2013 for both the units.

As per Chartered Accountant (CA) certificate submitted by the allocatee company, investment made in coal block and EUP till 30.09.13 is **Rs.211.07 Crs.** and **Rs.3041.63 Crs.**, respectively.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that against scheduled date of production of 07.07.2005, mine could be opened only on 05.12.2012, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee in order to expedite the production from coal block.

2. BADAM COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s TENUGHAT VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED (TVNL)

Badam coal block was allocated to M/s Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited on 03.11.2003. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 03.05.2007. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice(SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 17th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 03.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR had been purchased, mining plan approved, previous approval of mining lease granted by MoC, Environment clearance, Forest clearance (Stage-I) obtained and mining lease has been executed. However, forest

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clearance (Stage-II) and a part of land acquisition are pending. There have been delays in achieving milestones.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the major delays were beyond the control of TVNL. The JV Company namely Tenughat EMTA Coal Mines Ltd. for mining of coal was formed and Gazette Notification in the name of JV company was obtained from MoC on 16.07.2004. The environment clearance was delayed due to local agitation and could only be obtained on 13.03.2008. As regard land acquisition, the allocatee stated that there were issues of diversion of forest land and acquisition of Govt. and Raiyti land. JV Company has since made full payment for transfer of all types of land. Mining Lease could be obtained on 14.09.2012 as it involved forest land. Stage-II forest clearance is yet to be granted by MoEF. The application for mine opening permission was submitted to CCO on 09.08.2011 but it is held up due to forest clearance. The company also informed that there is a court case going on in respect of the ownership of company between Bihar and Jharkhand States, which also had a bearing on the pace of development of the coal block. The commissioning of EUP is expected by 2015-2016.

As per Chartered Accountant (CA) certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block till 30.06.2013 is **Rs.57.54 cr.** No certificate for EUP was submitted.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC and FC (Stage-I) has been granted, Mining Lease executed for non-forest land, the ongoing litigation regarding ownership of the company between the Government of Bihar and the Government of Jharkhand as well as the fact that against scheduled date of production of 03.05.2007, mine is not yet opened, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee in order to expedite the development and production from the coal block.

3. PAKRI BARWADIH COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s NATIONAL THERMAL POWER CORPORATION LTD.

Pakri Barwadih Coal Block was allocated to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. on 11.10.2004. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 11.04.2008. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 6th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 24.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR had been purchased, mining plan approved, land obtained, Environment and Forest clearance received. Mining Lease is not required as land acquisition has been made under CBA Act, 1957. A part of transfer of Govt. land is pending with Govt. of Jharkhand. However, there have been delays in achieving milestones.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has informed that a part of land acquisition was pending with Govt. of Jharkhand which was delaying the mine opening. Men and machineries have been deployed at the mine and land acquisition along with community development activities are progressing in full swing and mining can be started at any time. As regards EUP, Power plants at Dariapalli and Lara are expected to be commissioned by 2016-2017.

As per Chartered Accountant (CA) certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block till June, 2013 is Rs. **1052.84 Crs.** As regards EUPs linked to the coal block, the investment for Lara STPP is **Rs.1139.17 cr.** and for Daripalli power project is **Rs.380.59 Crores.**

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC and FC has been granted and mine opening is pending for transfer of land by the State Govt. as well as the fact that against scheduled date of production of 11.04.2008, mine could not be opened so far, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee in order to expedite the development and production from coal block.

4. TALAIPALLI COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s NATIONAL THERMAL POWER CORPORATION LTD. (This block is located in the State of Chhattisgarh).

Talaipalli Coal Block was allocated to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. on 25.01.2006. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 29.03.2012. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 27.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that this was a regionally explored block and as per CCO's status report, GR has been purchased, mining plan approved, in-principle approval of Environment Clearance as well as Forest clearance (Stage-I) received. Mining Lease is not required as land acquisition has been made under CBA Act, 1957. A part of transfer of Govt. land is pending with Govt. of Chhattisgarh for which notification has been issued and disbursement of compensation has commenced. However, there have been delays in achieving milestones.

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The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has informed that the delay in opening of mine is on account of land transfer and approval of R&R by the Chhattisgarh Govt. As regards EUP, target date of commissioning of Lara TPP, Chhattisgarh is 2016-17.

As per Chartered Accountant (CA) certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block and EUP till June'13 is Rs. **325.33** Crs and Rs. **1139.17 Crores**, respectively.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC and FC (Stage-I) has been granted and mine opening is pending for transfer of land by the State Govt. and Stage-II FC as well as the fact that against scheduled date of production of 25.02.2011, mine could not be opened so far, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee in order to expedite the development and production from coal block.

5. GONDULPARA COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION and M/s TENUGHAT VIDHYUT NIGAM LIMITED

Gondulpara Coal Block was allocated jointly to M/S Damodar Valley Corporation and M/S Tenughat Vidhyut Nigam Limited on 13.01.2006 with TVNL as leader and DVC as associate. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 13.07.2009. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice(SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 25.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR has been purchased, mining plan approved; however, EC, FC and ML as well as land acquisition are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has informed that a main delay occurred due to time taken in gazette notification by Ministry of Coal for authorizing Tenughat EMTA Coal Mines Ltd. for development of block. Another major constraint was due to listing of block under 'No-Go' category by MoEF. The company also informed that there is a court case going on in respect of the ownership of company between Bihar and Jharkhand States, which also had a bearing on the pace of development of the coal block.

The IMG noted that the delay in issue of gazette notification for approval of JV Company as mine operator cannot be a ground to justify the delay since formation of JV was optional and this was not a condition of allocation.

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As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block till Dec'12 is **Rs.53.23 Crs.** Certificate on EUP has not been provided.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC, FC and ML as well as land acquisition are pending and the fact of the ongoing litigation regarding ownership of the company between the Government of Bihar and the Government of Jharkhand which reported to have affected the block development and also keeping in view the fact that more than 7 years have elapsed since allotment of the block, IMG recommends for deduction and encashment of Bank Guarantee (BG) as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

6. SITANALA COKING COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LTD.

Sitanla Coal Block was allocated to M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) on 11.04.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 11.04.2011. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10th June, 2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 21.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR has been purchased, BG submitted, mining plan approved, EC obtained. Majority of land for the block is with BCCL and its transfer to SAIL is pending. A small amount of private land is to be acquired. There have been delays in achieving milestones.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has submitted that due to delay in grant of Mining Lease and difficult geo-mining conditions due to high gassiness of the coal seams, there is a delay in start of production. SAIL has submitted that soon after mining lease is granted, they would be in a position to operate the mine. As regards EUP, the block was to meet the requirement of coking coal for SAIL's various steel plants located in Rourkela, Bokaro, Bhilai, Durgapur and Burnpur.

IMG noted that though EC was granted on 20.12.2010 and no FC was involved, the delay appears to have been caused due to the fact that it is a gassy mine and degasification plans were to be devised first before mining. The allocatee has assured that the production from the block will start from April, 2015.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, expenditure towards development of captive coal block is Rs.15.44 crores.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC has been granted and Mining Lease is pending for opening of mine as well as the fact that as against scheduled date of production of 11.04.2011, the mine is not yet operational, IMG recommends deduction and encashment of proportionate Bank Guarantee (BG) as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

7, 8 & 9: BRINDA, SISAI & MERAL COAL BLOCKS allocated to M/s ABHIJEET INFRASTRUCTURE PVT. LTD.

Brinda, Sisai and Meral coal blocks were allocated to M/s Abhijeet Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. on 26.05.2005. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 26.11.2008 for Brinda-Sisai coal blocks and 26.05.2008 for Meral coal block. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 24.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR has been purchased, BG submitted, mining plan approved, previous approval of mining lease granted by MoC in r/o Brinda-Sisai coal blocks, EC obtained, FC (Stage-I) obtained for Brinda-Sisai coal blocks. No forest land in Meral block; however, there have been delays in achieving milestones. Execution of mining lease and land acquisition are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the state government of Jharkhand delayed in forwarding of Mining Lease application for previous approval to MOC and further rectification of the previous approval granted by the MOC. There is further delay in forest clearance as Stage-I forest clearance was granted only on 11.02.2011. As regards land acquisition 46% of the land is forest land and diversion of forest land is pending with forest department. However, as 89% of total lease area is for UG operations, the acquisition of land would require after exhaustion of life of open cast mine. Life of open cast mine is 32 years. The allocatee has also stated that the grant of previous approval in case of Brinda-Sesai Coal blocks was granted on 15.02.12. The request of allocatee for rectification of the mining lease area in the previous approval is under examination of Ministry of Coal. However, without Stage-II clearance, further action for granting approval for opening the mine cannot be taken.

Further, the allocatee company was requested to submit proof of ownership of land acquired for coal blocks. In response, the company has provided document from SBICAP indicating mortgage of land admeasuring 60.6988 acres and 175.9099 acres of land within Thana Kharsawan and Saraikella, etc. without indicating whether this parcel of land mortgaged with banks is the land acquired for coal block.

CA Certificates on the investment made in the coal block and EUP were **not** provided by the allocatee company.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC obtained and FC (Stage-I) obtained for Brinda and Sisai blocks as well as the fact that against the scheduled date of production of 26.05.2008 for Meral and 26.11.2008 for Brinda and Sesai, the mines are not yet operational, IMG recommends deduction and encashment of proportionate Bank Guarantee (BG) as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

10. AMARAKONDA-MURGADANGAL COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s JINDAL STEEL & POWER LTD. and M/s GAGAN SPONGE IRON PVT. LTD.

Amarakonda-Murgadangal coal block was allocated jointly to M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. and M/s Gagan Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd. on 17.01.2008. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 17.01.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 22.07.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 12.08.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, only BG submitted; however, there have been delays in achieving milestones. All remaining milestones including Mining lease application to the state government, mining plan approval, grant of previous approval, EC and FC are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that it was not able to achieve the stipulated milestones because of conditions beyond their control. The company has submitted that earlier it was unaware of the severe complexities of the situation like anti displacement and anti-industrialization stand taken by a section of villagers which gained strength from the presence of stone quarry/crusher operators, illegal coal miners and Naxals. Further, the atmosphere gets vitiated due to the difficult terrain and remoteness of the coal block, which make it extremely difficult for the district administration to ensure rule of law.

IMG further noted that it is a regionally explored block and PL was granted on **29.06.2009** but drilling could not be undertaken. In the meanwhile the State Government had granted additional time of two years and four months with effect from 05.06.2013. However, drilling was still not undertaken and exploration has not even commenced.

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As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in EUP of JSPL is Rs.1682.12 crores as on 30.09.2013 and Investment in EUP of Gagan Sponge is Rs.1.59 crores as on 30.09.2013. As regards investment in Coal block, no CA certificate was given.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that only BG has been submitted and all other milestones are pending including the fact that even drilling for detailed exploration could not commence even after a lapse of more than 5 years, IMG recommends de-allocation of the block and deduction and encashment of 50% of the Bank Guarantee (BG) which is linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

[B] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF ODISHA
(Representatives of Govt. of Odisha did not attend the meeting)

11. UTKAL B1 COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s JINDAL STEEL & POWER LIMITED

Utkal B1 coal block was allocated to M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. on 29.09.2003. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 29.03.2007. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 26.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, mining plan approved, previous approval of Central Govt. granted, EC and FC obtained, 95% of land acquired; however, there have been delays in achieving milestones. Grant of mining lease, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that there has been delay in signing of the mining lease (ML) as in Odisha for processing of ML there are two stages, one is grant order for ML and next one is execution order for ML deed execution. The state has issued the grant order on 23.05.2011 but execution order is still pending for more than 2 years. Ministry of Coal has conveyed previous approval for grant of ML to the state government on 09.08.2007. Out of the total land of 270 ha., acquisition/ sanction of 242.71 ha. of land is completed and balance 27.29 ha. non-forest land is expected by Oct'2013. All other clearances are in place.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, total investment made in coal block and EUP till 30.09.2013 is Rs.17020.62 crs.

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Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC and FC has been obtained and 95% of land acquired and grant of mining lease and mine opening permission are pending as well as the fact that as against scheduled date of production of 29.03.2007, the mine is not yet operational, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee.

12. JAMKHANI COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s BHUSHAN STEEL & POWER LTD. (formerly M/S. BHUSHAN LTD.)

Jamkhani coal block was allocated to M/s Bhushan Steel & Power Ltd. (formerly M/s Bhushan Ltd.) on 12.11.2003. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 12.05.2007. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 28.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, mining plan approved, EC and FC obtained; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Previous approval of Central Govt., grant of mining lease, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the milestones required for the development of the allotted Jamkhani Coal Block have already been achieved by them except only for the granting of Mining Lease, which is pending with the Government of Odisha. The Company also submitted that the entire land acquisition has also been fully completed and as evidence, copies of land possession certificates issued by Divisional Head, IDCO, Rourkela were provided by the Company in their reply. Further, the company submitted that they have done more than satisfactory progress in the development of the Jamkhani Coal Block and implementation of its related EUP is also fully complete. The commencement of coal mining is waiting only for grant of Mining Lease which is pending with Government of Odisha.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block till 30.09.2013 is Rs.290.88 crs. No CA certificate on investment made in EUP has been given.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC and FC obtained and land acquired and grant of mining lease and mine opening permission are pending as well as the fact that against scheduled date of production of

12.05.2007, mine is not yet opened, IMG recommends imposition of Bank Guarantee (BG) on the allocatee in order to expedite the development and production from the coal block.

13. RADHIKAPUR (WEST) COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s. RUNGTA MINES LTD., M/s. OCL INDIA LTD. AND M/s. OCEAN ISPAT LTD.

Radhikapur (West) coal block was allocated jointly to M/s. Rungta Mines Ltd., M/S. OCL India Ltd. and M/S. Ocean Ispat Ltd. on 25.04.2006. Ministry of Coal vide its letter No.13016/77/2006-CA-I dated 21.12.2009 has revised the allocation of the blocks from Option-III to Option-I and the milestone chart and zero date for development of the coal block to commence from date of issue of this letter (i.e. 21.12.2009) The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 21.06.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 24.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, submission of BG, mining plan approved; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. EC & FC pending, land acquisition, previous approval of Central Govt., grant of mining lease, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the normative date of the coal production has been revised by MoC on 21.12.2009 with change from option III to option I for development of coal block. There was delay in making application for ML as the geological report (GR) of the coal block were provided without co-ordinates and boundary. As regards delay in submission of mining plan, the company attributes it to time taken in formation of JV Company and non-availability of co-ordinates and block boundary in GR. The company states that the application of mining lease has been pending with the state government since Feb.'2011 and it has not yet been forwarded to the central government. As regard grant of FC and EC clearances, the company has stated that they have been pursuing with the concerned authorities persistently. On land acquisition the allocatee has mentioned that it has paid the amount of Rs.21.31 crs. as processing charges on 19.12.2011 to the state government and the matter is still pending with them. The JV company has also stated during the presentation that one of the joint allocatees, namely M/s Ocean Ispat Ltd. has surrendered their proportionate share of coal in the Radhikapur (West) coal block and the JV company has given two options to the Ministry of Coal for redistribution of the coal share surrendered.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block till 30.09.2013 was Rs. 34.77 crs. As regards EUP of M/s OCL India Ltd., the company has

made investment in Cement Clinker Plant of Rs.40.52 crs., Captive Power Plant of OCL India Ltd. of Rs.269.51 crs., Sponge Iron Division of OCL India Ltd. of Rs.183.01 crs. and CPP of OCL Iron & Steel Ltd. of Rs.268.22 crs. as on 25.09.2013. As regards EUP of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd, an investment of Rs.517.04 crs.as on 30.09.2013.

IMG noted that it was informed that one of the parties namely, M/s Ocean Ispat Ltd. has recently applied for withdrawing from the block. Committee also noted that failure of the three companies to whom the block was given in forming JV cannot be stated as a reason for delay by these parties in starting production. The Committee also observed that they have not taken any clearance and thereby failed to achieve any significant milestone such as EC, FC, ML, LA etc.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that though GR has been purchased and BG submitted but the allocatees have not taken any clearance even after a lapse of more than 7 years and thereby failed to achieve any significant milestone such as EC, FC, ML, LA etc., IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and forfeiture of Bank Guarantee (BG).

14. RAMCHANDI PROMOTIONAL CTL BLOCK allocated to M/s JINDAL STEEL & POWER LIMITED

Ramchandi Promotional coal block was allocated to M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. on 27.02.2009. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 27.11.2014. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 17.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 05.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, only BG submitted and all other milestones are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the preparation of GR could not be achieved due to delay in grant of PL by the State Govt. The Forest Diversion proposal for exploration is also pending for further processing at CCF, Nodal, Bhubaneshwar.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block and EUP till 30.09.2013 is Rs.8.61 crs. and Rs. 65.46 crs., respectively.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that only BG was submitted and that the allocatee have not taken any clearance, IMG noted that in spite of lapse of four and a half years, the allocatee has not been able to procure

even the PL which is the first step. Consequently, preparation of GR, mining lease application, submission of MP, approval of MP, application of Previous approval, application of Forest Clearance, Application of EMP clearance, completion of Land acquisition are all pending, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and deduction and encashment of proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter. IMG also noted that the allocatee has requested another presentation before the IMG through their letter dated 06.11.2013, 12 days after the making the presentation without having mentioned anything about the same at the time of presentation. The IMG felt that a reasonable notice was given to the party to make its presentation pursuant where to the party actually made a presentation and hence yet another opportunity by way of discretion only to this party is not warranted.

15. NORTH OF ARKHAPAL SRIRAMPUR COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s STRATEGIC ENERGY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS LTD.

North of Arkhapal Srirampur coal block was allocated to M/s Strategic Energy Technology Systems Ltd. on 27.02.2009. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 27.11.2014. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 13.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 02.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, only BG submitted and all other milestones are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that there has been no willful delay on their part and the entire delay in starting mining operations is attributable to the administrative delays in the state government as the allocatee company has not been given the PL deed and final GR can only be prepared on the basis of detailed exploration of the block.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, cumulative investment in coal block and EUP till 31.08.2013 Rs.97.27 crs.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that only BG was submitted and that the allocatee have not taken any clearance. IMG noted that in spite of lapse of four and a half years, the allocatee has not been able to procure even the PL which is the first step. Consequently, preparation of GR, mining lease application, submission of MP, approval of MP, application of Previous approval, application of Forest Clearance, Application of EMP clearance, completion of Land acquisition are all pending, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and deduction of

proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter. IMG also noted that the allocatee has given a representation subsequently to Ministry of Coal vide their letter dated 28.10.2013, reiterating the contents of the presentation without having mentioned any new facts. The IMG felt that a reasonable notice was given to the party to make its presentation pursuant whereto the party actually made a presentation and his letter only reiterates what was presented before IMG, the letter dated 28.10.2013 does not warrant any further consideration.

16. MANDAKINI COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s. MONNET ISPAT ENERGY LTD., M/s. JINDAL PHOTO LTD. AND M/s. TATA POWER COMPANY LTD.

Mandakini coal block was allocated jointly to **M/s. Monnet Ispat Energy Ltd., M/s. Jindal Photo Ltd. and M/s. Tata Power Company Ltd.** on 09.01.2008. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 09.07.2011. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 14.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 02.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 24.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG deposited, mining plan approved and EC obtained; however, there have been delays in achieving these milestone. During the presentation it was informed that Stage II FC has since been obtained. However, land acquisition, previous approval of Central Govt., grant of mining lease, mine opening permission are all pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that major reason for delay are on the part of state government as the application of mining lease is pending with the state government for almost 4 years and is not forwarded to MOC for previous approval. As regards grant of forest clearance, the company informed during the presentation that stage-II clearance has been obtained in September 2013. The company also claimed that it had completed land acquisition.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block till 30.09.2013 is Rs.163.53 crs.in r/o EUP of Tata Power Ltd., Rs.4120.90 crs. in r/o EUP of Monnet Ispat & Power Ltd, and in r/o of EUP of Jindal India Thermal Power Ltd.is Rs.1886.86 crores (Odisha Power Project Phase 2) and Rs.2564.12 crores (Odisha power projects Phase 1) respectively.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that all the clearances have since been obtained except ML and that the application of mining

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lease is pending with the state government for almost 4 years and has not been forwarded to MOC for previous approval, IMG recommends no action.

[C] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH
(Representatives of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh did not attend the meeting)

17. SULIYARI COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s ANDHRA PRADESH MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

Suliyari coal block was allocated to M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. on 25.07.2007. It is a regionally explored block. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 30.09.2014 (Phase-I) and 30.4.2014 (Phase-II) which has been taken from date of GR preparation i.e. 31.10.2011. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 18.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 08.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, the reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted, land acquisition completed; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Mining plan approval, EC and FC, previous approval of Central Govt., grant of mining lease, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that there was an initial delay of 2 years in obtaining prospecting license from govt. of MP. As regards grant of Stage-II forest clearance, the delay is due to having forest land of 234 ha. and delay in grant of permission by MP Forest Dept. for exploration of forest land. APMDC has selected M/s SCCL, a State PSU as its JV partner and number of preparatory and pre-mining activities have been completed like preparation of geological reports, preparation of mining plan, and detailed project report of phase-I project and the required financial commitments in the form of Bank Guarantee etc. Action has already been taken by APMDC for acquisition of Government land, private land and APMDC deposited Rs.30 crores with M.P. Government and notification has been issued for acquisition of private land. Various other actions have also been initiated. Company has given milestone-wise reasons for delay. The allocatee apprised the IMG of its preparedness to start mining operations under Phase-I in the non-forest land by November 2014. The allocatee has informed that it will, in the meanwhile, obtain other pending clearances.

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The company was requested to hand over the CA certificate during the time of presentation. The company subsequently provided CA certificate dated 26.03.2013 indicating an investment of Rs.16.37 crores towards the coal block.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that GR purchased, BG submitted and land acquired and grant of mining lease EC & FC and mine opening permission are pending, IMG noted that this was a regionally explored block and the allocatee had to undertake detailed exploration to prepare GR/mining plan. IMG noted that GR has been prepared, however, achievement of other milestones have been delayed. IMG, therefore, recommends proportionate deduction of Bank Guarantee (BG) linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

18. BIKRAM COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s BIRLA CORPORATION LTD.

Bikram coal block was allocated to M/s Birla Corporation Ltd. on 12.08.2008. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 02.02.2012. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 21.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. The comments of the State Govt. were received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, comments of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted, previous approval of Central Govt. obtained; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Mining plan approval, EC and FC, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that there was a delay of 18 months in getting GR from CMPDIL and the State Govt. is not forwarding the mining lease application to Central Govt. till such time all the dues to them from company's existing cements plant at Satna are cleared. As regards EUP, the allocatee has several commissioned cements plants located at various places and there are expansion projects and greenfield projects being proposed.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block and EUP till Rs.13.83 crs.andRs. 2378.46 crs., respectively. However, the company informed that financial closure has not been achieved.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that while GR has been purchased and BG submitted, E.C.,F.C., Land acquisition and Mining Lease are pending thereby indicating that the allocatee has failed to achieve any

significant milestone, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and deduction of 50% of the Bank Guarantee (BG) which is linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the terms and conditions of allocation.

19. MANDLA NORTH COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s JAIPRAKASH ASSOCIATES LTD.

Mandla North coal block was allocated to M/s Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. on 17.09.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 17.03.2012. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 12.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. The comments of the State Govt. were received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, comments of the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-38/2008/12/1 dated 7.8.2013, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, all milestones have been achieved; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Mining activities has started and coal production is pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that the delay in grant of EMP clearance was due to Tiger corridor and referring the matter of National Tiger Conservation Authority of India and Wildlife Institute of India. The grant of mining lease was delayed due to boundary dispute with Brahmपुरi coal block raised by M/s Pushp Steel & Mining Private Ltd. in Sept., 2009 which was resolved in consultation with CMPDIL in July, 2011. Mine opening permission notice given to DGMS on 20.04.2013. Process for Land Acquisition with the State Govt. initiated. Escrow Account opened in Axis Bank. Cement Plants and CPPs are fully operational. The company is expecting to start production from December, 2014. EUPs are fully operational.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block is to the tune of Rs. 123.53 crs. No CA certificate was provided in respect of EUP.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that all requisite clearance have since been obtained and as per CCO's status report, mine opening permission has been granted for the block 30.08.2013, IMG recommends no action on the allocatee.

20. MARKI BARKA COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s MADHYA PRADESH STATE MINING CORPORATION LTD.

Marki Barka coal block was allocated to M/s Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd. on 25.07.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal

Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 31.08.2015 as the zero date taken from GR preparation (i.e. 31.03.2011). The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 26.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. The comments of the State Govt. were received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, comments of the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.439/2013/12-2 dated 15.10.2013, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted, mining plan approved; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Grant of previous approval, EC, FC, land acquisition and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that there is substantial progress made in respect of most of the milestones that were particularly complained about not having been accomplished in the show cause notice. As regards Forest Clearance, the FAC was held on 10th June, 2013 and the same is pending with MoEF. In case of EMP clearance the EAC hearing is awaited in MoEF. Mining Lease application is pending with Ministry of Coal.

As regards pendency of Mining Lease application with the Ministry of Coal, it is clarified since the SCN was recommended by the IMG; the same was taken first before the ML is examined.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block is Rs. 1886.11 lakhs. As the block is for commercial mining, no requirement of investment in EUP.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that all requisite clearance are pending, IMG noted that it was a regionally explored block and hence detailed exploration had to be done by the allocatee. After detailed exploration, the allocatee prepared the GR and obtained approval of mining plan in February 2013. EC/FC are pending at MoEF. IMG recommends deduction and encashment of proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter.

21. URTAN NORTH COAL BLOCK allocated to M/S MONNET ISPAT & ENERGY LTD. and M/S JINDAL STEEL & POWER LTD.

Urtan North coal block was jointly allocated to **M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd. and M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.** on 12.11.2009. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 12.10.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice

(SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 26.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted, mining plan approval obtained; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. No forest land involved. EC, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the JV company has mainly stated that they got the GR from CMPDIL only after 11 months which contributed to the delay in submission of Mining Plan. The Mining Plan was submitted on 27.10.2011 and is yet not approved. State Govt. has not forwarded the Mining Lease application to Central Govt. for previous approval. EMP clearance is delayed due to approval of Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan is pending.

Approval of Mining Plan along with Mine Closure Plan is pending as the allocatee companies have requested for change in the 'end use' from sponge iron as mentioned in the allocation letter to Steel. The matter is under examination in the Ministry, in consultation with CMPDIL and Coal Controller. EUPs of both the allocatees are in operation.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block as on 30.09.2013 is 11.66 crs. Investment in EUP of Monnet Ispat & Energy as on 30.06.2013 is Rs. 6283.07 crs. and in EUP of M/s. JSPL as on 30.09.2013 is Rs.3416 crs.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that while GR has been purchased, BG submitted and mining plan approval obtained, EC, Land acquisition, grant of previous approval of mining lease are pending, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and deduction and encashment of proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter.

[E] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
(Representatives of Govt. of Maharashtra was present in the meeting)

22. MAJRA COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s GONDWANA ISPAT LTD.

Majra coal block was allocated to M/s Gondwana Ispat Ltd. on 20.10.2003. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 29.04.2007. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 14.06.2013. The

reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 02.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, mining plan approval obtained, EC obtained, previous approval of Central Govt. to mining lease granted ; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. FC, land acquisition, grant of mining lease mine, opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the JV company has mainly stated that Show cause notice is based on status report of CCO dated 31.12.2012 and not on the submissions in the report of CCO for the Qtr ending March, 2013. For completion of land acquisition State Govt. approval is obtained. Land acquisition is under process. Company has stated there is substantial progress made in most of the milestones that were particularly complained about not having been accomplished in the show cause notice. As regards EUP, the land is acquired; plant and machinery order have been placed. Proposed project would take nine months to implement, slowed down to avoid the CAPEX on plant and equipment.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block and EUP is Rs. **11.70** crs. and Rs. **16.12** crs., respectively.

It was noted by the IMG that Mining Lease was executed on 16.09.2009 after delay of three years and seven months from the date of application for mining lease was submitted to State Govt. of Maharashtra. Land acquisition is pending as forest land is involved and FC (Stage-II) is pending.

IMG noted that the company obtained stage I clearance in January 2011. More than two and a half years have passed but no further progress is noticed for stage-II FC. Land matters have also not been firmed up. There is no substantial progress in setting up of end-use plant.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that though GR purchased, mining plan approval obtained, EC obtained, previous approval of Central Govt. to mining lease granted; however FC, Land acquisition and grant of mine opening permission are pending as well as the fact that almost 10 years have elapsed since allocation and the block has not come into production, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block.

23. KOSAR DONGARGAON COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s CHAMAN METALICS LTD.

Kosar Dongargaon coal block was allocated to M/s Chaman Metalics Ltd. on 20.02.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 20.02.2011. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the

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allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 26.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, all milestones are achieved except execution of mining lease; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. There is no forest land involved and land will be purchased by direct purchase. Execution of Mining Lease, mining opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that all the major/critical milestones have been achieved except execution of mining lease with the State Govt. of Maharashtra, land acquisition and application for opening permission of coal mine. Company has stated that pending milestones could only be initiated once the mining lease is executed. As regards EUP, the same is commissioned. IMG noted that there is no forest land involved and therefore, forest clearance is not required. This being the underground mine, large extent of land is not required. An extent of 40 hectare of land is required, which the party is going to acquire by direct purchase. Prior approval of the Central Govt. for grant of mining lease has already been given.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block and EUP is Rs. **1.62** crs. and Rs.**42.09** crs., respectively.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that all requisite clearances have been obtained except execution of the mining lease by the State Government and keeping in view delay in achievement of milestones, IMG recommends deduction and encashment of proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter.

24. KHAPPA & EXTN. COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s SUNFLAG IRON & STEEL LTD. and M/s DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LTD.

Khappa & Extn. coal block was jointly allocated to **M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Ltd. and M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd.** on 29.05.2009. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 29.11.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 25.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted, mining plan approval obtained; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. EC & FC pending, previous approval of Central Govt. to mining lease, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein M/s Sunflag Iron and Steel on behalf of the joint allocatees in its reply to the SCN, has stated the Mining Plan was submitted on 06.04.2010 having a slippage of 5 months. The company was able to get the receipt of payment of GR on 23.03.2010. The coal block is underground mine having national highway and Railway line and densely populated. Therefore the company was extra cautious in preparation of mining plan. Mining Plan was approved on 20.1.2011. The mining lease application was made on 11.11.2009 and despite passage of 42 months, the State Government has not forwarded the application for previous approval of Central Government. As regards grant of forest clearance, the company has stated that it is pending with the Forest Department of the State. On EMP clearance, the same is pending with MoEF. All other milestones except land acquisition are pending. EUP of the allocatee companies are in operation.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment in coal block is **Rs. 15.42** crs. Investment in EUP of M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Co.Ltd.is **Rs.10.47** crs. and investment in EUPs of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd. is **Rs.2279.06** crores.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that though GR has been purchased, BG submitted and mining plan approval obtained, all other major milestones like grant of mining lease, EMP clearance, Forest Clearance are pending. There are considerable slippages as per milestones and four and a half years have elapsed since allocation, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and deduction and encashment of proportionate BG linked to the milestones set for development of the block as per the allocation letter.

25. WARORA COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s MAHARASHTRA STATE MINING CORPORATION LTD.

Warora coal block was allocated to M/s Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Ltd.on 25.07.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 30.06.2015. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 20.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

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The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. EC pending, previous approval of Central Govt. to mining lease, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee company has stated that process of prospecting took sizeable time. Application for prior approval of mining lease is pending with State Govt. since long. Mining Plan approval is pending with the MOC due to certain clarifications sought and suggestion made for incorporation in the mining plan. Environment clearance by MOEF is pending, which needs approved copy of Mining Plan. The land acquisition process under LA Act or as per Govt. process is under consideration. Keeping in view various reasons attributing the delay for Mining Lease, Mining Plan and depending milestone thereon, company has requested not to take coercive action. The block is for commercial mining.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block is Rs. **40.44 crore**. As the block is for commercial mining, there is no requirement of investment in EUP.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that GR has been purchased and BG submitted, IMG noted that most of the major milestones such as mining plan, EC, and land acquisition as well as grant of mining lease have not been achieved despite a lapse of more than 6 years since allocation, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block.

[F] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

(Representatives of Govt. of West Bengal did not attend the meeting)

26-27 GANGARAMCHAK & GANGARAMCHAK BHADULIA COAL BLOCKS allocated to M/s WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak-Bhadulia Coal Blocks were allocated to M/s West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd. on 23.06.2003. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 23.12.2006. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 28.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO,

presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, all milestones have been achieved; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Mining activities has started and coal production has begun from 07.08.2013.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee has mainly stated that necessary statutory clearances have been obtained for commencing mining operation in the allocated coal blocks. Removal of overburden has already commenced in the non-forest areas since May 2012. Production of coal has been kept in abeyance due to evacuation constraints at the railway siding at Hazratpur. The JV company has already procured the entire land by direct negotiation with the land owners. Compensatory afforestation land has already been offered to the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal. Forest Clearance will be obtained shortly once the inspection by the Regional Office of MoEF is completed. The end use plants have already been commissioned and are fully operational.

As per the photocopy of CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block is Rs. 40.94 crores. No CA certificate on investment in EUP was given.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that all requisite clearance have since been obtained and as per CCO's status report, mine opening permission has been granted for the block and production started from 07.08.2013, IMG recommends that no further action is required on the allocatee.

[A] COAL BLOCKS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF CHATTISGARH

(Representatives of Govt. of Chattisgarh did not attend the meeting)

28. RAJGAMAR DIPSIDE (SOUTH OF PULAKDIH NALA) COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s MONNET ISPAT & ENERGY LTD. and M/s TOPWORTH STEEL PVT. LTD.

Rajgamar Dipside (South of Pulakdih Nala) coal block was jointly allocated to M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd. and M/s Topworth Steel Pvt. Ltd. on 03.06.2009. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report was 03.12.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 06.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 26.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. The comments of the State Govt. were received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, comments of State Govt. of Chhattisgarh, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. All other milestones like FC, EC, mining

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plan approval, previous approval of Central Govt. to mining lease application, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the leader company (i.e. Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd) has stated that they got the GR from CMPDIL only on 12.3.2010 which contributed to the delay in submission of Mining Plan. The Mining Plan was submitted on 12.11.2010 and is yet not approved. For application of mining lease with the State Govt., the same can only be made/submitted by the State Govt. after approval of Mining Plan. As regards Land Acquisition, the leader company has stated that there has been substantial delay in surrender of Mining Rights by SECL for the overlapping area. FC/EMP clearances are delayed due to delay in getting GR from CMPDIL and receipt of block boundary map from CMPDIL.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block as on 30.06.2013 is Rs. **12.74 crs.** Investment in EUP of Monnet Ispat & Energy as on 30.06.2013 is Rs. **6282.07 crs.** and investment in EUP of M/s Topworth Steels & Power Pvt. Ltd. as on 31.03.2013 is Rs. **430.84** crores.

It is noted by the IMG that all major milestones are pending like grant of mining plan, grant of mining lease, FC, EMP clearance and there is considerable slippages as per milestones against each milestone mentioned above. It was noted that clarifications were sought on the mining plan which have been submitted on 09.03.2013. IMG further noted that the allocatee company could not resolve the land issue with SECL.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that though GR had been purchased and BG submitted, many major milestones such as mining plan approval, EC, Land acquisition/transfer of CBA land, grant of previous approval of mining lease are pending despite a lapse of more than 4 years, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block and return of Bank Guarantee (BG).

29. KESLA NORTH COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s RATHI UDYOG LTD.

Kesla North coal block was allocated to M/s RathiUdyog Ltd. on 05.08.2008. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 05.02.2013. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 10.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 25.06.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. The comments of the State Govt. have been received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, comments of Govt. of Chhattisgarh status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, GR purchased, BG submitted; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. EC & FC pending, previous approval of

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Central Govt. to mining lease, grant of mining lease, land acquisition, mine opening permission and coal production are pending.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocatee to the show cause notice wherein the allocatee company has stated that the delay has occurred because of non-availability of land records because the process of survey of concerned villages were under process and land records could be supplied till the completion of the survey work and publication thereof by the authorities. Other stumbling block in achieving the milestones has been the fact that almost the entire allocated area (approx. 90%) is covered under CBA Act. Meetings have been held with SECL officers in Ministry of Coal for relinquishment of CBA land.

The company was requested to submit the CA certificates on investment made in the coal block and EUP. The company did not submit the CA certificates during presentation. However, Company on 30.10.2013 has since submitted the CA certificates. As per CA Certificate, the company has made an investment of Rs.274.07 crores on the EUP and Rs.8.57 crores on the coal block as on 30.09.2013.

It is noted by the IMG that the allocatee could not resolve the land issue with the SECL. All other milestones like EC, FC, etc. are pending. Further the State Govt. of Chhattisgarh has in its comments, opined that in view of no progress within the given time frame; the coal block may be de-allocated.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts placed before it including the fact that though GR had been purchased and BG submitted, most of the major milestones such as mining plan, EC & FC, land acquisition as well as grant of mining lease, have not been achieved despite a lapse of more than 5 years since allocation, IMG recommends de-allocation of coal block.

30. SONDIHA COAL BLOCK allocated to M/s CHHATTISGARH MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD.

Sondiha Coal Block was allocated to M/s Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. on 25.07.2007. The normative date of production as per Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) report is 28.02.2014 as zero date taken from date of preparation of GR i.e. 31.08.2010. The progress of block development was reviewed by the IMG in its 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 and as per the recommendations of the IMG, the allocatee company was issued a show cause notice (SCN) vide MoC's letter dated 14.06.2013. The reply of the allocatee company to the SCN dated 03.07.2013 was sent to the State Govt. for comments. However, the comments of the State Govt. were not received.

The IMG considered the terms and conditions of allocation, the show cause notice issued, reply of the block allocatee to the show cause notice issued, status report of CCO, presentation made by the allocatee company on 25.10.2013 along with the status paper presented to the IMG.

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IMG noted that as per CCO's status report, all milestones have been achieved except FC (Stage-II), land acquisition and EC; however, there have been delays in achieving milestone. Presentation to MoEF was done on 23.4.2012 and award of land under Section 11 is in progress.

The IMG considered the reply of the allocattee to the show cause notice wherein the allocattee has mainly stated that Stage-I FC was granted on 04.03.2013 and Stage-II FC is in very advanced stage. EAC recommended Environment Clearance in its 75th minutes of meeting. Formal Environment Clearance letter from MoEF is awaited. Execution of Mining Lease would be granted after Stage-II FC and EC. Land Acquisition is in progress.

As per CA certificate submitted by the company, investment made in coal block is Rs. 9856.48 lakhs as on 25.09.2013. As the block is for commercial mining, there is no requirement of investment in EUP.

It was noted by the IMG that previous approval of Mining Lease granted to State Govt. on 04.06.2012. During the presentation, allocattee informed that EC has been granted on 16.9.2013.

Recommendation: Taking into account the facts brought before it including the fact that EC, previous approval of mining lease has been granted, Stage-I FC was granted on 04.03.2013 and grant of Stage-II FC are in very advanced stage, IMG recommends no action against the allocattee.

12. The above minutes of the 23rd IMG held on 24th-25th October, 2013 have been drafted in the presence of members of the IMG in the meetings held on 28th October, 2013, 29th October, 2013, 31st October, 2013 & 11th November, 2013.

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Annexure-I

Attendance Sheet

Details of participants attended 23rd meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 24.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of allocated coal blocks and linked end use projects.

S.NO	Name & Designation	Name of the Ministry /Deptt./Organisation
1	Dr. A.K. Dubey, Chairman, IMG & Additional Secretary (Coal)	Ministry of Coal
2	Shri A.K. Bhalla, JS (Coal)	Ministry of Coal
3	Shri S.K. Shahi, director	Ministry of Coal
	Shri A. Acharya, Coal Controller	Ministry of Coal
4	Shri Shankar Saran, Director Technical (CRD)	CMPDI, Ranchi
5	Shri B.B. Singh, Director (Mines)	Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi
6	Shri Radha Raman, Dy. Director of Mines (HQ)	Department of Mines & Geology
7	Shri Anupam Prakash, Director	Ministry of Steel
8	Dr. R.S. Shrinet	Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs
9	Shri B.K. Rai, Director	Damodar Valley Corp./ M/o Power
10	Shri Harish C. Upadhyay, US	Department of Economic Affairs
11	Shri Sanjay Kumar,	Govt. of Jharkhand
12	Shri P.D Siwal, CE	CEA
13	Shri C.P. Jain, Dy. Director	CEA
14	Shri Mukesh Jain, JS	Ministry of Power

Attendance Sheet

Details of participants attended 23rd meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 25.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of allocated coal blocks and linked end use projects.

S.NO	Name & Designation	Name of the Ministry /Deptt./Organisation
1	Dr. A.K. Dubey, Chairman, IMG & Additional Secretary (Coal)	Ministry of Coal
2	Shri A.K. Bhalla, JS (Coal)	Ministry of Coal
3	Shri S.K. Shahi, Director	Ministry of Coal
4	Shri A. Acharaya, Coal Controller	Ministry of Coal
5	Dr. R.S. Shrinet	Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs
6	Shri S. Abbasi, JS	Ministry of Steel
7	Shri Anupam Prakash, Director	Ministry of Steel
8	Shri Nand Lal, Senior Development Officer	DIPP, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
9	Shri K. Khemchandani, Deputy Director	CEA
10	Shri Shekhar Saran, Director Technical (CRD)	CMPDI, Ranchi
11	Shri V.S. Sawakhande, Director	Geology & Mining, Government of Maharashtra

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Annexure-II

Details of participant allocatee companies made presentation before 23rd meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 24.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of allocated coal/lignite blocks and linked end use projects.

S.NO	Name & Designation	Name of the Company
1	Shri K.K Agarwal, President - Thermal	GVK Power (Govindwal) Ltd.
2	Shri B.C.K Reddy, VP-Project Development	GVK Power (Govindwal) Ltd.
3	Shri R.K. Srivastava	GVK Power (Govindwal) Ltd. Delhi Office
4	Shri Kalyan Matty, Dir (RM&C)	SAIL
5	Shri A.K. Pandey, Advisor	SAIL
6	Shri R.K. Prasad, GM (CRMG)	SAIL
7	Dr. ArjaSrikanth, ED (FT)	NTPC Ltd.
8	Shri ParthaMazumder, AGM (Coal Mining)	NTPC Ltd.
9	Shri A.K. Shrivastava, Group Director	Abhijeet Infrastructure Ltd.
10	Shri R. Sahu, GM, TVNL	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd, Ranchi
11	Shri Rajesh Ranjan, ESE, TVNL	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd, Ranchi
12	Shri AnandGoel Shri SubrotRatho Shri O.P Jha Shri BinodKispotta Shri Sanjay Sinha	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd
13	Shri Chanchal Kumar Mitra	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd
14	Shri SubratRatho Shri AnandGoel	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd
15	Shri Ravi Ranjan	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd
16	Shri S.N. Verma, MD	TVNL, Jharkhand
17	Shri Vimal --- Singh	Private Secretary (Energy) Cum Chairman, TVNL
18	Shri B.K Rai	DVC, New Delhi
19	Shri S.C. Wahic, GM	Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd
20	Shri Sanjay Singal, Chairman & Managing Director	Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd
21	Shri R.P Goyal, Director	Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd
22	Shri Akala, Consultant	Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd
23	Shri Vinod Sharma, PS to CMD	JSPL
24	Shri Piyush Srivastava, Project Manager	JSPL
25	Shri Chirag Surana, GM-	JSPL

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	Business Coordinator	
26	Shri S. Singh, VP	Tata Industries
27	Shri Dinesh Dusane, Business Development Manager	Sasol India Pvt Ltd
28	Shri D.K. Jain , Head ,Coal Mining	Rungta Mines Ltd
29	Shri Dayal Chand, CGM	Rungta Mines Ltd
30	Shri Sanjay Jain, Director	Ocean Ispat Pvt Ltd
31	Md Ejaz Alam, Senior Manager	Ocean Ispat Pvt Ltd
32	Shri Amandeep, Jt. CEO	OCL India
33	Shri J. Talwar	OCL India
34	Shri Venket	JSPL
35	Shri Dev Tripathy	JSPL
36	Shri Subrat Ratho, MD, Jindal Syn Fuels Ltd.	JSPL
37	Shri Sanjay Agarwal Shri Arun Srivastava, Chief -Projects	Tata Power
38	Shri Punit Gupta Shri Amit Jain, Director	JITPL
39	Shri Amitabh S. Mudgal, Sr Vice President	MIEL

Annexure-II

Details of participant allocatee companies made presentation before 23rd meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) held on 25.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to undertake periodic review of the development of allocated coal/lignite blocks and linked end use projects.

S.NO	Name & Designation	Name of the Company
1	Shri Sabyasachi Ghosh, Chairman APMDC & Secretary to Govt. of AP	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation
2	Dr. T.R.K Rao, VC & MD	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation
3	Shri Y. Rajuvarora , Chief Project Officer	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation
4	Shri B.R. Nahan, Managing Director	Birla Corporation Ltd.
5	Shri P.S. Marwah, President	Birla Corporation Ltd.
6	Shri S.S. Dang, Sr. Vice President (Coal Mines)	Birla Corporation Ltd.
7	Shri M.N. Jha , Advisor (Coal)	Jaiprakash Associates Ltd.
8	Shri M.S. Sandhu, Senior GM	Jaiprakash Associates Ltd.
9	Shri S.N Chawla, Manager	Jaiprakash Associates Ltd.
10	Shri Ajatshatru Shrivastav, Managing Director	The M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd.
11	Shri Kishore Kanyal, Executive Director	The M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd.
12	Shri D.S. Baghel, Sr. DGM	The M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd.
13	Shri I.J. Talwar	Gondwana Ispat Ltd
14	Shri S.S. Karnawat	Gondwana Ispat Ltd
15	Shri Rajiv Kapur	Gondwana Ispat Ltd
16	Shri Jitendra Som	Gondwana Ispat Ltd
17	Shri Manish Agarwal	Chaman Metallics Ltd.
18	Shri Subhash Agarwal	Chaman Metallics Ltd.
19	Shri Amitabh S. Mudgal, Sr. Vice President	Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd.
20	Shri G.P Chaudhary	Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd.
21	Shri Pavan Sharma	Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd.
22	Shri P.Y. Tembhare	Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Limited (MSMC Ltd.)
23	Shri V.K. Jain	Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Limited (MSMC Ltd.)
24	Shri Ashok Mundhara	Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Limited (MSMC Ltd.)
25	Shri Subrat Ratho	Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL)
26	Shri Anand Goel	Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL)

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27	Shri B.N. Phubria	Urtan North Mining Corporation Limited
28	Shri N.C. Bagchi	Urtan North Mining Corporation Limited
29	Shri H.S. Seth	Dalmia Cement
30	Shri Puneet	Dalmia Cement
31	Shri U.R. Raju	Dalmia Cement
32	Shri Pawan Kumar	Sunflag Steel
33	Shri S.K. Gupta	Sunflag Steel
34	Shri Brij Pal	Dalmia Cement
35	Shri N. Raghuvansh	Dalmia Cement
36	Shri Pradeep Kr. Chatterjee, Deputy General Manager	WBPDCCL
37	Shri Amares Kumar, Sr. Vice President (Head Mining)	Top worth Steel & Power
38	Shri Jai Thomas, Additional Vice President (Corporate Affairs)	Top worth Steel & Power
39	Shri Y.K. Agarwal, President Commercial	Rathi Steel & Sons Limited
40	Shri Udit Rathi, CEO	Rathi Steel & Sons Limited
41	Shri Prem Kumar, MD	Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Limited (CMDC)
42	Shri P.S. Yadav, GM	Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Limited (CMDC)

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