



File No.: EC/SEIAA/2024-25/3440/2024

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
JHARKHAND)



Dated 22/01/2025



To,

BALWANT KUMAR
Hindalco Industries Ltd.
"GODREJ WATERSIDE" TOWER-I, UNIT -504, 5TH FLOOR, SECTOR -V, SALT LAKE,, BLOCK-
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Subject: Grant of Transfer of EC to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 and as amended thereof regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/JH/CMIN/496975/2024 dated 18/12/2024 for grant of transfer of EC to the project under the provision of para 11 of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

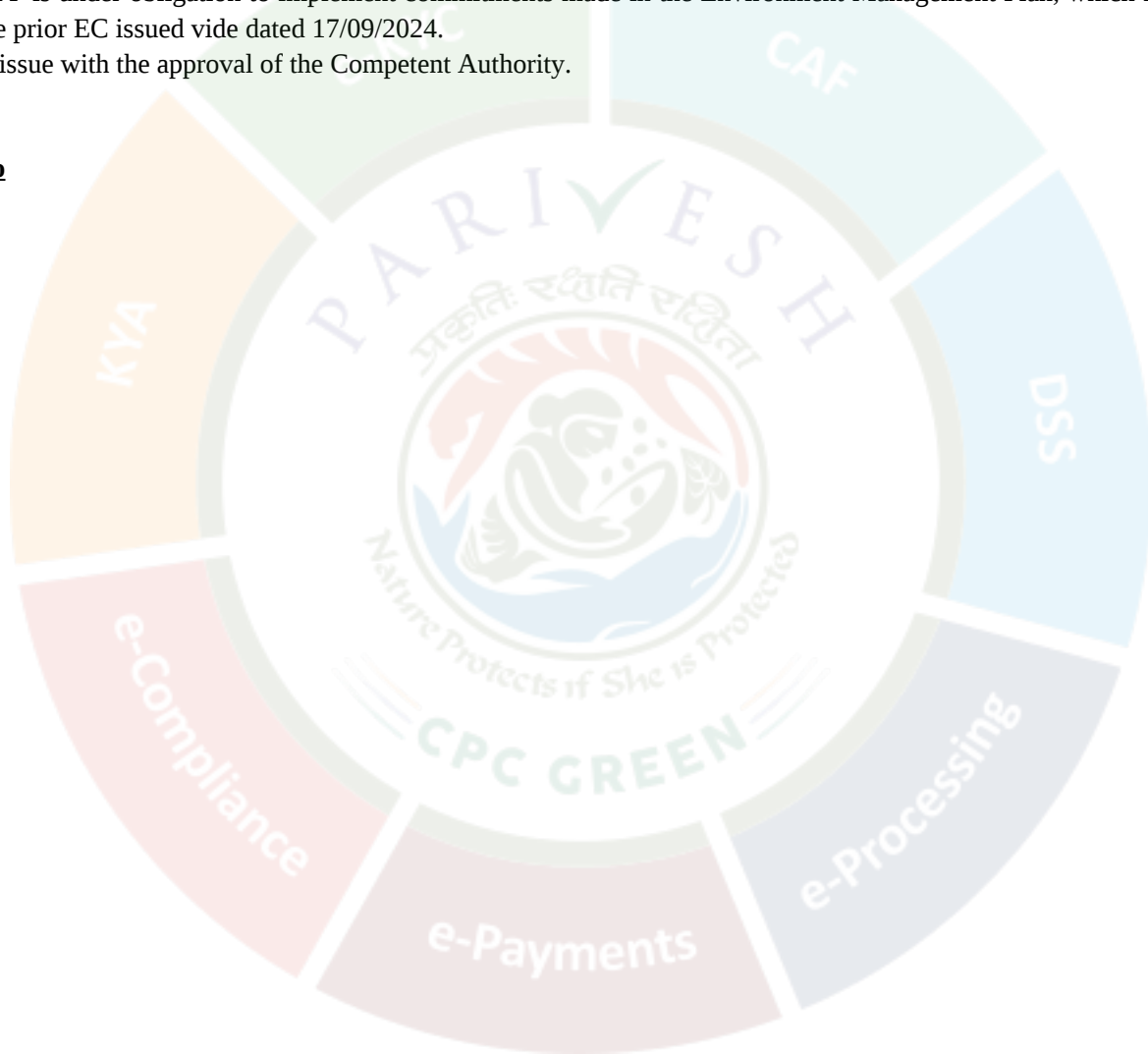
2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

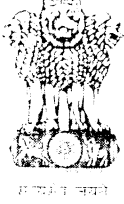
(i) EC Identification No.	EC24B0101JH5922958T
(ii) File No.	EC/SEIAA/2024-25/3440/2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Transfer of EC
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals Dumri Coal Mine Project (1 MTPA in ML area 259.64 ha) located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil Terhesa, Dist. Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
(vii) Name of Project	HAZARIBAGH, JHARKHAND
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	SEIAA
(ix) Issuing Authority	22/01/2025
(x) EC Date	S M STEELS AND POWVER LIMITED, "GODREJ WATERSIDE" TOWER-I, UNIT -504, 5TH FLOOR, SECTOR -V, SALT LAKE,, BLOCK-DP-5, KOLKATA -700091 WEST BENGAL,Kolkata,303,19,700091
(xi) Details of Transferee	Hindalco Industries Ltd., Aditya Birla Centre, 3rd Floor, B Wing, , S K Ahire Marg,Worli
(xii) Details of Transferor	

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-7 were submitted to the SEIAA under the provision of Para 11 of the EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments. Details in Form 7 can be accessed on PARIVESH portal by scanning the QR Code above.
4. The SEIAA has examined the requisite information/documents required for transfer of EC in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and hereby accords Transfer of EC dated to S M STEELS AND POWVER LIMITED under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of EC conditions issued vide EC letter dated 17/09/2024.
5. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the EC conditions is not satisfactory. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.
6. The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan, which forms part of the prior EC issued vide dated 17/09/2024.
7. This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Letter No. :

Ranchi, Dated :

From:

Member Secretary,
SEIAA,
Jharkhand, Ranchi.

To:

M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited
Shri Balwant Kumar
Godrej Waterside Tower-I, Unit - 504,
5th Floor, Sector – V, Saltlake, Block – DP-5,
Kolkata, West Bengal : 700091.

Sub: Transfer of Environmental Clearance from the project “Dumri Coal Mine Project of (1 MTPA in ML area 279 Ha) of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Village : Balia, Pandu, Pagar and Tunda, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand” to “Dumri Coal Mine Project of M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Village : Balia, Pandu, Pagar and Tunda, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand (1 MTPA in ML Area 259.64 Ha) (Proposal no. : SIA/JH/CMIN/496975/2024)” – **regarding.**

Ref:

1. Environmental Clearance was granted by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India to M/s Nilachal Iron & Power Ltd. vide letter no. J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M) dated 23.12.2010.
2. Further the MoEF & CC has transferred the said Environmental Clearance to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited vide letter no. J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 28.10.2016.
3. The MoEF & CC, Govt. of India has subsequently amended the Environmental Clearance dated 28.10.2016 vide letter no. J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 06.11.2019.
4. Your online application no. : SIA/JH/CMIN/496975/2024 seeking transfer of Environmental Clearance.

Sir,

Kindly refer to online application no. : SIA/JH/CMIN/496975/2024, wherein you have requested for transfer of Environmental Clearance issued by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India vide

letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **28.10.2016** in the name of **"M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited"** from **"M/s Hindalco Industries Limited"**.

2) The said matter was examined by SEIAA in its **119th** meeting held on **30.12.2024** to **31.12.2024** and following decision has been taken:-

"The above mentioned project proposal was considered in the light of section 11 of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 for transferability of Environmental Clearance. The Environmental Clearance was granted by **MoEF & CC, Govt. of India** vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M)**, dated **23.12.2010** in the favor of **"Dumri Coal Mine Project of (1 MTPA in ML area 279 Ha) of M/s Nilachal Iron & Power Ltd. located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Village : Balia, Pandu, Pagar and Tunda, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.** Further the MoEF&CC has transferred the said Environmental Clearance to **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **28.10.2016**. The **MoEF & CC, Govt. of India** has subsequently amended the Environmental Clearance dated 28.10.2016 vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **06.11.2019**.

The applicant vide online application no. **SIA/JH/CMIN/496975/2024** has requested to transfer of Environmental Clearance in favor of **"M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited"** for which he has submitted "No Objection Certificate" affirming that the Environmental Clearance will be transferred in favor of **"M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited"** and they do not have any objections regarding the transfer of Environmental Clearance and all the terms and conditions of Environmental Clearance dated **23.12.2010** shall be complied by **"M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited"**.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto, had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) to **M/s Nilachal Iron & Power Ltd.** for **Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA in ML area of 279 Ha located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand** subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the EC letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M)**, dated **23rd December, 2010**.

2. WHEREAS, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25th August, 2014 read with the order dated 24th September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.

3. WHEREAS, in pursuance of the judgment and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the nominated authority has in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.

4. WHEREAS, Ministry of Coal (MoC) vide its OM letter no. 43020/20/2014-CPAM dated 16th March, 2015 has informed MoEF&CC that Ministry of Coal (MoC) has approved 23 coal blocks (15 coal blocks from Schedule II and 8 coal blocks from Schedule III of

the Ordinance) through bidding to different successful bidders/companies. Ministry of Coal (MoC) has requested Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearances and Forest Clearances of these blocks to the new successful bidders.

5. WHEREAS, Ministry of Coal vide Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order No. 104/24/2015/NA dated 22nd April, 2015 has allocated the **Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA in ML area 279 Ha, located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** as the successful bidder.

6. WHEREAS, vide Gazette Notification S.O.811 (E) Notification dated 23rd March, 2015, MoEF&CC has made amendments in paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006. Vide the said amendment: where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding or by the Government in accordance with law, the Environmental Clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of Environmental Clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

7. WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ministry of Coal vesting Order No. 104/24/2015/NA dated 22nd April, 2015 and MoEF&CC Gazette Notification S.O. 811(E) dated 23rd March, 2015, the EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA.II (M)**, dated **23rd December, 2010** to **M/s Nilanchal Iron & Power Limited for Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA in ML area 279 Ha located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand** was transferred to **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** vide letter dated 28th October, 2016 subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments/circulars.
- ii. All conditions stipulated in the EC letter no. No. J-11015/239/2008-IA.II (M), dated 23rd December, 2010 shall remain unchanged.
- iii. The successful bidder shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EP Act, 1986/EIA Notification, 2006/ subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the transfer.
- iv. Successful bidder shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.
- v. Mining shall be carried out in the forest area of 158.64 ha for which stage-FC has been obtained, out of the total forest land of 183 ha in the total mine lease area of 279 ha. No mining shall be done in the remaining 19.36 ha of forest area (excluding 5 ha for safety zone), committed to be surrendered. Also, mining lease shall be executed for the total mine lease area excluding the forest land of 19.36 ha, and shall be submitted to this Ministry.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India reviewed the transfer of Environmental Clearance issued in favour of **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited**

vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt.** dated 28th October, 2016 and made following amendments and issued amended Environmental Clearance vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt.** dated 06th November, 2019:-

8. WHEREAS, the matter regarding transfer of ECs involving forest areas where stage-I Forest Clearance is yet to be obtained, was deliberated in a meeting held in the Ministry on 12th January, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (MoEF&CC), following decisions were taken during the meeting:-

- i. Transfer of ECs to the fresh allottees of the coal blocks involving forest area but not having Stage I FC (Forest Clearance) for the entire pocket of forest land, shall not be considered. The project proponent is required to first submit state-I FC (Forest Clearance) to take their proposals forward.
- ii. In case where Stage-I FC (Forest Clearance) is not available for even a part of the total forest land, the project proponent shall be required to revise the mining plan accordingly followed by submitting the fresh proposals to obtain ECs as provided under the EIA Notification, 2006.

9. WHEREAS, transfer of EC dated 23rd December, 2010 for Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA vide letter dated 28th October, 2016 was reviewed in the light of the above decisions, and it was considered that the transfer of EC is not in conformity with the decisions taken accordingly, transfer of EC dated 28th October, 2016 was kept in abeyance till stage-I FC (Forest Clearance) is available for the total forest land of 24.36 ha.

10. WHEREAS, M/s Hindalco Industries Limited (HIL) has informed that state-I FC for diversion of further 5 ha for forest land has been obtained on 22nd May, 2019, and the remaining forest land of 19.36 ha is proposed to be surrendered. Mine lease area thus gets reduced from 279 ha to 259.64 ha. The revised mining plan for the reduced mine lease area has the approval of Ministry of Coal vide their letter dated 24th October, 2018.

11. WHEREAS, the matter regarding Dumri Coal Mine transfer of ECs involving forest areas where forest land of 19.36 ha is proposed to be surrendered and state-I Forest Clearance is yet to be obtained, was deliberated in a meeting held in the Ministry on 3rd September, 2019, under the Chairmanship of Secretary (EF&CC). During the meeting held between Secretary, Coal and Secretary, EF&CC on 3rd September, 2019, It was decided to refer such cases to the sectoral EAC for early consideration on case to case basis based on merits involved. Therefore, the instant proposal was referred to the EAC for examination of impact of reduction of area on the attributes like dumping area, mining sequence, mine closure plan, etc.

12. WHEREAS, EAC in its meeting held on 3-4 October, 2019, after detailed deliberation, recommend to revoke the abeyance on transfer of EC for Dumri Coal Mine project of 1 MTPA located in North Karanpura Coal Fields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand from **M/s Nilanchal Iron & Power Limited** to **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** for a production capacity of 1 MTPA in the ML area of 259.64 ha subject to the following conditions in addition to the terms and conditions prescribed in the EC letter dated 23rd December, 2010 and 28th October, 2016 interalia including validity.

- i. The safety distance of at least 15 m shall be maintained all along the forest boundary.

- ii. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt all along the mine boundary with broad leaved, native tree species.
- iii. Control blasting techniques using NONEL and down the hole initiation shall be adopted while working near the forest boundary and habitations.
- iv. The project proponent shall adhere to the approved mining plan for the ML area of 259.64 ha.
- v. The fund allocation for the CER shall be made as per guidelines issued by the Ministry vide OM dated 1st May, 2018.

13. Based on recommendation of EAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was revoked the abeyance on transfer of Environmental Clearance for Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand from **M/s Nilanchal Iron & Power Limited** to **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** for a production capacity of 1 MTPA in the ML area of 259.64 ha subject to the all the conditions mentioned in para 12 above.

14. WHEREAS, Ministry of Coal vide vesting order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and order no. NA-104/2/2024/NA dated 01st August, 2024 has allocated the Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA in ML area of 279 ha located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand to **M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited** as the successful bidder.

15. WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ministry of Coal vesting order dated 01st August, 2024 and MOEF&CC Gazette Notification dated 23rd March, 2015 and 20th April, 2022, the EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M)**, dated **23.12.2010** to **M/s Nilanchal Iron & Power Limited**, transfer of EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 28.10.2016** and amended EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 06.11.2019** to **M/s Hindalco Industries Limited** for Dumri Coal Mine Project of 1 MTPA in ML area 279 ha located in North Karanpura Coalfields, Tehsil : Terhesa, District : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand is hereby transferred to **M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited** subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Production shall only be commenced after getting stage I and stage II clearance from competent authority in the favour of **M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited**. Information in this regard must be submitted to SEIAA upon approval.
- ii. Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments/circulars.
- iii. All conditions stipulated in the EC letter no. No. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M)**, dated **23rd December, 2010**, transfer of EC letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 28.10.2016** and amended EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M) Pt. Dated : 06.11.2019** shall remain unchanged.
- iv. The successful bidder shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EP Act, 1986/EIA Notification, 2006/ subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the transfer.

- v. **M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited** is directed to obtain **Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate** from the State Pollution Control Board in the name of "**M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited**" In case any change is **proposed** in the **Scope** of the project, the Project Authority (PA) shall **obtain** fresh **Environmental Clearance**.
- vi. Successful bidder shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any".

3) The Authority has no objection for transfer of Environmental Clearance accorded by the **MoEF & CC, Govt. of India** vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **28.10.2016** in the name of "**M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited**" from "**M/s Hindaleo Industries Limited**" with the same terms and conditions under which prior Environmental Clearance was granted for the same validity period subject to satisfactory compliance of all the stipulated terms and condition therein alongwith following specific conditions:-

- i. Production shall only be commenced after getting stage I and stage II clearance from competent authority in the favour of **M/s S M Steels and Powver Limited**. Information in this regard must be submitted to SEIAA upon approval.
- ii. Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments/circulars.
- iii. All conditions stipulated in the EC letter no. No. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II (M)**, dated **27th December, 2010**, transfer of EC letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **28.10.2016** and amended EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/239/2008-IA-II(M)** Pt. Dated : **06.11.2019** shall remain unchanged.
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4) This is issued with the approval of SEIAA, Jharkhand.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

Member Secretary
State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority, Jharkhand

Memo No: **503**

Ranchi, Date: **10/01/2025**

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand.

2. Deputy Commissioner, District – Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
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4. Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
5. Director IA Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
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7. Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi.
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9. Website.
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