To,

M/s ACB (India) Limited,
(Formerly known as M/s Aryan Coal Benefication Private Limited),
Village – Patharapali – Phaguram,
Tehsil – Ghaghoda,
District – Raigarh (C.G.)

Sub: Amendment in the Environmental Clearance – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Environment Clearance issued by State EIA Authority,
Chhattisgarh, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of
India vide letter no. 4491/SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGH/89/09 Raipur,
Date 27/11/2012.
2. Your application letter no. nil dated 01/08/2013.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your communication dated
01/08/2013 regarding the subject mentioned above.

SEIAA, Chhattisgarh in its 24th meeting held on 10/10/2012 accepted
the recommendation of SEAC, Chhattisgarh and unanimously decided to grant
Environment Clearance for coal beneficiation plant of capacity 0.96 million
toanum (throughput capacity) at Village - Patharapali – Phaguram,
Tehsil – Ghaghoda, District Raigarh (C.G.). Accordingly Environment
Clearance was accorded vide letter no. 4491/SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGH/89/09
Raipur dated 27/11/2012 subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions
mentioned therein. The condition number 44 of Environment Clearance is
quoted as follows:-

"In case; the industry's land situated at Village – Patrapali and
Phaguram, Tehsil – Gharghora, District – Raigarh (C.G.), on which company's
Coal Washery of capacity 0.96 Million Tonnes Per Year (Throughput Capacity
of Raw Coal) is proposed to be established, is required for coal mining purpose
in future by the Central and / or the State Government, the aforesaid Coal
Washery of capacity 0.96 Million Tonnes Per Year (Throughput Capacity of
Raw Coal) will be shifted to an alternate site at company's own cost & liability,
and the land so vacated would be made available for the purpose for which it
is sought as per the affidavit and resolution passed by Board of Director
submitted by project proponent. Project proponent shall obtain 'No Objection
Certificate' from SECL, Baroud Sub Area, Raigarh Area before taking any
steps for establishment of coal washery."

Now project proponent has requested vide letter dated 01/08/2013 to
delete the last sentence of the condition mentioned above i.e. to delete the
following condition:-
"Project proponent shall obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from SECL, Baroud Sub Area, Raigarh Area before taking any steps for establishment of coal washery."

Project proponent has submitted the following facts:-

1. The area in Pathrapali and Faguram Villages, Tehsil Gharghoda, District Raigarh where ACBIL proposes to set up the coal washery of 0.96 MTPA capacity falls under coal bearing area but not yet notified as coal bearing area under coal bearing act 1957.

2. We have already given an undertaking to the Dist Collector Raigarh prior to the conduct of the public hearing that incase if the land is notified under Coal Bearing Act and as and when SECL requires the land, the project shall be removed or shifted at the company's own expense. To this effect an affidavit was also submitted subsequent to which the public hearing was conducted. An undertaking was also submitted to SEAC for approval of EC.

3. We have also obtained information under RTI from SECL. The information obtained from Public Information officer of SECL in the form of an RTI explains that the area under consideration is not a notified coal bearing area and there is no plan for carrying out mining till the 15th five year plan that is for the next 25 years. We wish to inform that we stand committed by our undertakings submitted to the authorities that we would vacate the site at our own expense once the area is notified under Coal Bearing Act and as and when SECL requires the land for mining activity. In this regard we request you to kindly amend the EC condition no.44.

The case was discussed in the 111th meeting of SEAC, Chhattisgarh held on 07/09/2013. SEAC, Chhattisgarh perused the facts submitted by the project proponent. After deliberation, in view of the facts submitted by project proponent, SEAC, Chhattisgarh unanimously decided to recommend to delete the following condition:-

"Project proponent shall obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from SECL, Baroud Sub Area, Raigarh Area before taking any steps for establishment of coal washery."

SEIAA, Chhattisgarh perused the documents submitted by the project proponent in this regard and minutes of the meeting of SEAC, Chhattisgarh in the 30th meeting held on 29/10/2013. After deliberation, SEIAA, Chhattisgarh unanimously accepted the recommendation of SEAC, Chhattisgarh and decided to delete the above condition mentioned in Environmental Clearance accorded vide letter no. 4491/SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGH/89/09 Raipur dated 27/11/2012.

Now; therefore the following condition mentioned in Environmental Clearance is hereby deleted:-

"Project proponent shall obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from SECL, Baroud Sub Area, Raigarh Area before taking any steps for establishment of coal washery."

Other terms and conditions of Environmental Clearance issued vide this office letter no. 4491/SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGH/89/09 Raipur, Date 27/11/2012 shall remain unchanged.
Please keep this letter along with original 'Environmental Clearance' letter issued vide this office letter no. 4491/SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGB/89/09 Raipur, Date 27/11/2012.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Endt. No. / SEIAA-CG/EC/CW/RGB/89/09 Raipur, Date / /2013

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi- 110 001.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Mantralaya Chhattisgarh, Raipur-492001
3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi- 110 066.
4. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 100 032.
5. The Chairman, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Commercial Complex, Chhattisgarh Housing Board Colony, Kabir Nagar, Raipur (C.G.).
6. Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. The Chief Conservator of Forests (C) Regional Office (WZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Link Road No.-3, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal.

Member Secretary
State EIA Authority, Chhattisgarh
Raipur (C.G.)