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To,

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Subject: **2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitari, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh by M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited – Environmental Clearance (EC) – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for grant of Environmental Clearance under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006, as amended in respect of project 2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitari, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh by M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited, submitted to Ministry vide proposal number IA/CG/THE/441418/2023 dated 15/09/2023.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC23A0601CG5872873N
(ii) File No.	J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC
(iv) Category	A
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(d) Thermal Power Plants, 8(b) Townships/ Area Development Projects / Rehabilitation Centres
(vi) Sector	Thermal Projects
(vii) Name of Project	2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitari, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited

(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	JANJGIR-CHAMPA, CHHATTISGARH
(x) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions as per EIA Notification, 2006	No

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para 2 above, the project proposal inter-alia including Form-1(Part A, B and C)/ EIA & EMP Reports were submitted to the MoEF&CC for an appraisal by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power projects) under the provision of EIA notification 2006, as amended.
4. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the application. It is noted that the proposal is for grant of Environmental Clearance to the project for 2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh by M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited.
5. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by the EAC in its 47th meeting held on 27th September, 2023. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed from the PARIVESH portal by scanning the QR Code above or through the following web link [click here](#).
6. The brief about configuration of Proposed Project as submitted by the Project Proponent in Form-1 (Part A, B and C)/ EIA & EMP Reports / presented during 47th meeting held on 27th September, 2023 are annexed to this EC as Annexure 3.
7. The sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee in its 47th meeting held on 27th September, 2023 considered the proposal, based on information submitted viz: Form 1 (Part A, B and C), EIA/EMP report etc & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on all technical aspects and public hearing issues and compliance thereto furnished by the Project Proponent, recommended the proposal for grant of Environment Clearance.
8. The MoEF&CC has examined the proposal in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, as amended and based on recommendation of EAC, the Ministry, hereby accords approval for grant of Environmental Clearance to the project for 2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh by M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited, under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended subject to compliance of the Specific and Standard EC conditions as given in Annexure (1) for environmental safeguards.
9. The Environmental Clearance to the aforementioned project is under provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended. It does not tantamount to approvals/consent/permissions etc. required to be obtained under any other Act/Rule/regulation. The Project Proponent is under obligation to obtain approvals /clearances under any other Acts/ Regulations or Statutes, as applicable, to the project.
10. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary at subsequent stages and the project proponent shall implement all the said conditions in a time bound manner. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the environmental clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not found satisfactory.
11. The above conditions will be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 read with subsequent amendments therein.
12. The Validity of EC is upto 10 years to the start of production operations by the project or activity. Validity of EC becomes perpetual subject to the start of production operations by the project or activity on or before the expiry of EC letter. In case the project proponent fails to start the production operations within the EC validity date, application for EC validity extension shall be submitted to the regulatory authority as per the provision contained in the Para 9.0 of EIA notification, 2006, as amended.

13. General Instructions:

(a) The project proponent shall prominently advertise it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days indicating that the project has been accorded environment clearance and the details of MoEF&CC/SEIAA website where it is displayed.

(b) The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.

(c) The project proponent shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors (in case of Company) or competent authority, duly prescribing standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions.

(d) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the project proponent (during construction phase) and authorized entity mandated with compliance of conditions (during operational phase) shall be prepared. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Six monthly progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six-Monthly Compliance Report.

(e) Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(f) The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information/monitoring reports.

(g) Any appeal against this EC shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

14. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

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1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Chhattisgarh.
2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum office complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
3. The Chairman, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Nanak Niwas, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. The Regional Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19 Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh - 492002.
5. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
6. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Jail Road, Fafadih Chowk, Raipur – 492001.
7. The District Collector, Baradwar Marg, Jaijaipur, Jetha, District Sakti, Chhattisgarh.
8. The Guard File/Record File/Monitoring File.
9. MoEF&CC website.

Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Thermal Power Plants)

1. Environmental Management**

S. No	EC Conditions
1.1	i. Zero Liquid Discharge shall be ensured and no waste/treated water shall be discharged outside the premises. ii. Peripheral Green belt (Three row plantation) with Miyawaki plantation technique of 15 m thickness along the plant boundary shall be developed with more than 90% survival rate of the plant species focusing on Ash Dyke area. iii. Extensive green cover within 2 km range of the plant boundary shall be developed. An action plan in this regard to be prepared in consultation with CPCB/expert institution and submitted before Regional Office of the Ministry within 3 months. iv. 24X7 online monitoring system for ambient air quality shall be established with its connectivity with SPCB and CPCB server. Stack monitoring shall be done through 24X7 online monitoring system. v. Adequate dust extraction system such as cyclones/bag filters and water spray system in dusty areas such as waste delivery points, transfer areas and other vulnerable dusty areas shall be provided along with an environment friendly sludge disposal system. Water Sprinkling on roads shall be done in every 6 hours in winter season and 3 hours in summer season of roads within 1 km range approaching the plant. A logbook shall be maintained for the activity and be in six-monthly compliance report. vi. LED display of air quality (Continuous Online monitoring) shall be installed on the roadside (within 1 km range) and nearby hotspots viz. residential colony, Schools Hospitals; maintenance of devices shall be done on regular basis. vii. Everyday cleaning of road/Paved roads within 1 km range of plant site shall be ensured throughout the year through vaccum based vehicle. viii. Environment Audit of plant shall be done annually and report shall be submitted to Regional office of the Ministry. ix. Project proponent shall explore the use of treated sewage water from the Sewage Treatment Plant of Municipality / local bodies/ similar organization located within 50km radius of the proposed power project to minimize the water drawl from surface water bodies. x. A detailed action plan regarding leachate handling shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with SPCB and the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry. Zero liquid discharge shall be adopted. Leachate shall be treated and reused. No treated leachate shall be discharged in any circumstances. Characteristics of Leachate and the treated leachate shall be monitored once in quarter and records shall be maintained. xi. Oil and grease recovered from the treatment plant should be disposed only through authorized recyclers. xii. Harnessing solar power within the premises of the plant particularly at available roof tops shall be carried out and status of implementation including actual generation of solar power shall be submitted along with half yearly monitoring report. xiii. Fly ash handling shall be done strictly as per extent rules/regulations of the Ministry/CPCB issued from time to time including Ministry's Notification No. S.O.5481(E) dated 31st December, 2021. No coal shall be transported through road shall be allowed. xiv. Monitoring of surface water quality and Ground Water quality shall also be regularly conducted and records maintained. The monitored data shall be submitted to the Ministry regularly. Further, monitoring points shall be located between the plant and drainage in the direction of flow of ground water and records maintained. Monitoring for heavy metals in ground water shall also be undertaken and results/findings submitted along with half yearly monitoring report. xv. A well designed rain-water harvesting system shall be put in place within six months, which shall comprise of rain water collection from the built up and open area in the plant premises and detailed record kept of the quantity of water harvested every year and its use. xvi. No water bodies including natural drainage system in the area shall be disturbed due to activities associated with the setting up/ operation of the power plant. A list of all small and large water bodies shall be prepared after physical survey within 10 km radius of the project. A

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	detailed conservation plan for all these water bodies shall be prepared and submitted before the Regional Office of the Ministry within 3 months. Implementation status of conservation plan be submitted in 6 monthly compliance report. xvii. Watershed development plan shall be prepared and implemented focusing on micro watershed development within 10 km radius of the project. Action taken report in this regard be submitted before regional office of the Ministry in 6 monthly compliance report. xviii. A detailed ecological monitoring and survey covering forestry, fisheries, wildlife and its habitat shall be done once in two years to assess the impacts of project on the local environment and ecology. Monitoring report shall be uploaded on the Parivesh Portal and a copy of the same be submitted to the regional office of MoEF&CC. xix. For the DG sets, emission limits and the stack height shall be in conformity with the extant regulations and the CPCB guidelines. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to DG set for controlling the noise pollution. xx. An Environmental Cell headed by the Environment Manger with postgraduate qualification in environmental science/environmental engineering, shall be created. It shall be ensured that the Head of the Cell shall directly report to the Head of the Plant who would be accountable for implementation of environmental regulations and social impact improvement/mitigation measures. xxi. The unit shall make the arrangement for protection of possible fire hazards during manufacturing process in material handling. Firefighting system shall be as per the norms. xxii. The energy sources for lighting purposes shall preferably be LED based. xxiii. Explore desulphurization from biotechnological method. xxiv. No construction work of the project shall be started without obtaining Stage- II Forest Clearance.

2. Miscellaneous

S. No	EC Conditions
2.1	i. Consent to Establish/Operate for the project shall be obtained from the State Pollution Control Board as required under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. ii. All necessary clearance from the concerned Authority, as may be applicable should be obtained prior to commencement of project or activity.

3. Socio-economic

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3.1	i. Public grievance redressal system shall be established under supervision of project head. The functioning of the system shall be reviewed every month. ii. A vision document comprising prospective plan for implementation of various CER activities, plantation programme outside the project cover area, rejuvenation and conservation of water bodies within 5km radius of the project cover area, creation of sacred groves etc. shall be prepared and submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry within 6 months. Implementation status of the same shall be reported to the Regional office in 6 monthly compliance report. iii. Epidemiological Study among population within 5 km radius of project cover area

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	shall be carried out on regular interval (Once in two year) through independent agency. Necessary measures shall be taken as per findings of study in consultation with district administration. Action taken report shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry. iv. The Project Proponent shall submit the time- bound action plan to the concerned regional office of the Ministry within 6 months from the date of issuance of Environmental Clearance for undertaking the CER activities, committed during public consultation by the project proponent and as discussed by the EAC, in terms of the provisions of the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30 September, 2020. The action plan shall be implemented within three years of commencement of the project. v. Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act. vi. A multi-specialty Hospital with 100 beds shall be established and managed by the PP to cater the need of population living within 10 km. The project affected families shall be given free of cost treatment. vii. A 10+2 Grade school with capacity of at least 500 students with well-equipped modern science practical lab, computer lab and other necessary infrastructure shall be established to provide education facilities in the area. The students from project affected families shall be given free of cost education. viii. The establishment of a robust grievance redressal mechanism to address concerns and complaints from local communities regarding the power plant's operations, environmental impacts, or social issues shall be developed. A Senior Officer shall review the functioning of the mechanism twice in a month.

Standard EC Conditions for (Townships/ Area Development Projects / Rehabilitation Centres)

1. Statutory Compliance

S. No	EC Conditions
1.1	The project proponent shall obtain all necessary clearance/ permission from all relevant agencies including town planning authority before commencement of work. All the construction shall be done in accordance with the local building byelaws.
1.2	The approval of the Competent Authority shall be obtained for structural safety of buildings due to earthquakes, adequacy of firefighting equipment etc. as per National Building Code including protection measures from lightening etc.
1.3	The project proponent shall obtain forest clearance under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in case of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose involved in the project.
1.4	The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.
1.5	The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish / Operate under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 from the concerned State Pollution Control Board/ Committee.

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1.6	The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission for drawl of ground water / surface water required for the project from the competent authority.
1.7	A certificate of adequacy of available power from the agency supplying power to the project along with the load allowed for the project should be obtained.
1.8	All other statutory clearances such as the approvals for storage of diesel from Chief Controller of Explosives, Fire Department, Civil Aviation Department shall be obtained, as applicable, by project proponents from the respective competent authorities.
1.9	The provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, e-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, and the Plastics Waste Management Rules, 2016, shall be followed.
1.10	The project proponent shall follow the ECBC/ECBC-R prescribed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power strictly.

2. Air Quality Monitoring And Preservation

S. No	EC Conditions
2.1	Notification GSR 94(E) dated 25.01.2018 of MoEF&CC regarding Mandatory Implementation of Dust Mitigation Measures for Construction and Demolition Activities for projects requiring Environmental Clearance shall be complied with.
2.2	A management plan shall be drawn up and implemented to contain the current exceedance in ambient air quality at the site.
2.3	The project proponent shall install system to carryout Ambient Air Quality monitoring for common/criterion parameters relevant to the main pollutants released (e.g. PM10 and PM2.5) covering upwind and downwind directions during the construction period.
2.4	Diesel power generating sets proposed as source of backup power should be of enclosed type and conform to rules made under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The height of stack of DG sets should be equal to the height needed for the combined capacity of all proposed DG sets. Use of low sulphur diesel. The location of the DG sets may be decided with in consultation with State Pollution Control Board.
2.5	Construction site shall be adequately barricaded before the construction begins. Dust, smoke & other air pollution prevention measures shall be provided for the building as well as the site. These measures shall include screens for the building under construction, continuous dust/ wind breaking walls all around the site (at least 3-meter height). Plastic/tarpaulin sheet covers shall be provided for vehicles bringing in sand, cement, murram and other construction materials prone to causing dust pollution at the site as well as taking out debris from the site.
2.6	Sand, murram, loose soil, cement, stored on site shall be covered adequately so as to prevent dust pollution.
2.7	Wet jet shall be provided for grinding and stone cutting.

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2.8	Unpaved surfaces and loose soil shall be adequately sprinkled with water to suppress dust.
2.9	All construction and demolition debris shall be stored at the site (and not dumped on the roads or open spaces outside) before they are properly disposed. All demolition and construction waste shall be managed as per the provisions of the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules 2016.
2.10	The diesel generator sets to be used during construction phase shall be low sulphur diesel type and shall conform to Environmental (Protection) prescribed for air and noise emission standards.
2.11	The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB standards. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to the DG sets to mitigate the noise pollution. Low sulphur diesel shall be used. The location of the DG set and exhaust pipe height shall be as per the provisions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) norms.
2.12	For indoor air quality the ventilation provisions as per National Building Code of India.

3. Water Quality Monitoring And Preservation

S. No	EC Conditions
3.1	The natural drain system should be maintained for ensuring unrestricted flow of water. No construction shall be allowed to obstruct the natural drainage through the site, on wetland and water bodies. Check dams, bio-swales, landscape, and other sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) are allowed for maintaining the drainage pattern and to harvest rain water.
3.2	Buildings shall be designed to follow the natural topography as much as possible. Minimum cutting and filling should be done.
3.3	Total fresh water use shall not exceed the proposed requirement as provided in the project details.
3.4	The quantity of fresh water usage, water recycling and rainwater harvesting shall be measured and recorded to monitor the water balance as projected by the project proponent. The record shall be submitted to the Regional Office, MoEF&CC along with six monthly Monitoring reports.
3.5	A certificate shall be obtained from the local body supplying water, specifying the total annual water availability with the local authority, the quantity of water already committed, the quantity of water allotted to the project under consideration and the balance water available. This should be specified separately for ground water and surface water sources, ensuring that there is no impact on other users.
3.6	At least 20% of the open spaces as required by the local building bye-laws shall be pervious. Use of Grass pavers, paver blocks with at least 50% opening, landscape etc. would be considered as pervious surface.
3.7	Installation of dual pipe plumbing for supplying fresh water for drinking, cooking and bathing etc and other for supply of recycled water for flushing, landscape irrigation, car washing, thermal cooling, conditioning etc. shall be done.

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3.8	Use of water saving devices/fixtures (viz. low flow flushing systems; use of low flow faucets tap aerators etc) for water conservation shall be incorporated in the building plan.
3.9	Separation of grey and black water should be done by the use of dual plumbing system. In case of single stack system separate recirculation lines for flushing by giving dual plumbing system be done.
3.10	Water demand during construction should be reduced by use of pre-mixed concrete, curing agents and other best practices referred.
3.11	The local bye-law provisions on rain water harvesting should be followed. If local bye-law provision is not available, adequate provision for storage and recharge should be followed as per the Ministry of Urban Development Model Building Byelaws, 2016. Rain water harvesting recharge pits/storage tanks shall be provided for ground water recharging as per the CGWB norms.
3.12	A rain water harvesting plan needs to be designed where the recharge bores of minimum one recharge bore per 5,000 square meters of built up area and storage capacity of minimum one day of total fresh water requirement shall be provided. In areas where ground water recharge is not feasible, the rain water should be harvested and stored for reuse. The ground water shall not be withdrawn without approval from the Competent Authority.
3.13	All recharge should be limited to shallow aquifer.
3.14	No ground water shall be used during construction phase of the project.
3.15	Any ground water dewatering should be properly managed and shall conform to the approvals and the guidelines of the CGWA in the matter. Formal approval shall be taken from the CGWA for any ground water abstraction or dewatering.
3.16	Sewage shall be treated in the STP with tertiary treatment. The treated effluent from STP shall be recycled/re-used for flushing, AC make up water and gardening. As proposed, no treated water shall be disposed in to municipal drain.
3.17	No sewage or untreated effluent water would be discharged through storm water drains.
3.18	Onsite sewage treatment of capacity of treating 100% waste water to be installed. The installation of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) shall be certified by an independent expert and a report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry before the project is commissioned for operation. Treated waste water shall be reused on site for landscape, flushing, cooling tower, and other end-uses. Excess treated water shall be discharged as per statutory norms notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Natural treatment systems shall be promoted.
3.19	Periodical monitoring of water quality of treated sewage shall be conducted. Necessary measures should be made to mitigate the odour problem from STP.
3.20	Sludge from the onsite sewage treatment, including septic tanks, shall be collected, conveyed and disposed as per the Ministry of Urban Development, Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems, 2013.

4. Noise Monitoring And Prevention

S. No	EC Conditions
4.1	Ambient noise levels shall conform to residential area/commercial area/industrial area/silence zone both during day and night as per Noise Pollution (Control and Regulation) Rules, 2000. Incremental pollution loads on the ambient air and noise quality shall be closely monitored during construction phase. Adequate measures shall be made to reduce ambient air and noise level during construction phase, so as to conform to the stipulated standards by CPCB / SPCB.
4.2	Noise level survey shall be carried as per the prescribed guidelines and report in this regard shall be submitted to Regional Officer of the Ministry as a part of six-monthly compliance report.
4.3	Acoustic enclosures for DG sets, noise barriers for ground-run bays, ear plugs for operating personnel shall be implemented as mitigation measures for noise impact due to ground sources.

5. Energy Conservation Measures

S. No	EC Conditions
5.1	Compliance with the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency shall be ensured. Buildings in the States which have notified their own ECBC, shall comply with the State ECBC.
5.2	Outdoor and common area lighting shall be LED.
5.3	Concept of passive solar design that minimize energy consumption in buildings by using design elements, such as building orientation, landscaping, efficient building envelope, appropriate fenestration, increased day lighting design and thermal mass etc. shall be incorporated in the building design. Wall, window, and roof u-values shall be as per ECBC specifications.
5.4	Energy conservation measures like installation of CFLs/ LED for the lighting the area outside the building should be integral part of the project design and should be in place before project commissioning.
5.5	Solar, wind or other Renewable Energy shall be installed to meet electricity generation equivalent to 1% of the demand load or as per the state level/ local building bye-laws requirement, whichever is higher.
5.6	Solar power shall be used for lighting in the apartment to reduce the power load on grid. Separate electric meter shall be installed for solar power. Solar water heating shall be provided to meet 20% of the hot water demand of the commercial and institutional building or as per the requirement of the local building bye-laws, whichever is higher. Residential buildings are also recommended to meet its hot water demand from solar water heaters, as far as possible.

6. Waste Management

S. No	EC Conditions
6.1	A certificate from the competent authority handling municipal solid wastes, indicating the existing civic capacities of handling and their adequacy to cater to the M.S.W. generated from project shall be obtained.

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6.2	Disposal of muck during construction phase shall not create any adverse effect on the neighbouring communities and be disposed taking the necessary precautions for general safety and health aspects of people, only in approved sites with the approval of competent authority.
6.3	Separate wet and dry bins must be provided in each unit and at the ground level for facilitating segregation of waste. Solid waste shall be segregated into wet garbage and inert materials.
6.4	Organic waste compost/Vermiculture pit/Organic Waste Converter within the premises with a minimum capacity of 0.3 kg /person/day must be installed.
6.5	All non-biodegradable waste shall be handed over to authorized recyclers for which a written tie up must be done with the authorized recyclers.
6.6	Any hazardous waste generated during construction phase, shall be disposed off as per applicable rules and norms with necessary approvals of the State Pollution Control Board.
6.7	Use of environment friendly materials in bricks, blocks and other construction materials, shall be required for at least 20% of the construction material quantity. These include Fly Ash bricks, hollow bricks, AACs, Fly Ash Lime Gypsum blocks, Compressed earth blocks, and other environment friendly materials.
6.8	Fly ash should be used as building material in the construction as per the provision of Fly Ash Notification of September, 1999 and amended as on 27th August, 2003 and 25th January, 2016. Ready mixed concrete must be used in building construction.
6.9	Any wastes from construction and demolition activities related thereto shall be managed so as to strictly conform to the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016.
6.10	Used CFLs and TFLs should be properly collected and disposed off/sent for recycling as per the prevailing guidelines/ rules of the regulatory authority to avoid mercury contamination.

7. Green Cover

S. No	EC Conditions
7.1	No tree can be felled/transplant unless exigencies demand. Where absolutely necessary, tree felling shall be with prior permission from the concerned regulatory authority. Old trees should be retained based on girth and age regulations as may be prescribed by the Forest Department. Plantations to be ensured species (cut) to species (planted).
7.2	A minimum of 1 tree for every 80 sqm of land should be planted and maintained. The existing trees will be counted for this purpose. The landscape planning should include plantation of native species. The species with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy cover are desirable. Water intensive and/or invasive species should not be used for landscaping.
7.3	Where the trees need to be cut with prior permission from the concerned local Authority, compensatory plantation in the ratio of 1:10 (i.e. planting of 10 trees for every 1 tree that is cut) shall be done and maintained. Plantations to be ensured species (cut) to species (planted). Area for green belt development shall be provided as per the details provided in the project document.

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7.4	Topsoil should be stripped to a depth of 20 cm from the areas proposed for buildings, roads, paved areas, and external services. It should be stockpiled appropriately in designated areas and reapplied during plantation of the proposed vegetation on site.

8. Transport

S. No	EC Conditions
8.1	A comprehensive mobility plan, as per MoUD best practices guidelines (URDPFI), shall be prepared to include motorized, non-motorized, public, and private networks. Road should be designed with due consideration for environment, and safety of users. The road system can be designed with these basic criteria. a. Hierarchy of roads with proper segregation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. b. Traffic calming measures. c. Proper design of entry and exit points. d. Parking norms as per local regulation.
8.2	Vehicles hired for bringing construction material to the site should be in good condition and should have a pollution check certificate and should conform to applicable air and noise emission standards be operated only during non-peak hours.

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S. No	EC Conditions
9.1	A detailed traffic management and traffic decongestion plan shall be drawn up to ensure that the current level of service of the roads within a 05 kms radius of the project is maintained and improved upon after the implementation of the project. This plan should be based on cumulative impact of all development and increased habitation being carried out or proposed to be carried out by the project or other agencies in this 05 Kms radius of the site in different scenarios of space and time and the traffic management plan shall be duly validated and certified by the State Urban Development department and the P.W.D./ competent authority for road augmentation and shall also have their consent to the implementation of components of the plan which involve the participation of these departments.

10. Human Health Issues

S. No	EC Conditions
10.1	All workers working at the construction site and involved in loading, unloading, carriage of construction material and construction debris or working in any area with dust pollution shall be provided with dust mask.
10.2	For indoor air quality the ventilation provisions as per National Building Code of India.
10.3	Emergency preparedness plan based on the Hazard identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and Disaster Management Plan shall be implemented.
10.4	Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking

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	water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
10.5	Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be done on a regular basis.
10.6	A First Aid Room shall be provided in the project both during construction and operations of the project.

11. Miscellaneous

S. No	EC Conditions
11.1	The project proponent shall prominently advertise it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days indicating that the project has been accorded environment clearance and the details of MoEFCC/SEIAA website where it is displayed.
11.2	ii. environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
11.3	The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and update the same on half-yearly basis.
11.4	The project proponent shall submit six-monthly reports on the status of the compliance of the stipulated environmental conditions on the website of the ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at environment clearance portal.
11.5	The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms/conditions. The company shall have defined system of reporting infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms/conditions and/or shareholders/stake holders. The copy of the board resolution in this regard shall be submitted to the MoEF&CC as a part of six-monthly report.
11.6	A separate Environmental Cell both at the project and company head quarter level, with qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of senior Executive, who will directly report to the head of the organization.
11.7	Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six Monthly Compliance Report
11.8	The project proponent shall submit the environmental statement for each financial year in Form-V to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection)

S. No	EC Conditions
	Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.
11.9	The project proponent shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities, commencing the land development work and start of production operation by the project.
11.10	The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
11.11	The project proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report and also that during their presentation to the Expert Appraisal Committee.
11.12	No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
11.13	Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
11.14	The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
11.15	The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
11.16	The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information/monitoring reports.
11.17	The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
11.18	Any appeal against this EC shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

12. Specific Conditions

S. No	EC Conditions
12.1	The project proponent shall develop R& D facilities to develop their own technologies for propylene and polypropylene processing.

Additional EC Conditions

N/A

Details of the Project

S. No.	Particulars	Details	
a.	Details of the Project	2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh	
b.	Latitude and Longitude of the project site	21.89962408557613,83.12347117380604 21.90317464869292,83.13646553926921	
c.	Land Requirement (in Ha) of the project or activity	Nature of Land involved	Area in Ha
		Non-Forest Land (A)	385.06
		Forest Land (B)	15.71
		Total Land (A+B)	400.77
d.	Date of Public Consultation	Public consultation for the project was held on	
e.	Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) involvement	NO	
f.	Project Cost (in lacs)	850000	
g.	EMP Cost (in lacs)	49000	
h.	Employment Details		

Details of Products & By-products

Name of the product /By-product	Product / By-product	Quantity	Unit	Mode of Transport / Transmission	Remarks (eg. CAS number)
Power Generation	Product	1200	Mega Watt (MW)	Transmission line to Korba Pulling Station	

Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed by : Amit Vashishtha
Member Secretary, MoEFCC (EC)

Date: 06/01/2024



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File No:J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA Division



Dated 30/09/2024



To,

Venkat Reddy Gogulamudi
 ATHENA CHHATTISGARH POWER LIMITED
 M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Private Ltd. Village Singhitarai, Tehsil Dabhara, Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa) District, Chhattisgarh, Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, JANJGIR-CHAMPA, CHHATTISGARH, 495695
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Subject: **Transfer of Environment Clearance titled “2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh by M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited” from M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited – Regarding**

Ref. : (i) Environment Clearance accorded by MoEF&CC vide EC identification no. EC23A0601CG5872873N (F. No. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)) dated 6th January 2024.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to MoEF&CC vide proposal number IA/CG/THE/478502/2024 dated 25/07/2024 for grant of transfer of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the above mentioned project from M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited 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.	EC24A0601CG5267602T
(ii) File No.	J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)
(iii) Clearance Type	Transfer of EC
(iv) Category	A
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(d) Thermal Power Plants,8(b) Townships/ Area Development Projects / Rehabilitation Centres,8(b) Townships/ Area Development Projects / Rehabilitation Centres
(vi) Sector	Thermal Projects

(vii) Name of Project	2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	JANJGIR-CHAMPA, CHHATTISGARH
(x) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(xi) EC Date	06/01/2024
(xiii) Details of Transferee	M/s. Vedanta Limited, Vedanta Limited, Chhattisgarh Thermal Power Plant at Village: Singhitarai, Tehsil: Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh, 379,22,495695
(xiv) Details of Transferor	M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Private Limited, Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, 379,22,495695

3. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has examined the request submitted by you and the following points are noted:

i. Initially, M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited (ACPL) obtained Environment Clearance (EC) for 2 x 600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir Champa), Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. J-13011/7/2009-IA.II(T) dated 04th June, 2010. Consent to Establish (CTE) was also obtained from CECB for 2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant vide letter no. 2536/TS/CECB/2010 dated 02.08.2010. The construction activities were carried out till 2016 and by then more than 60 % construction was completed at the project site.

ii. Further amendment in EC was obtained vide letter no. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T) dated 22nd March, 2016 for temporary permission for road transportation of coal for a maximum period of three years and revision of total project area from 930 acres to 995.235 acres i.e., an additional project area of 65.235 acres along with extension of validity till 03rd June, 2017 to start production/operation. Further extension of validity was obtained for a period of three years till 03rd June, 2020 vide letter no. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T) dated 28th November, 2017.

iii. As the validity of the EC accorded in 04th June, 2010 expired in 03rd June, 2020, the Environment clearance (EC) to the project cited above was further accorded by the Ministry vide EC identification no. EC23A0601CG5872873N (F. No. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)) dated 6th January 2024.

iv. Reasons for transfer of EC and ownership details: The PP has informed that due to poor financial condition of M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited (ACPL), the proposal to liquidate the asset was filed by State Bank of India in 2018 and the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (the "CIRP") was initiated against ACPL before the National Company Law Tribunal, Hyderabad (the "NCLT, Hyderabad") and further during liquidation proceedings, Vedanta Limited emerged as the successful bidder and acquired the ACPL as a going concern and subsequently a Sale Certificate dated 21st July, 2022 was issued in the name of Vedanta Limited by the Liquidator thereby transferring the ownership of ACPL to Vedanta Limited. The Hon'ble NCLT, Hyderabad passed an order dated 17th July, 2023 thereby amalgamating the M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited.

v. No Objection Certificate (NOC) dated 3.11.2023 from transferor i.e., M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited in a non-judicial stamp paper for transfer of environmental clearance letter dated 6th January 2024 from M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited has been received.

vi. The undertaking by transferee i.e., M/s. Vedanta Limited in a non-judicial stamp paper has been received stating/committing that the company agrees for the transfer on the same terms and conditions under which prior Environmental Clearance dated 06.01.2024 was granted as per the provisions of EIA notification, 2006 in favour of M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited.

vii. Certificate has been issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affair (MoCA) vide letter dated 19th Feb., 2017. The Corporate Identification Number (CIN) details of M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited and M/s. Vedanta Limited is as below-

Name of Entity	CIN no	Change of Ownership
M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited	U31908TG2007PLC058993	CIN number of M/s. APCL and M/s. Vedanta Limited is changed. It has been reported that there is change in ownership.
M/s. Vedanta Limited.	L13209MH1965PLC291394	

viii. Status of the project: currently, project is under construction/development and is not in operation. The construction activity has been commenced from 15th May, 2024 after obtaining the statutory approvals like the EC on 6th Jan., 2024, Stage II FC on 26th March, 2024 and CTE on 9th May, 2024. The Company has applied for transfer of Stage-II FC through PARIVESH Portal vide proposal no. FP/CG/THE/485820/2024 dated: 04.07.2024 from M/s. Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited. The Stage II FC transfer is reported to be under process.

ix. As per Ministry's OM dated 03.11.2023, the PP has submitted the application to Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB) vide letter no. ACPL/CEB/Raipur/2024-25/11 dated 24th July, 2024 for transfer of CTE/CTO in the name of transferee.

4. In view of the above, it has been decided by the Ministry to transfer the Environmental Clearance granted vide EC identification no. EC23A0601CG5872873N (F. No. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)) dated 6th January 2024 in respect of Project for 2x600 MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at villages Singhitarai, Benipali, Odekera & Nimohi, Tehsil Dabhara, District Sakti (erstwhile Janjgir-Champa), Chhattisgarh, from M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited to M/s. Vedanta Limited, subject to satisfactory compliance to all the stipulated specific and general conditions mentioned in the EC letter dated 6th January 2024.

5. M/s. Vedanta Limited shall comply with all the specific and general conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance granted to M/s Athena Chhattisgarh Power Limited vide EC identification no. EC23A0601CG5872873N (F. No. J-13012/07/2009-IA.II(T)) dated 6th January 2024. All other conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance letter dated 6th January 2024 shall remain the same.

6. In case, there is a change in the scope of the project, fresh environmental clearance shall be obtained.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Chhattisgarh.
2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum office complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
3. The Chairman, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Nanak Niwas, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. The Regional Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19 Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh - 492002.
5. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
6. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chattisgarh, Aranya Bhavan, Jail Road, Fafadih Chowk, Raipur – 492001.
7. The District Collector, Baradwar Marg, Jaijaipur, Jetha, District Sakti, Chhattisgarh.
8. The Guard File/Record File/Monitoring File.
9. MoEF&CC website.

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