## BEFORE THE THAR COAL AND ENERGY BOARD

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Dated 9 Jan 2023

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**Applicant** 

# MOTION FOR LEAVE FOR REVIEW UNDER RULE 10(8) OF THE THAR COAL TARIFF DETERMINATION RULES, 2014 READ WITH ALL ENABLING PROVISIONS OF LAW

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company. It is a joint venture between the Government of Sindh, Engro Energy Limited (formerly Engro Powergen Limited), Thal Limited, Hub Power Company, Habib Bank Limited, China Machinery Engineering Corporation and Huolinhe Open Pit Coal (HK) Investment Co.
- 2. Applicant has been established to construct, develop, own and operate a coal mine in Block II of the Thar Coal Fields, Tharparkar District, Sindh, Pakistan ("Project"). To that end, Applicant and the Government of Sindh entered into an Implementation Agreement ("IA") on 19.11.2015. Moreover, the Thar Coal and Energy Board ("TCEB") has enacted the Thar Coal Pricing Framework ("TCEB Framework") and the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules 2014 ("2014 Rules") for such projects. The purpose of the Project is to harness the considerable potential of the coal resources in Tharparkar ("Thar Coal") to produce power through an associated power plant.
- 3. Thar Coal offers the potential to be the cheapest source of thermal energy in Pakistan. Hence, it is likely to alleviate the energy crisis that has continuously plagued Pakistan. In addition, the use of Thar Coal will lead to substantial foreign exchange savings for the country. Furthermore, the Project has provided employment to locals and resulted in substantial investment in healthcare, education and infrastructure in Tharparkar. The Project is, therefore, of enormous benefit to the country.



- 4. The Project comprises of multiples phases. In the initial phase of the Project i.e. Phase I mine, Applicant developed the Phase I mine of the Project. Applicant has now been in the process of developing the Phase II mine. The instant motion for leave to review under Rule 10(8) of the 2014 Rules ("Review Application") pertains to Phase II of the Project only.
- 5. The tariff for Phase II is composed of three stages; (i) contract stage ("CS Stage"); (ii) financial closing stage ("FC Stage"); (iii) commercial operations stage ("COD Stage"). Through the present Review Application, Applicant seeks to impugn the FC Stage tariff determination dated 29.12.2022 (Annex A) ("Impugned Decision"). For convenience, the relevant background to the Impugned Decision is set out below.
- 6. On 28.12.2017, Applicant submitted its petition for its CS Stage tariff for Phase II. TCEB issued the CS Stage tariff determination on 25.09.2018. Then, on 19.10.2018, Applicant submitted a review application against the CS Stage Tariff. On 05.04.2019, TCEB issued its review determination.
- 7. Subsequently, after achieving financial close, on 26.06.2020, Applicant submitted a petition for its FC Stage tariff for Phase II. On 29.12.2022, TCEB issued the Impugned Decision.
- 8. Through the instant Review Application, Applicant seeks to challenge the Impugned Decision on the basis that it is illegal and liable to be set aside. TCEB has made unlawful determinations in relation to various components of the FC Stage tariff. Each such component is dealt with separately below:

#### A. Coal Handling System



9. In Phase 1 CS Stage tariff, within EPC and Non-EPC cost, a total of USD 28.3 million had been sanctioned for the development of the

Coal Handling System ("CHS"). Applicant, however, acting with prudency, restructured the construction such that a portion of the construction of CHS took place as part of Phase I while the rest was deferred to Phase II. The reason for such restructuring was solely in the interest of consumer tariff since subsequent expansion of the Mine to 7.6 MTPA was to be achieved within a period of 3 years after the COD of Phase 1. Applicant, therefore, acting prudently and considering the overall cost synergy, restructured the CHS construction in phases. As a result, it incurred an expenditure of USD 17.15 million in Phase I. In its COD Stage tariff Petition, it, therefore, claimed USD 17.15 million. Further, it requested rollover of the remaining USD 11.1 million to Phase II of the Project. TCEB graciously allowed the cost of USD 17.15 million in Phase 1 COD Stage Tariff, however, it failed to address Applicant's request for the rollover under Phase 1 COD Stage Tariff. Rollover was essential as the remaining CHS construction is imperative for the operation of the mine to its full capacity. Since Applicant has now achieved the Commercial Operation of Phase II and has executed an integrated CHS system for both Phase I and II and the costs have been prudently incurred prior to the determination of the FC Stage Tariff, Applicant submits that the decision to disallow the rollover cost under FC Stage should be set aside.

10. Furthermore, any decision with respect to the cost pertaining to CHS should be adjudicated under the Phase II COD stage tariff which the petitioner intends to submit for its determination within the next 60 days.

#### B. Table V

11. In paragraph 2 of the Impugned Decision read with Table V (EPC Cost), reduction in EPC Cost violates the 2014 Rules and they have been disallowed illegally. EPC Costs have already been determined by TCEB in the CS Stage and pursuant to paragraph 3.2 of the Thar Coal Pricing Framework read with 2014 Rules, the purpose of FC



Stage tariff is to approve the financing terms. TCEB had already approved costs pertaining to EPC and issued the CS Stage tariff. Applicant relied on the same, executed the EPC Agreement, paid the EPC Contractor and achieved the commercial operations of Phase II. TCEB has now reduced the costs allowed 3 months after Applicant has achieved its commercial operations for Phase II. Moreover, such reduction is outside the purview of the FC Stage tariff. TCEB should restrict itself to determining matters which relate to the FC Stage tariff. In fact, TCEB has itself rejected certain requests of Applicant made in petitions in the past on the basis that those matters did not relate to that stage of the tariff. Therefore, the EPC Costs as approved in the CS Stage tariff should be reinstated.

- 12. In paragraph 2 of the Impugned Decision read with Table V (Interest during construction), TCEB has made an unlawful reduction.

  Moreover, this constitutes a non-speaking and non-reasoned order.

  TCEB has also failed to disclose the financial model it has used to arrive at its determination. In the absence of this, it is not possible to review and determine the correctness of the calculations.
- 13. In paragraph 2 of the Impugned Decision read with Table V (Financing Fee & Insurance Costs), TCEB has made an unlawful reduction. Moreover, this constitutes a non-speaking and non-reasoned order. TCEB has also failed to disclose the financial model it has used to arrive at its determination. In the absence of this, it is not possible to review and determine the correctness of the calculations. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Financing Fee & Insurance Costs are a function of Project Cost and therefore any adjustment in the Project Cost based on this review petition shall be reflected accordingly under their respective heads.



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### C. Upfront Equity Injection and Debt to Equity Ratio

- 15. In connection with paragraph 6 of the Impugned Decision, Applicant seeks upfront equity injection of 30% so that the FC Stage tariff may reflect its arrangement with its lenders. TCEB has unfairly and unreasonably refused this request and allowed 25% upfront equity injection.
- 16. In connection with paragraph 5 of the Impugned Decision, paragraph 2.1 (f) of the Thar Coal Pricing Framework states that an Applicant can undertake a mining project within a range of 20%-30% contribution. We understand that the same is determined by TCEB. However, the same is required to be based on justifiable and reasonable reasons. We understand that this matter will be dealt with in Applicant's COD Stage Petition/tariff. Applicant will submit all the relevant details in its COD Stage tariff petition which it will file within the prescribed timelines pursuant to the 2014 Rules.
- 17. In connection with paragraph 2 of the Impugned Decision, TCEB has determined that Applicant does not require non-sovereign debt because of project cost reduction as set out in the Impugned Decision. Applicant through this review petition is requesting TCEB to reconsider its position with respect to the non-sovereign debt considering the fact that the Project cost has been increased. Details of such increase will be provided to TCEB in our COD Stage tariff petition.

#### D. Power generation mix



18. Applicant was supposed to obtain 80% of its power requirements from a grid connection and 20% from diesel. There was, however, no

stable grid supply. Applicant along with TCEB made all reasonable efforts to secure a grid supply and contacted all the relevant stakeholders including but not limited to the Federal Government, NEPRA, PPIB and relevant DISCOs. However, no support was provided to Applicant. Applicant was, therefore, left with no option but to obtain power using diesel. Realising that this would be costly in nature Applicant immediate planned and set up a 5 MW solar plant on BOOT Basis. Applicant has obtained power at competitive rates. In the Impugned Decision, however, for diesel, TCEB has allowed a price of PKR 45/KWH based on diesel based power generation. This price is arbitrary in nature as TCEB has failed to factor in the size and class of the diesel engine installed and their associated efficiencies. For solar, TCEB has reduced the price to PKR 6.17/ KWH as opposed to the petitioned PKR 9.25/KWH with relevant indexation but without providing any justification for such reduction. The price of PKR 9.25/KWH was claimed on the basis of a transparent open competitive bidding process and TCEB was provided with all the relevant details. Therefore, the cost was prudently incurred and the same should have been allowed without any deduction. Further, TCEB's recommendation that Applicant should come up with a lower cost energy mix within a period of one year or the date of the submission of the upcoming tariff petition i.e the COD Stage tariff, whichever is earlier is practically impossible, arbitrary and unreasonable. Since Applicant has already achieved commercial operations, it intends to file its COD Stage tariff petition. It is impossible to arrange a lower energy mix at this stage. TCEB's ruling is, therefore, arbitrary and unreasonable.

## E. Mining Technology and Waste Volume

19. TCEB had already assessed and approved certain equipment quantities/asset replacement in paragraph 10 of the CS Stage tariff. In addition, TCEB itself had recalculated the requirement of 15 m3 shovels and 100 tons capacity trucks as 18 and 165 respectively. TCEB has now effectively reduced the quantities of shovels and trucks approved in the CS Stage tariff after Applicant has incurred the expenditures. TCEB's determination on this issue constitutes a



non-speaking and non-reasoned order. Since reliance was placed on CS Stage tariff, Applicant prepared its entire business model on the same and expenditures were incurred accordingly. The same should, therefore, be reinstated.

### F. Production Payment Component 7.6 MTPA & Overhead Costs

20. Applicant had not sought any relief under these heads in its FC Stage tariff petition. The fuel cost, variable O & M, spares and consumables and asset replacement components were determined in table II of the CS Stage tariff. Overhead costs were also provided in the CS Stage Tariff. Applicant, on the recommendation of TCEB under CS Stage tariff, had undertaken various cost discovery initiatives under this component and intends to submit the same to TCEB in its COD stage Petition for its review and determination... TCEB's determination on this issue constitutes a non-speaking and non-reasoned order. Since reliance was placed on CS Stage tariff, Applicant prepared its entire business model based on TCEB's recommendation and acted upon it. Accordingly, the costs determined in the CS Stage tariff should be reinstated immediately until such time the TCEB decides Applicant's Phase II COD petition which shall be submitted to TCEB within the prescribed timelines pursuant to the 2014 Rules.

#### G. General Conditions

- 21. Paragraph iii of the "General Conditions" states that the tariff is configured on pro-rata drawdowns of debt and equity. TCEB has, however not provided its financial model. In the absence of the financial model against which drawdowns can be verified, the Impugned Decision is non-speaking and arbitrary.
- 22. Paragraph iv of the "General Conditions" states that the proceeds of the sale of the lignite will be used to finance the capital for expansion of "Phase II mine". It appears that there is a clerical mistake in this sentence. The proceeds of the sale must be used to finance the capital



for expansion of the "Block II mine", not the Phase II mine. As far as Phase II is concerned, no further expansion is contemplated. Hence, the proceeds cannot be used to finance the capital for expansion of the "Phase II mine". They must be used for the subsequent expansion of the Block II mine.

#### H. Delay in Decision

23. According to Rule 10(3) of the 2014 Rules, TCEB was bound to determine the FC Stage Tariff within a maximum of 5 months of the admission of the petition. It has, however, issued the Impugned Decision over 2 years after Applicant submitted the petition. This lapse on the part of TCEB has unfairly prejudiced Applicant. Had the Impugned Decision been issued within the prescribed time period, Applicant may have taken certain actions in relation to costs, structuring of the Project etc. Having induced Applicant to act on its representations, any disallowances contrary to the CS Stage tariff by TCEB would be unlawful and deprive Applicant of its vested rights.

#### I. Estoppel

24. Applicant has relied on the representations of TCEB in the earlier tariff by making investments and incurring expenditures. By disallowing those, TCEB resiling from its commitments to the detriment of Applicant. It is submitted that TCEB is estopped from resiling from its representations.

#### J. Past and Closed Transaction

25. Furthermore, it is submitted that the CS Stage tariff is a past and closed transaction which cannot be re-opened now. TCEB's actions are, therefore, contrary to Applicant's constitutional rights protected under Articles 4, 10A, 18, 24 and 25 of the Constitution.



26. On a number of the components, the Impugned Decision provides no reasoning for TCEB's conclusions. It is devoid of reasoning and constitutes a non-speaking order. A public authority, such as TCEB, is required under the law, including Article 10A of the Constitution, to act fairly and transparently. This means that it must provide reasons for its decisions. Without such reasons, a decision is arbitrary and subjective. The Impugned Decision has, therefore, been issued in violation of TCEB's duty as a public authority.

#### L. Change in Law

- 27. If the Impugned Decision is allowed to stand, it would effectively mean a reinterpretation of the CS Stage tariff. That would amount to a "Change in Law" as that term is defined in the IA. A "Change in Law" constitutes a force majeure event under the IA.
- 28. The foregoing only provides a brief and cursory overview of Applicant's grounds for review. Applicant will file detailed submissions on each of these grounds in due course.
- 29. Without prejudice to the foregoing, Applicant seeks leave to urge further grounds during the pendency of the Review Application, particularly after receipt of further information and clarifications, such as relating to the financial model used by TCEB as requested through its letter dated 04.01.2023.

#### **PRAYER**

Coal Mining Company

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It is, therefore, prayed in the interests of justice that this Honourable Board may be pleased to grant the following relief (i) Set aside the Impugned Decision; and

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(ii) Revise the FC Stage tariff in accordance with the submissions hereinabove.

Karachi

Dated 9 Jan 2023

APPLICANT

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICANT

#### BEFORE THE THAR COAL AND ENERGY BOARD



#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Muhammad Muddasir, s/o Abdul Ghaffar Balagamwala, r/o Plot 15/46, Flat No. 405, Block 3, Bahadurabad, Karachi, adult, Muslim,,and duly authorized representative of Applicant do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as under:

- 1. That I am the authorized officer of Applicant in the above matter and as such am fully conversant with the facts of the case.
- 2. That the accompanying Review Application has been drafted and filed under my instructions.
- 3. That the contents of the accompanying Review Application may be treated as part of this affidavit for the sake of brevity.
- 4. That unless the accompanying Review Application is granted Applicant shall be seriously prejudiced and suffer irreparable loss and injury. Applicant has a good prima facie case and the balance of convenience is overwhelmingly in its favour.
- 5. That whatever has been said above is true and correct.

DEPONENT

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Annex



## Thar Coal & Energy Board Government of Sindh

No. TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II /9/48 Dated: 29th December, 2022

To.

The Secretary **Energy Department** Government of Sindh Karachi

Subject:-

Decision of TCEB in the Matter of Financial Close Stage Tariff for Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC) Mine of 7.6 Mtpa Phase-II at Block-II, Thar Coalfield, District Tharparkar

The 24th meeting of Thar Coal & Energy Board was held on 29th December, 2022 at 11.00 am under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chairman TCEB/Chief Minister. Worthy Minister for Energy and Secretary Energy, Government of Sindh also attended the same among other members.

- The Board has unanimously approved the subject Determination Order on SECMC petition as an Agenda Item No.4 and in this connection I am directed to enclose herewith the subject Determination of Thar Coal & Energy Board (24 pages) in Case No. TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/ FC-Phase.II dated 29th December, 2022.
- 3. Therefore, the Determination/Decision is being intimated to the Government of Sindh for the purpose of the Notification of the approved tariff in the Official Gazette (Extra Ordinary) pursuant to Rule 10(9) of Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014.
- It may please be noted that only "Coal Tariff Determination Order" of Thar Coal & Energy Board at page-12 onwards along with (Annexure) needs to be notified in the Official Gazette (Extra Ordinary).

(Mansoor Rajput) Registrar TCEB

#### C.c to:

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Minister Secretariat, Karachi.

DS(Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi. ii.

PS to Minister for Energy, Government of Sindh, Karachi. iii.

ES to Managing Director TCEB, Government of Sindh, Karachi iv.





# Thar Coal & Energy Board Government of Sindh

No. TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II November 15, 2022

DETERMINATION OF THAR COAL & ENERGY BOARD IN THE MATTER OF REFERENCE FINANCIAL CLOSE STAGE TARIFF FOR EXPANSION OF OPEN CAST LIGNITE MINE FROM CAPACITY OF 3.8 MTPA TO 7.6 MTPA BY SINDH ENGRO COAL MINING COMPANY AT BLOCK II THAR COALFIELDS, DISTRICT THARPARKAR, SINDH, PAKISTAN





# Thar Coal & Energy Board Government of Sindh

No. TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II November 15, 2022

Determination of Reference Finacial Close Stage Tariff for the Expansion of Open Cast Lignite Mine from Capacity of 3.8 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA by Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company at Block II Thar Coalfields, District Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan

**Thar Coal Tariff Determination Committee** 

Constituted in Pursuance of Rule 3(1) of Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014

Dr Fahad Irfan Siddiqui Member

Mr Ammar Habib Khan Member

Mr Khadim Hussain Channa Managing Director -TCEB y w m

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# Thar Coal & Energy Board Government of Sindh

No.TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II December 2.714 2022

In pursuance of the Rule 10(5) of the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014, it is certified that the Thar Coal & Energy Board, on the recommendation of the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Committee, has approved the Determination of Financial Close Stage Tariff for Expansion of Open Cast Lignite Mine from Capacity of 3.8 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA for Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company at Block II Thar Coalfields, District Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan, appended in the following pages.

Khadim Hussain Channa

Managing Director Thar Coal & Energy Board

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#### Government of Sindh

#### List of Acronyms used in Determination Order

BCM	Bank Cubic Meter
CAR	Contractors' All Risk
COD	Commercial Operations Date
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSA	Coal Supply Agreement
ECC	Economic Coordination Committee
EPC	Engineering, Procurement & Construction
EPP	Energy Purchase Price

FC Financial Close GCV Gross Calorific Value GoS Government of Sindh GoP Government of Pakistan HSE Health, Safety & Environment IA Implementation Agreement IB Inter-burden (waste rocks) International Competitive Bidding ICB ICC In-pit Crushing & Conveying IDC Interest During Construction **IRR** Internal Rate of Return **KIBOR** Karachi Inter-Bank Offer Rate

LC Letter of Credit LDs Liquidated Damages LHV Lower Heating Value LIBOR London Inter-Bank Offer Rate MJ / Kg Mega Joules per Kilogram MSF Mine Service Facilities **MTPA** Million Tonnes Per Annum

MW Megawatt MT Million Tonnes MYT Multi Year Tariff NCV Net Calorific Value

**NEPRA** National Electric Power Regulatory Authority

NOC No Objection Certificate

NTDC National Transmission & Despatch Company

**0&M** Operations & Maintenance OB Overburden (waste rocks) **OGRA** Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority

**PKR** Pakistani Rupee

PPA Power Purchase Agreement

RCOD Required Commercial Operations Date

**RMB** Chinese Renminbi RoE Return on Equity

RoEDC Return on Equity During Construction

SBLC Stand By Letter of Credit SBP State Bank of Pakistan

SCOD Scheduled Commercial Operations Date SECMC Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company SEPA Sindh Environmental Protection Agency **TCEB** 

Thar Coal & Energy Board

TT & OD Telegraphic Transfer & On Demand

USD United States USD United States Dollar







#### Government of Sindh

The Thar Coal & Energy Board, as per the respective notifications of the Government of Sindh and Government of Pakistan and in accordance with Section 5(m) of Thar Coal & Energy Board Act, 2011 is the coal-pricing agency. This determination is conducted in accordance with the authority vested with TCEB and pertains to the Petition of Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company ('SECMC' or 'Company') for Determination of Reference Financial Close Stage Tariff for Expansion of Open Cast Lignite Mine from Capacity of 3.8 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA at Block II Thar Coalfields, District Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan, dated June 26, 2020. The coal tariff determination relates to the specific mine lease of Block II Thar Coalfields. The Petition has been assessed and reviewed in accordance with the parameters and guidelines established under the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014 dated November 27, 2014, as notified by Government of Sindh. The coal tariff, so determined shall form the basis of fuel cost for downstream power generation to be determined by NEPRA.

#### **TARIFF SOUGHT BY PETITIONER**

The Petitioner has submitted a request for determination of levelized tariff of USD 43.74 per Tonne for Expansion of Open Cast Lignite Mine from Capacity of 3.8 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA mining capacity. The Company has achieved Financial close for Phase II mine dated December 31, 2019. After submission of FC stage petition and during evaluation process the petitioner has submitted revised excavation plan which has been discussed in detail in Section 14(A). The mine expansion cost submitted for reaching up-to 7.6 MTPA capacity over a period of 33 months (Expiring on September 2022) is USD 214.07 million. The details of the project cost and petitioned tariff is provided in Tables I to IV here below:

Table I - Petitioned Project Cost for Development of 7.6 MTPA Mining Capacity

Petitioned Project Cost for 7.6 MTPA	Amount
EPC Cost	130.37
Non-EPC Cost	58.18
Insurance Cost	1.30
Financing Fee	6.42
Interest During Construction	39.90
Income from Phase I Pre-COD Sale	(22:11)
Total Project Cost	214.07

All amounts in USD Million

Table II - Petitioned Project Tariff for 7.6 MTPA Mining Capacity

Project Tariff	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 – 30 Levelized
Total Production Payment Tariff Components	15.38	15.18	15.41
Total Capacity Payment Tariff Components	31,10	21.73	28.34
Total Project Tariff	46.48	36.91	43.74

All amounts in USD per Tonne

Table III - Petitioned Production Payment Tariff for 7.6 MTPA Mining Capacity

Production Payment Tariff Components	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 – 30 Levelized
Fuel Cost	4.99	5.80	5.20
Variable O&M - Tyres	1.16	1.38	1.22
Variable O&M - Spares/Consumables	2.88	3.24	2.97
Asset Replacement Cost	3.11	2.18	2.97
Royalty	3.24	2.58	3.05
Total Production Payment Tariff Components	15.38	15.18	15.41

All amounts in USD per Tonne



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Determination of the Board
7.6 MTPA Financial Close Stage Tariff – SECMC Thar Block II
Case No TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II





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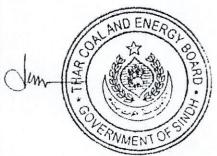
Table IV - Petitioned Capacity Payment Tariff for 7.6 MTPA Mining Capacity

Capacity Payment Tariff Components	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 – 30 Levelized
Fixed O & M - Foreign	5.33	6.40	5.61
Fixed O & M - Local	3.51	3,07	3,41
Insurance	0.89	0.89	0.89
Power Cost - By Solar (14%)	0.06	0.06	0.06
Power Cost - By Diesel (86%)	2.19	2.19	2.19
Cost of Working Capital	0.82	0.82	0.82
Principal Debt Repayment	6.17		4.14
Interest Payment	3,83		2.91
ROE	5,56	5:56	5.56
ROEDC	2.74	2.74	2.74
<b>Total Capacity Payment Tariff Components</b>	31.10	21.73	28.34

All amounts in USD per Tonne

The amounts illustrated above are petitioned on the basis of certain assumptions which are detailed in the following sections. The key assumptions and basis of the Petition are summarized hereunder.

i.	Price of Diesel	PKR 127.22 per Litre
ii.	PKR to USD Exchange Rate Parity	PKR 155.35 per USD
iii.	RMB to USD Exchange Rate Parity	RMB 6.977 per USD
iv.	US CPI	256.97
٧.	Local CPI	130.45
vi.	Cost of Local Financing - Sovereign Guarantee	6-month KIBOR + 1.75%
vii.	Cost of Local Financing - Market Base	6-month KIBOR + 2.50%
	1-month KIBOR Assumption	13.68%
ix.	6-Month KIBOR Assumption	13.49%
х.	Debt to Equity Ratio	75:25
xi.	Debt Repayment Period	10 Years
xii.	Equity IRR	20.00%
xiii.	Mining Technology	Trucks (60t & 100t) & Shovel (7m3 & 15m3)
xiv.	Construction Period	33 Months
XV.	Overburden Removal Volume (During Construction	on) 51.5 million BCM
	Average overall Slope Angle of the Mine	24° (Degrees)
	i.Average Rate of Dewatering	78,590 m <sup>3</sup> /d



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Determination of the Board 7.6 MTPA Financial Close Stage Tariff – SECMC Thar Block II Case No TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II

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#### Government of Sindh

MATERIAL ASPECTS OF THE PETITION - ANALYSIS & DECISIONS

The following is a summary of the salient aspects of the 7.6 MTPA Financial Close Stage Tariff

#### 1. COMBINED / COMPOSITE TARIFF.

The TCEB is of the view that the mine developed under Phase I and the expansion thereafter of the same Pit into Phase II cannot have two sets of tariff after achievement of COD of Phase II expansion, or September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the final date allowed for COD, whichever is earlier. In view of the above decision, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the mine would be treated as one Project and accordingly the operations and maintenance, asset replacements, and other expenses would be treated as of one mine, and reflected in one tariff. However, TCEB is cognizant of the fact that Phase I, and Phase II has different set of lenders, and their Debt Repayment streams are different. To facilitate, and to avoid any doubt, these two sets of repayment streams are reflected separately in levelized tariff table appended as Annexure A at the end of this tariff order.

Subsequently any further expansion in the same Pit would have the similar treatment upon achieving the COD.

#### 2. DEBT STRUCTURE - SOVEREIGN & NON-SOVEREIGN DEBT

Initially, Government of Pakistan (GoP), on the request of Government of Sindh (GoS) allowed SECMC to secure loan from local market, based on the Sovereign Guarantee (SG) for the development of 6.5 MTPA mine in Block II. Based on the guarantee, the Petitioner was allowed to draw local loan up to PKR 52 billion. The Company has utilized up to PKR 31 billion for the development of Phase I, and requested that the balance of PKR 21 billion to be utilized for Phase II, which refers to mine expansion. In addition, they had also requested to allow an additional loan of PKR 3.82 billion at a higher spread of 75 basis points (bps) over the benchmark rate due to the risk profile of the project, and non-availability of Sovereign Guarantee based on petitioned Project Cost of USD 214 million as mentioned in Table I.

The board reviewed the project cost petitioned in detail (Please refer from Section 3 to 14) and determined the following numbers as Project Cost:

Table V - Summary of Petitioned Vs Determined Cost for Incremental Costs from 3.8 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA:

Project Cost Heads	Petitioned	Adjustments	Determined
EPC Cost	130.37	(17.34)	113.03
Non-EPC Cost	58.18	(12.21)	45,91
Insurance Cost	1.30	(0.17)	1.13
Financing Fee	6.42	(2.87)	3.55
Interest During Construction	39.90	(13.16)	26.74
income from Phase I Pre-COD Sale	(22.11)	0.00	(22.11)
Total Project Cost	214.07	(45.75)	168.32

All amounts in USD million

Based on the allowed project cost the company doesn't require additional loan over and above the balance available under the Sovereign Guarantee.

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#### 3. ACTUALIZED PRE-COD SALE PROCEEDS FROM THE PHASE I MINE

At the time of the Phase II Contract Stage Tariff petition, as per the SECMC excavation plan, the Petitioner will excavate and sell approximately 1.45 million tonnes of the Phase I coal prior to the Commercial Operations Date, and will generate USD 56.38 million (based on first year Phase I FC stage tariff) pre-CoD revenue which can be as a source of funding for the expansion of the mine during Phase II.

The Petitioner via Phase II FC stage petition has notified that it has excavated approx. 1.25 million tonnes of coal from the mine, but it has only been able to sell 348,684 tonnes (equivalent to 0.35 million tonnes) to the off-taker for electricity generation, prior to commercial operations, which generated PKR 3,434.08 million (which is equivalent to USD 22.10 million net of transportation charges of USD 494,858 @ USD/PKR exchange rate of 155.35) of pre-COD sale revenue.

The Petitioner has informed in the petition that to comply with the coal quality requirements of the IPP it was essential to reach seam CL27 which is the main coal seam in Thar Block II.

To reach this seam, extraction of coal from the upper seams had begun as early as June 2018 and seam CL27 was reached in April 2019. Due to spontaneous combustion nature of Thar lignite, the petitioner was unable to store the coal for eleven months till they reached the main coal seam CL27. The petitioner further informed that the unsold coal is dumped alongside the overburden to avoid combustion. Moreover, the petitioner explained the difference between coal extracted and quantity sold vide explanatory note dated December 12, 2021, which is reproduced as follows:

"Thar Coal has low shelf life and a tendency to spontaneously combust as a result of which it is not possible to store coal produced from upper seams for blending purposes until seams of better quality were reached. Out of the 1.25 million tonne of coal produced, the IPP procured of 0.35 million tonne of coal which met its quality criteria. Out of the remaining coal, shelf life permitting, the Petitioner augmented its inventory requirement by ~0.11 million tonne while the remaining coal had to be dumped alongside overburden to avoid it combusting. However, to ensure that on-spec resource is not wasted (~0.25 Mt), the Petitioner dumped this part of the coal in a manner that it could later be reclaimed during operations to further augment inventory requirements. Costs associated with such rehandling of coal will be petitioned as part of O&M actualization at the MYT Stage Tariff Petition."

In the light of the above discussion, and as per 'General conditions' of earlier TCEB tariff determinations, the requested Pre-COD sale is allowed to SECMC and has formed part of this tariff determination working for reduction of the development cost of Phase II. However, the remaining financial impact of the above past and future actions to be taken by the petitioner could not be ascertained right now, so the financial impact (if any) of the ~0.25 Mt dumped coal, to be reclaimed later, and approximately 0.11 million tonnes of coal which is used to augment the inventory would be adjusted in upcoming tariffs.

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### 4. UNCONFIRMED SALES TO LUCKY ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY LIMITED (LEPCL)

It has been brought to the knowledge of the TCEB through different sources, including but not limited to newspapers, and social media that SECMC has also sold coal to LEPCL.

In this regard an official letter was written to SCEMC with reference number TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/COD-Phase.I/7083 dated November 17, 2021, to confirm this news, however the reply given by SECMC vide their letter reference number SECMC 2437-11-2021 dated November 19, 2021, was vague, and not satisfactory. In absence of relevant details, and facts any decision in this regard would be premature. We strongly urge SECMC to unveil the details along with relevant supporting documents, so that TCEB can make an informed decision in this regard.

#### 5. DEBT TO EQUITY RATIO

The Petitioner justifies additional equity through the following paragraphs from Para I to V:

- 1. "The Petitioner submitted that the total cost required for the construction of Phase II Mine Expansion is USD 214.07 million (USD Two Hundred and Fourteen Million only). Based on such cost and the TCEB's recommendation to maintain a 75:25 debt to equity ratio, the Petitioner arranged for PKR 26,120,480,804 Pakistani Rupees (Twenty-Six Billion One Hundred and Twenty Million Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Four only) debt from the local market and the remainder funds from equity.
- II. The debt facilities arranged for the construction of the Phase II Mine expansion are denominated in Pakistani Rupees and such funds were arranged and Phase II Financial Close was achieved to provide cover for funding of the Phase II Mine Expansion at an average exchange rate of USD/ PKR rate of PKR 169. Please note that at such time, the USD/ PKR exchange rate was PKR 155.35.
- III. However, in light of recent devaluations of the Pakistani Rupee against the US Dollar, and the fact that since the financing agreements for Phase II Mine Expansion have already been executed and the Phase II Financial Close has been achieved, it is no longer possible for the Petitioner to arrange additional funds for devaluation beyond PKR 169.
- IV. To address the matter, it is submitted that multiple precedents are available in the practices adopted by the power sector regulator, NEPRA, which allows flexibility to the sponsors of IPPs to inject equity up to a maximum of thirty percent (30%), while determining most tariffs at 75:25. Further, a precedent in the TCEB's practices and determinations is also present where it has allowed a 70:30 debt to equity ratio as part of its determination in the matter of 'SINDH CARBON ENERGY LIMITED (BLOCK VI)'.
  - V. Based on above, the Petitioner submitted to the TCEB to allow the Petitioner to inject additional equity in the event that devaluation results in requirement of funding beyond the arranged debt financing for the Phase II Mine Expansion, up to a cap of thirty percent (30%) of the project cost being contributed as equity. "

The Project cost allowed by TCEB (Table V) for Phase II mine expansion is USD 168.32 million and the loan available under sovereign guarantee and equity as per the allowed ratio coveres the determined project cost. In view of the same, the original debt equity ratio of 75:25 shall be maintained as per earlier directives.

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Table VI – Summary of Sovereign Guarantee Loan:

Description	Unit	Amount
Project Cost petitioned by SECMC	USD Mn	214.07
Project Cost Determined by TCEB	USD Mn	168.32
Debt requirement (75% of Project Cost)	USD Mn	126.24
Debt requirement (75% of Project Cost)	PKR Mn	20,198
Limit available for sovereign Guarantee (SG) backed loan	PKR Mn	21,000
Remaining available limit of SG loan	PKR Mn	802

#### 6. UPFRONT EQUITY INJECTION

TCEB in its earlier tariff determination allowed SECMC to utilize upfront equity up to a maximum of 25% for Phase II mine development cost. In this tariff determination, SECMC stated that it has negotiated with the lender an upfront equity injection of 35% which SECMC is able to further negotiate and will positively be reduce to a maximum of 30% and requesting the TCEB to allow the same upfront equity in-line with the requirement of Phase II lenders.

In view of the reasons explained above under section 1,2 & 5 of this tariff determination order, there is no need for increase in upfront equity injection more than the allowed percentage of 25% as the project cost is being reduced, and there exists cushion within the sovereign guarantee to cover debt raised for expansion of the mine during Phase II.

## 7. ROLLOVER OF COST OF COAL HANDLING SYSTEM (CHS) FROM THE SCOPE OF PHASE I MINE

Initially TCEB via Phase II Contract stage tariff has approved CHS cost of USD 11.10 million for Phase I and USD 10.57 million for Phase II mine expansion. The petitioner in its Phase I COD stage tariff Petition submitted that it has limited the scope of CHS for Phase I mine on bare minimum requirement. As a result, the Petitioner requested for procurement, supply and installation of 2 x stacker reclaimers, conveyor belt, 1 x 2500 TPH crusher, its loading system, wind fence and associated equipment. The total cost of this system will be USD 21.67 million on top of USD 17.2 million already spend on CHS in Phase I. The system cost is in-line with approved cost of USD 10.57 million for Phase II and requested to allow rollover cost of USD 11.10 million from Phase I for the installation of planned CHS.

As per available information, three crushers, having the capacities of 2500 t/h, 1200 t/h and 600 t/h, are already installed at Coal Handling System at Block-II mine. 2500 t/h capacity crusher is going to be connected through conveyor belt with another stockpile having the storage capacity 85000 t. Two Stacker/Re-claimers, each having the capacity of 2500 t/h, will also be installed. Two silos will be constructed for loading trucks, and they will be connected with stockpile through conveyor. 2500 t/h capacity crusher is sufficient enough for 7.6 Mt/y coal, whereas two small crushers (1200 t/h and 600 t/h) may be used as back-up. With reference to above TCEB purview a total overall cost of USD 24.99 million is deem sufficient for installation of CHS in which cost of USD 17.2 million has already been allowed to SECMC via Phase I via COD tariff determination and an additional cost of USD 7.79 million for CHS finalization work is decided for phase II FC stage determination.

### 8. SWB COST IN NON-EPC COSTS

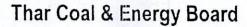
The petitioner requested that for the purposes of the Phase II Mine Expansion, it has undertaken additional scope whereby all major construction will be carried out by the

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petitioner's team, including construction of the CHS, roads, mine service facilities, colony, etc. Due to the additional scope to be performed in-house, critical manpower is required to undertake the Phase II Mine Expansion. For this purpose, the Petitioner will require to deploy additional manpower for supervision, the Health Safety & Environment (HSE) and construction hence, requesting for additional cost of USD 1.5 million in respect of the SWB for Phase II Mine Expansion.

After due evaluation of manpower requirement for Phase II mine expansion, TCEB is upholding its earlier decision of not allowing any additional SWB cost to Petitioner as part of

#### 9. UNCAPPING OF COST HEADS IN NON-EPC COSTS

The Petitioner has requested the TCEB that in respect of non-EPC costs, it may be clarified that the capping is at the overall cost head level rather than at individual cost/ subhead level.

In this regard TCEB clarifies that the capping is at both levels i.e., capping of overall cost and at individual cost/subhead level as well and no reappropriation is allowed among individual heads, except as allowed specifically in the determination.

Table VII - Project Execution Expenses for 7.6 MTPA Mining Capacity

Non-EPC Cost	USD-M
Capital Items	26.3
Coal Handling System	7.79
Dust Protection Barrier	3.06
Power Supply from 500 kV line	6.13
Development of Additional Disposal Site for Dewatering	
Additional Buildings (Office Extension + Dormitory)	2.54
Additional Workshop/Warehouse	0.41
Additional Dewatering	1.66
Roads	3.94
Mobile Equipment Machinery	0.47
Additional Software/Hardware	0.31
Security	3,34
Capital Items	2.50
Operating Expenses	0.84
Salaries, Wager & Benefits	
SWB, Rota travel, Dining and catering	•
Operating Expenses	9.26
Site Running Expenses	0.41
Office Running Expenses .	0.30
Travel	2.87
Dewatering Opex	3.51
Training	1.61
Media Management & Communications	0.57
Consultancy & Studies	2.31
RWE	0.48
Plant Co.	0.35
Mining Consultant - I (Dr. Marcos)	0.12
Mining Consultant - II (Dr. Ludwig)	0.13
Hydrogeology Consultant (Dr. Thomas)	0.11
EMP Consultants	0.33
HSE Consultancy	0.79
Legal & Professional Charges	0.76
Relocation Costs	2,29
Relocation Costs (Compensation to PAPs)	
Mitigation Wells	2.29
Subtotal without PDC	443
Project Development Cost	1.59
Total	45 9

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#### 10. ONE PERCENT (1%) IRR PENALTY WAIVER

Petitioner has requested to waive-off the 1% reduction of IRR penalty imposed by TCEB via its contract stage tariff determination, if it fails to achieve COD of Phase II mine within 33 months started from the Phase II Financial Close date. Since, off-takers of additional coal to be produced from the Phase II Mine are independent companies, hence the petitioner has no control on the timeline of their projects, or their ability to achieve financial close. Despite being in a position to declare financial close in 2018, the Petitioner was unable to do so until such time that its lenders were satisfied that each of the coal off-takers in a position to declare financial close.

The matter was discussed in detail at contract, and review stage tariff determinations. TCEB maintains its position of 1% reduction in IRR as penalty if Phase II will not achieve its COD on or before September 2022. No further Capex and Opex will be allowed after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, due to delay in COD. The same will be treated as a business and operational risk to be borne by the petitioner

#### 11. INCREASE IN OWNER'S COST OF OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

The Petitioner tries to justify increase in Owner's cost of O&M through the following submission:

"The Petitioner is referring TCEB's Phase I contract stage tariff determination, in which TCEB has allowed increase of Local O&M cost during the operational phase for expansion of the Mine to 6.5 MTPA "whereas after due analysis and discussion, TCEB via Phase II contract stage tariff determination disallowed the same escalation in O&M cost. Hence, petitioner is requesting to allow the similar escalation in O&M cost as determined by TCEB via its Phase I contract stage tariff determination."

TCEB maintains its previous stance and finds no justification for increase in the O&M cost.

#### 12. POWER GENERATION MIX IN THE O&M OF PHASE II MINE

At the time of Phase II contract stage tariff, the petitioner planned an energy mix of 80% & 20% from national grid and from own sources (i.e., diesel genset or solar or both), respectively. However, the relevant agencies and entities failed to commence supply of power from the grid to the Block II for its mining facilities to-date, and power supply agencies are still working on technical feasibility for stable and dedicated line to the mine. Hence, petitioner submitted before TCEB that, until such time the power is available from the grid to the mine, it is requested to power the mining facilities from the solar power system, and diesel gensets at the rate of PKR 9.25/kWh and US cents 33/KWh, respectively.

Based on the above submission, TCEB is of the view that the company should gear up their efforts to obtain a dedicated, and stable power connection from the grid. Meanwhile, TCEB also puts on record its concern that why a cost-effective alternate power system was missed by the company at planning stage, while incurring significant costs on technical studies, and project development. The proposed alternate mechanism of power is not cost effective, is horrendously expensive, and accordingly increases the tariff for the ultimate customer. The proposed energy mix powered by diesel generators and solar energy furthere deteriorates the situation, given high reliance on diesel generators. Diesel generators are always used as stand-by alternative, and should not be deemed as a permanent sustainable solution.

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TCEB recommends that the petitioner should come up with alternate cost-effective power solutions with a more appropriate and lower cost energy mix within a period of up to 1 year of this determination, or upcoming tariff petition, whichever is earlier, otherwise the same adjustment will be taken care of during indexation.

Considering various factors, and the present solar tariff allowed and applicable in the region, TCEB will allow a PKR 6.1731/kWh tariff for the solar component of energy mix, and PKR 45 /kWh for the diesel component up to a period of 1 year of this determination, or the date of any upcoming tariff petition, whichever is earlier.

#### 13. OVERHEAD CHARGES:

SECMC via its FC stage tariff petitioned requested for overheads charges for OB removal, Coal excavation and Coal handling at the rate of USD 0.3437 per BCM, USD 0.6461 per tonnes and USD 1.67 million per annum, respectively.

During the evaluation process, TCTDC requested the petitioner to provide details and substantiate this cost over and above allowed fixed and variable overheads. However, the petitioner failed to provide satisfactory details, and justifications regarding these overhead charges, and the same has been disallowed by the TCEB.

#### 14. MINING TECHNOLOGY AND WASTE VOLUME

1. Revised Excavation Schedule for Phase II

SECMC submitted a revised year wise schedule of waste (OB and IB) volume and coal tonnage which was verified by TCTDC through 3-D pit files for Phase I and Phase II. Table VIII presents the summary of waste (OB + IB) volume and coal tonnage for Phase I (3.8 Mtpa) and Phase II (7.6 Mtpa).

2. Mining Technology

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In Phase-II, SECMC will deploy 15 m³ bucket size hydraulic excavators and 100-tonne capacity trucks from 2024 for the excavation and transportation of waste material in sub-recent and Bara formations, while 7 m³ bucket size hydraulic excavators and 60-tonne capacity trucks will be used in Phase-II for the excavation and transportation of dune sand and coal. COD of Phase-II is scheduled in September 2022, after which, both the Phases will be combined practically. Therefore, both the Phases are combined in the determination of FC stage tariff of Phase-II from the year 2023.

TCTDC has calculated the requirement of excavators and trucks for Phase-II as given as follows:

O3 hydraulic excavators of 7 m³ bucket size and 95 dump trucks of 60-tonne capacity for the development period of Phase-II.

35 hydraulic excavators of 7 m³ bucket size and 686 dump trucks of 60-tonne capacity for mining period of Phase-I & II.

18 Hydraulic excavators of 15 m³ bucket size and 136 dump trucks of 100-tonne capacity for waste removal of sub-recent and Bara formations from 2024 for Phase II.

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Comparison of SECMC requirement with TCTDC calculations of machinery for Phase-II is given at Table IX.

#### 3. Dewatering of Ground Water

The consultants (KPMG) have reported that 29 water wells are installed in Block-II mine, out of which 5 are non-operational. In each well 40 litres/sec capacity submersible pump is installed. SECMC have submitted that dewatering was started in April 2017 and total working hours of all the pumps installed in water wells from April 2017 to July 2019 are 496,510 hours and total volume of dewatering is calculated as 69,511,400 cubic meters.

Table VIII - Verified Revised Excavation Schedules

Material	P	hase I		P	hase II		Phase I + Phase II
	Development period	Mining period	Sub Total	Development period	Mining period	Sub Total	Total
OB+IB (MBCM)	112	92	204	51.5	1480	1531.5	1735.5
Coal (MT)	1.12	13	14.12	0.64	225.56	226.2	240.32
Overall S/R				7.13			

Table IX - Comparison of Mining Machinery in Phase-II

Machinery	SECMC	Requirement	TCTDC Calculations						
	Development period	Mining period	Total	Development period	Mining period	Total			
7 m³ Excavator	Nil	46	46	03	32	35			
15 m³ Excavator	Nil	13	13	Nil	18	18			
Truck, 60 tonnes	100	602	702	95	591	686			
Truck, 100 tonnes	Nil	165	165	Nil	136	136			

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#### COAL TARIFF DETERMINATION ORDER

No. TCEB/Registrar/2-1/2014/FC-Phase.II: This determination is conducted in accordance with the authority vested with Thar Coal & Energy Board and pertains to the Petition dated June 26, 2020, of Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company for Determination of Reference Financial Close Stage Tariff for SECMC's Mine at Block II Thar Coalfields, District Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan. The Petition is assessed and reviewed in accordance with the parameters and guidelines established under the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014.

The Petitioner has submitted a request for determination of levelized tariff of USD 43.74 per Tonne for development & operations of 7.6 MTPA mining capacity.

The determination is based upon an initial production of 3.8 MTPA lignite, which is ramped up to 7.6 MTPA as per the mine expansion plan, submitted by the Petitioner.

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules 2014, Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company is allowed to charge the following ex mine mouth tariff for the production of 7.6 MTPA:

Table X - Determined 7.6 MTPA Tariff

Project Tariff	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 – 30 Levelized
Total Production Payment Tariff Components	16.24	14.12	15.77
Total Capacity Payment Tariff Components	27.30	19.38	25.06
Total Project Tariff	43.54	33.50	40.84

All amounts in USD per Tonne

Table XI - Production Payment Component 7.6 MTPA

Production Payment Tariff	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 – 30 Levelized		
Fuel Cost	7.32	6.83	7.26		
Variable O&M - Tyres	0.55	0.49	0.54		
Spares/Consumables	2.44	2.34	2.43		
Asset Replacement	2.89	2.12	2.69		
Royalty	3.04	2.34	2.85		
Total Production Payment Tariff Components	16.24	14.12	15.77		
		All amounts	in USD per Toni		

Table XII - Capacity Payment Component 7.6 MTPA

Capacity Payment Tariff	Year 1 – 10 Average	Year 11 – 30 Average	Year 1 - 30 Levelized		
Fixed O & M - Foreign	2.68	3.32	2.78		
Fixed O & M - Local	3.24	3.76	3.31		
	0.82	0.72	0.80		
Insurance	1.38	1.70	1.42		
Power Cost	4.15	3.51	4.03		
Working Capital	5.00	2.0	3.47		
Principal Repayment	2.86		2.20		
Interest Payment	5.08	4.55	5.01		
ROE	2.09	1.84	2.06		
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Total Capacity Payment Tariff Components	27.00		1- 1100 per To		

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#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- i. The above tariff is applicable for a period of 30 years on BOO basis commencing from Commercial Operations Date or October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, whichever is earlier of the 7.6 MTPA mine.
- ii. The basis of this determination is a Debt-to-Equity ratio of 75:25. Equity quantum in excess of 25% will be treated as commercial debt to the project at the prevailing rates but not to exceed KIBOR plus 1.75%.
- iii. Tariff is configured on pro-rata drawdowns of debt and equity.
- iv. Pre-COD sale of lignite in Phase II will be priced at the full first year tariff of coal as per this Determination. The proceeds of this sale will be utilized to finance the capital for expansion of Phase II mine.
- v. The proposed power mix through diesel generator and solar is allowed up to a period of 1 year or date of any upcoming tariff petition, whichever is earlier.
- vi. Working Capital facility and the resultant cost is permitted for a maximum of 30 days of receivables on production payment tariff, 30 days of coal inventory, 21 days of diesel /RFO inventory, 6 months of spares inventory. The financing cost of the working capital facility is permitted at a maximum of 1 Month KIBOR + 2.00%. Reference 1 Month KIBOR embedded in the tariff determination is 15.52%
- vii. Project Tariff is based on a reference exchange rate of PKR 221.2 per USD and a diesel price of PKR 238.03 per litre.
- viii. The detailed cost components of tariff are tabulated in Annexure-A appended at the end of this Order.

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#### **Reference Tariff Indexations**

The indexations shall be applicable on the reference tariff shall only be as detailed hereunder.

#### i. Fuel Cost

$$Fuel Cost_{(rev)} = Fuel Cost_x \times \frac{Diesel Price_{(rev)}}{238.03}$$

Where,

Fuel Cost<sub>(rev)</sub> is the revised Fuel Cost Component

Fuel Cost<sub>x</sub> is the Fuel Cost of x<sup>th</sup> year of operations

Diesel Price<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Delivered Diesel Price in terms of PKR per Litre notified by OGRA for Islamkot, District Mithi adjusted for NCV-GCV factor (Reference – 1.0574), Specific gravity (Reference – 0.84), and Calorific Value (Gross) (Reference – 44.2MJ/kg)

Frequency of indexation shall be as and when notified by Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority

#### ii. Variable O&M

$$Variable \ O\&M_{(rev)} = Variable \ O\&M_x \times \frac{US \ CPl_{(rev)}}{298.01} \times \frac{PKR/USD_{(rev)}}{221.2} \times \frac{7.13}{RMB/USD_{(rev)}}$$

Where,

Variable O&M<sub>(rev)</sub> is the revised Variable O&M Component

Variable O&M<sub>x</sub> is the Variable O&M Component of x<sup>th</sup> year of operations

US CPI<sub>(rev)</sub> is the latest United States Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) notified by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics

PKR/USD (rev) is the revised TT & OD selling rate of US Dollars as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the National Bank of Pakistan

RMB/USD<sub>(rev)</sub> is the revised TT & OD selling rate of Chinese RMB as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the People's Bank of China

Frequency of indexation shall be quarterly

#### iii. Asset Replacement

 $Asset \ Replacement_{(rev)} = Asset \ Replacement_x \times \frac{US \ CPI_{(rev)}}{298.01} \times \frac{PKR/USD_{(rev)}}{221.20} \times \frac{7.13}{RMB/USD_{(rev)}}$ 

Where,

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Asset Replacement(rev) is the revised Asset Replacement Component

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RMB/USD(rev) is the revised TT & OD selling rate of Chinese RMB as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the People's Bank of China

Frequency of indexation shall be quarterly

#### Royalty

 $Royalty_{(rev)} = Coal Price_y \times Royalty$ 

Where,

Royalty<sub>(rev)</sub> is the revised Royalty Component

Coal Price, is the Price of Coal (excluding Royalty) in yth month of operations

Royalty is the minimum of 7.5% of Production Payment Price of Coal (excluding Royalty) or PKR 150 per Tonne or as otherwise notified by GoS for Royalty in Thar Coalfields

Frequency of Indexation shall be as and when notified by GoS

#### Fixed O&M - Local V.

Fixed 
$$0\&M - Local_{(rev)} = Fixed  $0\&M - Local_x \times \frac{Local CPI_{(rev)}}{190.08}$$$

Where,

Fixed O&M - Local (rev) is the revised Fixed O&M - Local Component

Fixed  $O&M - Local_x$  is the Fixed O&M - Local Component in  $x^{th}$  year of operations

Local CPI(rev) is the latest is Consumer Price Index of Pakistan as notified by the Pakistan **Bureau of Statistics** 

Frequency of Indexation shall be quarterly

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#### Fixed O&M - Foreign

Fixed O&M Foreign<sub>(rev)</sub> = Fixed O&M Foreign<sub>x</sub> × 
$$\frac{\text{US CPI}_{(rev)}}{298.01}$$
 ×  $\frac{\text{PKR/USD}_{(rev)}}{221.20}$  ×  $\frac{7.13}{\text{RMB/USD}_{(rev)}}$ 

Where,

Fixed O&M - Foreign(rev) is the revised Variable O&M Component

Fixed O&M – Foreign x is the Variable O&M Component of  $x^{th}$  year of operations

US CPI(rev) is the latest United States Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) notified by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics

PKR/USD (rev) is the revised TT & OD selling rate of US Dollars as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the National Bank of Pakistan

RMB/USD(rev) is the revised TT & OD selling rate of Chinese RMB as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the People's Bank of China

Frequency of indexation shall be quarterly

#### Power Cost - By Diesel vii.

Power Cost – By Diesel<sub>(rev)</sub> = Power Cost – By Diesel<sub>x</sub> 
$$\times \frac{\text{Diesel Price}_{(rev)}}{238.03} \times \frac{\% \text{ of Diesel}_{(rev)}}{86\%}$$

Where,

Power Cost - By Diesel Diesel(rev) is the revised Power Cost - By Diesel Component

Power Cost – By Diesel<sub>x</sub> is the Power Cost – Diesel Component in  $x^{th}$  year of operations

Diesel Price(rev) is the Delivered Diesel Price in terms of PKR per Litre notified by OGRA for Islamkot, District Mithi adjusted for NCV-GCV factor (Reference - 1.0574), Specific gravity (Reference - 0.84), and Calorific Value (Gross) (Reference - 44.2MJ/kg)

% of Diesel<sub>(rev)</sub> is the percentage of power generated by Diesel in  $x^{th}$  year of operations Frequency of indexation shall be as and when notified by OGRA

#### viii. Cost of Working Capital

$$WC_{(rev)} = WC_x \times \left( a_x \frac{\text{Prod Pmt}_{(rev)}}{\text{Prod Pmt}_x} + b_x \frac{\text{Coal}_{(rev)}}{\text{Coal}_x} + c_x \frac{\text{Diesel}_{(rev)}}{238.03} + d_x \frac{\text{US CPI}_{(rev)} \times \text{PKR/USD}_{(rev)} \times 7.13}{298.01 \times 221.20 \times \text{RMB/USD}_{(rev)}} \right) \times \frac{\text{KIBOR}_{(rev)} + 2.00\%}{15.52\%}$$

Where,

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Cost of WC(rev) is the revised Cost of Working Capital Component

Cost of WC<sub>x</sub> is the Cost of Working Capital in x<sup>th</sup> year of operations

 $a_x$  is the proportion of Coal Inventory Cost for 30 days calculated at Production Payment Price to amount of working capital facility in xth year of operations

 $b_x$  is the proportion of Production Payment Price for 60 days to amount of working capital facility in xih year of operations

 $c_x$  is the proportion of Fuel Cost for 21 days to amount of working capital facility in  $x^{th}$ year of operations

Prod Pmt<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Production Payment Price as determined by TCEB after incorporating indexations till latest month

 $\mathsf{Prod}\ \mathsf{Pmt}_x$  is the Production Payment Price as determined by TCEB for  $x^{th}$  year of operations

Coal<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Coal Price (excluding Working Capital Component) as determined by TCEB after incorporating indexations till latest month

Coal<sub>x</sub> is the Coal Price (excluding Working Capital Component) as determined by TCEB at COD for xth year of operations

Diesel Price<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Delivered Diesel Price in terms of PKR per Litre notified by OGRA for Islamkot, District Mithi adjusted for NCV-GCV factor (Reference - 1.0574), Specific gravity (Reference - 0.84), and Calorific Value (Gross) (Reference - 44.2MJ/kg)

KIBOR<sub>(rev)</sub> is 1-Month KIBOR rate at the end of the 1 month period prior to the month in which indexation is applicable, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan

Frequency of Indexation shall be monthly

#### Interest Payments ix.

Interest 
$$-\text{Local}_{(rev)} = \text{Interest } -\text{Local}_x \times \frac{\text{KIBOR}_{(rev)} + 1.75\%}{15.52\%}$$

Where.

Interest - Local(rev) is the Interest Payment - Local Component

Interest - Local<sub>x</sub> is Interest Payment - Local Component determined by TCEB for x<sup>th</sup> year of operations, subject to adjustment on account of escalations till COD.

KIBOR<sub>(rev)</sub> is the relevant KIBOR rate prevailing for  $x^{th}$  year of operations, as notified by State Bank of Pakistan

Frequency of Indexation shall be semi-annually or as repayments are agreed with lender

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#### x. Equity Returns

Equity Returns<sub>(rev)</sub> = Equity Returns<sub>x</sub> 
$$\times \frac{PKR/USD_{(rev)}}{221.20}$$

Where,

Equity Returns (rev) is the revised Equity Returns Component

Equity Returns<sub>x</sub> is the Equity Returns component determined by TCEB for  $x^{th}$  period of operations

PKR/USD (rev) is the revised TT & OD selling rate of US Dollars as on the date on which the indexation is applicable, as notified by the National Bank of Pakistan

Frequency of Indexation shall quarterly

#### xi. Cost of Transportation

Cost of Transportation<sub>(rev)</sub> = Cost of Transportation<sub>x</sub> 
$$\times \frac{\text{Diesel Price}_{(\text{rev})}}{238.03}$$

Where,

Cost of Transportation(rev) is the revised Cost of Transportation applicable on tariff

Cost of Transportation<sub>x</sub> is the Cost of Transportation applicable on tariff as determined by TCEB for  $x^{th}$  period of operations

Diesel Price<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Delivered Diesel Price in terms of PKR per Litre notified by OGRA for Islamkot, District Mithi adjusted for NCV-GCV factor (Reference – 1.0574), Specific gravity (Reference – 0.84), and Calorific Value (Gross) (Reference – 44.2MJ/kg)

Frequency of Indexation shall be as notified by OGRA

#### xii. Heat Content Adjustment

$$\text{Adjusted Prod Pmt}_{(\text{rev})} = \text{Prod Pmt}_{x} \times \frac{\text{Heating Value}_{(\text{ref})}}{\text{Heating Value}_{(\text{rev})}}$$

Where

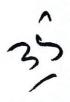
Adjusted Prod Pmt<sub>(rev)</sub> is the Production Payment Price adjusted for heating value (LHV) Indexed Prod Pmt<sub>x</sub> is the reference Production Payment Price in  $x^{th}$  year of operations Heating Value<sub>(ref)</sub> is the heat content of coal, which for Year 1 – 8 is equal to 11.30 MJ / kg (LHV) and for Year 9 – 30 is equal to 11.61 MJ / kg (LHV)

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Heating Value<sub>(rev)</sub> is the actual average heating value (LHV) during the relevant quarter of  $x^{th}$  of operations subject to a minimum heating value (LHV) permitted for Year 1 – 8 of 11.0175 MJ / Kg and for Year 9 – 3 of 11.31975 MJ / Kg

Indexation shall be computed annually.

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	PROD	UCTION (V	ARIABLE) PAY	MENTS	CAPACITY (FIXED) FATMENTS									ROEDC			
'ear	Fuel Cost	Variable Cost	Asset Replacement	Royalty	Fixed O&M	Insurance	Power Cost	Working Capital	Principal - Phase I	- Phase	- Phase II	- Phase II	Phase I	- Phase I	Phase II	- Phase II	Total
2	6.05	2.42	2.89	3.09	6.10	0.82	1.38	3.67	4.48	3.74	0.49	2.03	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	44.32
1	7.28	2.42	2.89	3.24	5.84	0.82	1.38	4.17	4.91	3.31	0.58	1.94	3.97	1.71	1,11	0.38	46.51
2	10/10/2007	3.04	2.89	3.27	5.86	0.82	1.38	4.25	5.39	2,83	0.68	1.83	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	46.88
3	7.47		2.89	3.27	5.86	0.82	1.38	4.25	5.93	2.29	0.81	1.71	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	46.88
4	7.47	3.04		3.27	5.87	0.82	1.38	4.26	6.54	1.68	0.96	1.56	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	46.93
5	7.47	3.06	2.89	3.27	5.87	0.82	1.38	4.26	7.23	0.99	1.13	1.39	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	46.93
6	7.47	3.06	2.89	2.96	5.83	0.82	1.38	4.19	3.90	0.21	1.34	1.18	3.97	1.71	1,11	0.38	42.41
7	7.47	3.06	2.89		5.98	0.82	1.38	4.14	0.00	0.00	1.59	0.93	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	38.09
8	7.47	3.06	2.89	2.66		0.82	1.38	4.16	0.00	0.00	1.88	0.64	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	38.20
9	7.54	3.08	2.89	2.66	5.97	0.82	1.38	4.16	0.00	0.00	2.22	0.30	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	38.22
10	7.54	3.08	2.89	2.67			1.38	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	34.76
11	7.51	3.08	2.44	2.43	5.94	0.82	1.38	3.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	34.73
2	7.48	3.07	2.44	2.42	5.95	0.82		4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.2
13	7.72	3.16	2.44	2.46	6.02	0.82	1.38	The state of the s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38 -	35.2
14	7.72	3.16	. 2.44	2.46	6.02	0.82	1.38	4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.28
15	7.72	3.16	2.44	2.46	6.04	0.82	1.38	4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.39
16	7.72	3.21	2.44	2.47	6.07	0.82	1.38	4.11		0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.40
17	7.72	3.21	2.44	2.47	6.08	0.82	1.38	4.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.4
18	7.72	3.21	2.44	2.47	6.09	0.82	1.38	4.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.4
19	7.72	3.21	2.44	2.47	6.10	0.82	1.38	4.11	0.00		0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.5
20	7.78	3.23	2.44	2.48	6.12	0.82	1,38	4.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1,11	0.38	35.5
21	7.78	3.23	2.44	2.48	6.13	0.82	1.38	4.14	0.00	0.00		0.00	3.97	1.71	1,11	0.38	35.5
22	7.78	3.23	2.44	2.48	6.15	0.82	1.38	4.14	0.00	0.00	0.00		3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	35.60
23	7.78	3.23	2.44	2.48	6.16	0.82	1.38	4.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1,11	0.38	34.9
24	7.46	3.11	2.44	2.44	6.11	0.82	1.38	4.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1.71	1.11	0.38	31.3
25	5.76	2.41	2.44	2.19	5.86	0.82	1.38	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	1.71	1.11	0.38	30.1
26	5.17	2.19	2.44	2.10	5.77	0.82	1.38	3.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97		1.39	0.38	20.8
27	3.92	1.67	1.38	1.46	6.77	0.19	1.72	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	***************************************		
28	4.67	2.00	2.07	1.96	9.89	0.28	2.58	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.08	0.71	28.0
29	3.69	1.56	0.00	1.65	9.76	0.28	2.58	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.08	0.71	23.5
30	5.71	2.35	0.00	2.92	18.52	0.54	4.99	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.02	1.38	41.92

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#### APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RELIEF

It is respectfully submitted on behalf of Applicant as follows:

1. That Applicant has filed the title Review Application and there is every likelihood of its success. The contents of the memo of the

Review Application may be read as part of this application.

2. That if TCEB is not restrained from taking adverse action, Applicant

will suffer irreparable loss and injury.

3. That Applicant has a good *prima facie* case in its favour.

4. That the balance of convenience is also in favour of Applicant.

PRAYER

It is, therefore, prayed that until the decision of this Review Application, the Impugned Decision may be suspended and no adverse action may be taken against Applicant on the basis of the Impugned Decision or, in the alternative, the request made in paragraph 20 of the Review Application be immediately allowed.

Ad interim orders are also prayed for in the same terms.

Karachi

Dated 9 Jan 2023

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICANT

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Muhammad Muddasir, s/o Abdul Ghaffar Balagamwala, r/o Plot 15/46, Flat No. 405, Block 3, Bahadurabad, Karachi, adult, Muslim,,and duly authorized representative of Applicant do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as under:

- 1. That I am the authorized officer of Applicant in the above matter and as such am fully conversant with the facts of the case.
- 2. That the accompanying stay application has been drafted and filed under my instructions.
- 3. That the contents of the accompanying application may be treated as part of this affidavit for the sake of brevity.
- 4. That unless the accompanying application is granted Applicant shall be seriously prejudiced and suffer irreparable loss and injury. Applicant has a good prima facie case and the balance of convenience is overwhelmingly in its favour.
- 5. That whatever has been said above is true and correct.

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## <u>V A K A L A T N A M A</u> BEFORE THE THAR COAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Review Application filed by Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company Limited

KNOW ALL to whom these presents shall come that I/We the undersigned do hereby appoint and authorise MR. ALI ALMANI AND MR. FURQAN MUSHTAQ Advocates (hereinafter called the Advocates) to be the Advocates for the <u>APPLICANT</u> above mentioned cause to do all the following acts, deed and things or any of them, that is to say:

- 1. To appear, plead and act in the above-mentioned cause before this Board.
- 2. To withdraw or compromise the said cause or submit to arbitration any difference or dispute that shall arise touching or in any matter relating to the said cause.
- 3. To employ/appoint, nominate any other Advocate/Pleader or substitute on his/their behalf authorising him to exercise the same powers and authorities hereby conferred on the Advocate as he may think fit to do.
- 4. And I/We hereby agree that in the event of the whole or any part of the fee agreed by me/us to be paid to the Advocate remaining unpaid, he/they shall be entitled to withdraw from the prosecution of the said cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I/We have hereunto set my/our hands to these presents the content of which have been explained to and understood by me/us on this \_\_\_\_\_day of January, 2023.

for Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company Limited

**RECEIVED** by me on \_\_\_\_\_ January, 2023 from the Petitioner. **ACCEPTED** subject to the terms mentioned above.

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