The Executive Summary of Projects

Project title:	Executive Summary:
Design for Induced caving by	This report relates to the study of hard roof management using induced caving
Blasting for the Depillaring	by blasting in the proposed depillaring panels of King seam using continuous
Workings of the King Seam at	miner at PVK-5 Incline, SCCL. The cavability index of the overlying rock strata of
PVK 5 Incline Mine, SCCL for the	King seam up to 23.42 m come under the category both 'Easily cavable roof'
Designated CM Project Area of	and 'Moderately cavable'. Regular roof falls are expected to occur during
M/s GainwellComosales Private	depillaring operations as per the draft report submitted by CSIR-CIMFR
Limited	(CNP/4873/2019-20). However, massive formation of coarse to very coarse
	grained sandstone stratum having layer thickness of 3.49 m and RQD value
Project No.	more than 85% is also present in the immediate roof of King seam. Therefore,
CNP/4872/2019-20	caving may be delayed due to massiveness of the roof although compressive
	strength and cavability index are less. Hence, induced caving by blasting may be
	necessary to cave the overhanging roof if regular falls do not occur in the
	depillaring panel. Therefore, the blast designs have been suggested for safe and
	effective caving of the overhanging roof for the proposed CM panels. Based on
	the study of the different strata of the overlying roof, the following conclusions
	and recommendations are made for conducting safe and efficient induced
	blasting in the proposed depillaring panels at PVK-5 Incline, SCCL.
	(1) Two processes of induced blasting have been suggested for strata control in
	the depillaring panels such as: (i) induced blasting along the barrier pillar to
	create initial fracture line and (ii) induced blasting along the line of
	extraction.
	(2) The main purpose of induced blasting along the barrier pillars is to ease the
	caving of the roof as well as to prevent chances of damage to the isolation
	stoppings and overriding of barrier pillars during main fall. Hole depths for
	induced blasting along the barrier pillars are combination of 1.8 m and 2.1 m drilled in three rours
	m, drilled in three rows.
	(3) Induced blasting should also be conducted in every main junction as well as
	split junction along the line of extraction. Holes should be drilled out-bye
	side of the breaker lines, inclining towards the goaf.

 (4) The rock strata having highest cavability index in the overlying roof of King seam is located at 8.5 m. Therefore, two rows of holes with 10.5 m and 8.2 m lengths having inclinations of and 55° and 45° respectively towards the goaf are recommended for induced blasting along the line of extraction to encounter this strata. (5) The fan angles for the corner holes should be maintained properly such that a minimum distance of 2.5 m parting should be made to avoid damages to the overlying roof rocks of the next coal pillars to be extracted. (6) The assessment of ground vibration generated by induced blasting for various distances have been carried out based on similar studies conducted by CSIR-CIMFR in different underground coal mines in India. The suggested safe levels of explosive charge for induced blasting are given in <i>Table 8</i> and <i>Figure 14</i>. (7) Monitoring of ground vibrations on surface as well as in underground for each induced blasting have been recommended for the safety of surface structures, underground openings (roof and sides of the galleries) and other underground installations. Pre and post-blast gases should also be measured for the safety of underground working environment. (8) The suggested guidelines for induced blasting as given in <i>Section-7</i> should be
 (8) The suggested guidelines for induced blasting as given in Section-7 should be followed for safe and effective induced blasting operation.