

Minutes of the 37th Meeting of SEIAA, Assam being 2nd SEIAA meeting dt. 20 May 2017

The meeting was held on 20.05.2017 at 1.30 p.m. at SEIAA Office, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati 781021.

The following Members were present

1. Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
2. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam.
3. Sri Ali Askar, ACS, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA presided over the meeting. The Chairman, SEIAA apprised the members about the agenda items of the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the joint meeting of SEIAA and SEAC held on 22/03/2017.

The SEIAA confirmed the Minutes of the 36th joint meeting of SEIAA and SEAC held on 22/03/2017. It is to be noted that these Minutes were already confirmed by the SEAC in its meeting held on 07/04/2017.

Agenda Item 2. Consideration of the Minutes of the 37th meeting of the SEAC held on 07/04/2017.

The Minutes of the SEAC meeting held on 07/04/2017, duly circulated to all members and signed by the Chairman, SEAC on 04/05/2017 has been received at the SEIAA Office.

The SEIAA noted the recommendations of the SEAC and on the basis of the same, resolved as follows.

(i) Being 'B1' projects, Public consultation/Public Hearing is mandatory for the following two projects:

1. Project proposal for Cement Grinding unit (600 TPD) located at Vill: Samata pahar, Mouza: Sonapur, Dist: Kamrup(M), Assam by M/s. B.M. Cements Ltd.
2. Project proposal for Cement Grinding unit (500 TPD-200 TPD) in Phase I & 300 TPD in Phase II located at Vill: Karaibari, Mouza-Sila Sundarighopa, Dist: Kamrup, Assam by M/s. J.N. Commercial.

Accordingly the project proponents are to be informed of the need for Public consultation/Public Hearing with information to the State Pollution Control Board. The project proponents will be required to approach the SEIAA for EC after completion of the Public Consultation/Public Hearing as per EIA Notification 2006.

(ii) With respect to all other projects considered by the SEAC, necessary steps will be taken based on the SEAC recommendations.

(iii) The project proponents of the proposals, which fall under the jurisdiction of the DEIAA, as observed by the SEAC, are to be informed that the same may be submitted to the DEIAA.

(iv) With respect to the proposal "Project proposal for earth cutting from p.p. land under Kamrup East Forest Division, Basistha by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd." (Resolution No. B5 of SEAC meeting, 07/04/2017) , with respect to which, a public complaint was

received, the SEIAA resolved to inform the IOCL authorities about the same and seek a compliance report with respect to the EC given by the DEIAA and also with respect to the public complaint.

- (v) The project proponents of the proposals that were considered by the SEAC on 07/04/2017, who have not deposited the processing fee, are to be asked to deposit the same within 15 days so that the issue of EC can be further considered by the SEIAA.
- (vi) With respect to the project proposal, **"Project proposal for excavation of brick earth under Nagaon South Forest Division, Hojai: Prop: Sri Sarat Ch. Singha by M/s. Radha Krishna Brick"** (Resolution No. B6 of SEAC meeting, 07/04/2017), the project proponent is to be asked to submit a fresh proposal as recommended by the SEAC.
- (vii) The project proposal, **"Project proposal for excavation of earth from private patta land of Amguri Revenue Circle under Sivasagar Forest Division (T) by M/s. Corsan Carviam Construction"** (Resolution No. B8 of SEAC meeting, 07/04/2017) is rejected as recommended by the SEAC.
- (viii) With respect to the project proposal, **"Project proposal for collection of Sand & Gravel from River Beki located at NKD-B-6 Bandarkhowa & NKD-B-5 Shahpur under BARPETA Rd Forest Range of N.K. Forest Dvn, Rangia"** (Resolution No. B21 of SEAC meeting, 07/04/2017), the concerned DFO is to be requested for a clarification with respect to the public complaint and to take necessary steps along with an action taken report as recommended by the SEAC.

Agenda Item 3. Issue of Environmental Clearance

Based on the confirmed minutes of the joint meeting of the SEAC and SEIAA held on 22/03/2017, and on fulfilling conditions such as submission of the processing fee, the SEIAA resolved that the following 7 (seven) ECs will be issued:

- (i) Project proposal for collection of River Clay from Ranganadi River Mining Permit area under Lakhimpur Forest Dvn by M/s. DRA-TKEE (JV). (Resolution No. B2 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (ii) Project proposal for collection of Sand & Gravel from Champa (Bandarchara) Mahal under Haltugaon Forest Dvn, Kokrajhar by Sri Kiran Basumatary. (Resolution No. B7 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (iii) Project proposal for collection of Sand from Daboka Ordinary Sand Mining Permit area No.4 under Nagaon South Forest Dvn, Hojai by Sri Rajul Islam Choudhury. (Resolution No. B8 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (iv) Project proposal for collection of Ordinary earth/ Clay from Vill: Tresunthum under Dima Hasao Forest Dvn (West) Haflong by Sri Anesh Warisa. (Resolution No. B9 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (v) Project proposal for excavation of Silt from Brahmaputra River Mining Permit area under Doomdooma Forest Division by Sri Ranjan Dutta. (Resolution No. B11 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (vi) Project proposal for collection of Stone from Silimkhowa Hill Stone Quarry under Karbi Anglong East Forest Dvn, Diphu by M/s. J.K. Construction. (Resolution No. B15 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).
- (vii) Project proposal for excavation of Ordinary earth from private patta land under Jorhat Forest Division for the construction of four lanning by M/s. Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd. (Resolution No. B20 of SEIAA/SEAC meeting held on 22/03/2017).

In all other recommended cases, where the processing fee has not been submitted, the concerned firms will be asked to submit the same within 15 days for further processing of EC.

Agenda Item 4. Financial matters

• The Chairman reported the "no fund" situation of the SEIAA with the following highlights:

- (i) The contractual staff has not been their salary for more than a year.
- (ii) Large backlog exists on payment of sitting fee/TA/DA, refreshment, etc., to the members of the SEIAA and SEAC for attending meetings.
- (iii) The mandatory website for the SEIAA could not be opened.
- (iv) No fund exists for day-to-day activities like dispatch of letters, stationery, etc.
- (v) No fund exists for running the only vehicle available to the SEIAA, which in any case is very old and requires major repairs.

The Chairman also reported that he discussed these matters twice with the Principal Secretary, Environment and Forest, Govt. of Assam and also submitted a written note on the same. The Secretary, Environment and Forest is aware of the critical financial situation of the SEIAA. The matter was again discussed with the Principal Secretary and also the Senior FAO attached to the SEIAA. Following the discussions, the following steps have been taken:

- (i) A detailed proposal of fund requirement has been submitted to the PCCF for including the amount in supplementary budget proposal.
- (ii) The Principal Secretary has been requested on 17/05/2017 to accord approval to the following:
 - (a) To allow SEIAA to draw and utilize to the extent of 50% of the Processing Fee collected for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for its various administrative expenses including payment of salaries to the contractual employees, TA/DA and other expenses for the meetings of SEIAA and SCEA, general maintenance and contingency expenditure, etc., to meet various expenses as outlined in Clauses 9 and 10 of the Notification S.O.678(E) dated 28/2/2017. The balance 50% of the Processing Fee may be allowed to be deposited to the account of the Govt. of Assam.
 - (b) To authorize the SEIAA to open a Savings Bank Account at SBI, Bamunimaidam Branch, Guwahati to be operated jointly by the Chairman, SEIAA and the Sr. Finance & Accounts officer, appointed by the Govt. of Assam for SEIAA.

After consideration of the above, the SEIAA resolved as follows:

- (i) In anticipation of a positive response to the above measures by the Government of Assam, the SEIAA will draw necessary fund from its Current Account at SBI, Dispur to clear all backlogs of payment as outlined above including the current payments for smooth functioning of the SEIAA.

- (ii) The SEIAA will open a Savings bank Account at SBI, Dispur branch under the name and style of SEIAA to be operated jointly by the Chairman and Member Secretary of the SEIAA.
- (iii) The fund remaining in the Current Account of the SEIAA at SBI, Dispur which has not earned any interest, will be transferred to the Savings Bank Account and all receipts in the form of the Processing fee will be deposited to the Savings bank Account.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-

(Prof. K. G. Bhattacharyya)
Chairman, SEIAA, Assam
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Memo No. SEIAA.33/2013/Pt-III/01-A
March, 2017.

Dated: Guwahati the 29th
22/05/2017

Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Assam and Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati 781006 for favour of kind information.
2. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam for favour of kind information.
- ✓ 3. Office Copy.

All signed

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26/5/17
Chairman
SEIAA, Assam

KGB Bhattacharyya

(Prof. K.G. Bhattacharyya)
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22/05/2017