# STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI 781021, ASSAM

# Proceedings of the 5th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam 21/12/2017

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at the SEIAA office on 21/12/2017 at 12 noon.

# The following Members were present

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- 1. Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- 2. Shri Amarendra Barua, IAS, Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- 3. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

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

# 5/1 Item 1. General reporting of the activities.

(i) Confirmation of the proceedings of the SEIAA meeting held on 30/10/2017.

The proceedings of the meeting have already been circulated and signed.

The proceedings are confirmed.

# (ii) Budget, 2018-19 and financial matters

- (a) The Chairman informed that the payments including payment of salary to the contractual workers, their earlier arrear salary payments and other maintenance expenses could not be paid since November 2017.
- (b) Issue of ECs as recommended by the SEAC till its fourth meeting of 10/08/2017 has been completed.
- (c) The Chairman informed that in spite of reminders by the MoEFCC, the website of SEIAA could not be made functional due to non-availability of fund for the purpose and the SEAC/SEIAA decisions and the ECs could not be uploaded. There was a discussion with the party selected for the website development at the initiative of Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam at the SEIAA office, but the matter could not be proceeded further due to lack of fund provision.
- (d) It may be noted that the Govt. of Assam has included an amount of INR 30.00 lakh under the Head of Account 2406-Forestry & Wildlife-3104- SEIAA-31 Grants in Aid (Salary) in its supplementary demands for 2017-18 upto March 2018, but the amount has not been released so far. This sanction is against SEIAA's total budget proposal of INR 73.98 lakh for 2017-18.
- (e) It is also informed that the sitting allowances, TA/DA, etc. of SEAC/SEIAA members could not be cleared after the fourth meeting in the current financial year.

5/1.1. SEIAA Resolution. It is resolved that Rules for payment of contractual salaries and other payments will be framed in consultation with the Finance Department, Government of Assam so that the matter can be settled. The Member-Secretary will extend necessary help and cooperation in this regard.

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5/1.2. SEIAA Resolution. It is decided that the Budget for 2018-19 will be finalized by discussion with the Sr. FAO attached to the SEIAA and the same will be sent to the PCCF (Assam) for necessary action.

# 5/2. Discussion on the Resolutions of the SEAC meeting held on 28/11/2017

The SEAC in its meeting held on 28/11/2017 considered several proposals and resolved as follows (proceedings confirmed on 05/12/2017):

#### SEAC Resolution No. 1

EC for Sand and Gravel Mining from Burhi Dihing River Mining Contract Area by Nagen Dohutia.

After discussion, the members of the SEAC resolves that EC may be issued with all terms & conditions for Sand 500 m<sup>3</sup>/yr & Gravel 500 m<sup>3</sup>/yr for 5 yrs from Burhi Dihing River Mining Contract allotted area as 5.85 ha and Mining area of 4.85 ha and extendable for another two years after obtaining report from DFO, Doomdooma in this aspect.

5/2.1. SEIAA Resolution. Details about extraction of sand and gravel are to be obtained before issuing EC by writing to PCCF with a copy to the concerned DFO.

# SEAC Resolution No. 2

EC for collection of Ordinary clay from patta land under North Kamrup Forest Division, Rangia by Syed Riju Ahmed.

After threadbare discussion, the SEAC recommended to issue EC for collection of ordinary clay amounting 70,000 m³ (seventy thousand) from the patta land bearing dag no 123, 158, 165, 168, 207,237,298,300, 318, 322, 288, 129, 212 & 254 of patta no 84,24, 62, 72 under Kamalpur Revenue Circle covering an area of 5.48 with necessary terms & conditions for 2 yrs.

5/2.2 SEIAA Resolution. Approved for issuance of EC as recommended by the SEAC

#### SEAC Resolution No. 3

EC for collection of sand, gravel & earth from Morabharali Sand, Gravel & Earth Mahal under Sonitpur West Forest Division, Tezpur by Sri Phulin Das.

SEAC, after discussion observing all the clearances from the concerned DFO, Tezpur, processing fees, mining plan recommended for collection of Sand 429 m3/ yr, Gravel 107 m3/ yr & Clay 642 m3/ yr for 5 yrs respectively for issuance of EC with necessary terms & conditions for five yrs and extendable for another two years after obtaining report from DFO, Tezpur.

5/2.3 SEIAA Resolution. Approved for issuance of EC as recommended by the SEAC

# SEAC Resolution No. 4

EC for extraction of Sand & Stone from NKD-B-3 Dumnighat Mining Contract area under N.K. Forest Division by Sri Himangshu Nath.

After threadbare discussion the SEAC recommended for issuance of EC for collection of Sand amounting to 7000 m<sup>3</sup> for seven years as cited in the application submitted by Shri Himangshu Nath on 19/10/2017.

5/2.4 SEIAA Resolution. Approved for issuance of EC as recommended by the SEAC.

#### &EAC Resolution No. 5

EC for excavation of Ordinary Clay near Ashwaklanta Devalaya for construction of Water Treatment Plant (WTP) by JICA Assisted GWSP (Extension of validity of E.C)

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After discussion and observation, Members of the SEAC recommends the issue of EC to the proposer.

5/2.5. SEIAA Resolution. The validity of EC is extended for another one year with T and C.

SEAC Resolution No. 6

EC for proposed Cement Grinding Unit( 500 TPD 1<sup>st</sup> Phase &500 TPD 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase located at Dag No.34 of K.P. No. 26, Vill: Koroibari, Mouza: Sila Sundari Ghopa, Kamrup, Assam by M/s. Blackrock Cement Industries.

After threadbare discussion on the application, the SEAC has observed that TOR may be issued citing the location of proposed unit (For EIA/EMP reports) followed by public consultation.

5/2.6 SEIAA Resolution. Land details, site plan of the proposed unit are to be submitted before appraisal.

SEAC Resolution No. 7

EC for capacity expansion of Betkuchi POL Terminal, Guwahati, Assam by M/s. IOCL.

After discussion, the Members of the SEAC meeting recommended for issuance of TOR incorporating GMC/GMD permission, disaster management plan etc for the expansion of IOC's storage capacity expansion.

5/2.7 SEIAA Resolution. The project proponent is requested to come for a discussion at the SEIAA office in January 2018 about the proposed project with all relevant documents of the existing unit and land details of the proposed expansion.

# B. SEAC Discussion on earlier Project Proposals:

#### SEAC Resolution No. 8

Permission for semi-machanised collection of Sand from Madhura River Mining Contract area unit-1 under Cachar Forest Division, Silchar by Sri Sujit Das.

The Project Proponent may be asked to specify the Semi- Mechanised ways in details and submit before consideration.

5/2.8 SEIAA Resolution. Letter to the project proponent is to be issued about the details of the semi-mechanized devices to be used.

# Resolution No. 6 (SEAC meeting held on 10/08/2017)

EC for the Enhancement of production capacity with existing facility from 1000 TPD to 1540 TPD at Vill- Baghjap, Mouza: Guva, Dist- Morigaon, Assam by Alsthom Industries.

The Alsthom Industries Ltd given presentation, the committee felt that the present status of Air quality & noise level has not been submitted. The party may be asked to submit the present status of Air & noise level. However the proposal is recommended for issuing EC with necessary T&C subject to compliance of emission standards as sought.

SEIAA Resolution of its meeting held on 10/08/2017. In line with Resolution No.6 of SEAC meeting held on 10/08/2017, SEIAA decided to insist on

- a) Submission of Environmental Compliance Reports in appropriate format for the last three years preceding submission of project proposal and
- b) Submission of the present Environmental status at the project site, particularly with respect to ambient air and noise quality, certified by an approved expert

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for all three expansion/ enhancement proposals as in Resolutions 6,7,8 of SEAC Meeting (10/08/2017). Accordingly SEAC is requested to modify Resolutions 7 & 8.

SEAC noted that the project proponent has submitted the Compliance Reports and Reports on ambient air quality and noise levels. The results comply with the standards. Issue of EC recommended (SEAC meeting 28/11/2017).

5/2.9 SEIAA Resolution. Approved for issuance of EC as recommended by the SEAC

# Resolution No. 7 (SEAC meeting held on 10/08/2017)

EC for proposed increase in capacity by Debottlenecking in existing three induction furnace of 10 TPH each to manufacture 90,000MTP steel/ingots/Billets at Village Borshil, Sotshil, P.O. Manjana, Dist: Kamrup (Assam) by M/s. K.D. Iron & Steel Co.

M/s K.D. Iron & Steel Co. the project proponent has requested for EC to increase in production capacity from 66,000 MTPA to 90,000 MTPA in the existing plant by bringing technical changes. The proponent has appraised the proposal and required details as quarried by the expert members. In view of this, the members recommended for issue of EC with all necessary T & C.

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SEAC has found the project proponent has complied with T and C by submitting Environmental compliance reports and report on air quality and noise levels. The results comply with the standards. Issue of EC recommended (SEAC meeting 28/11/2017).

5/2.10 SEIAA Resolution. Approved for issuance of EC as recommended by the SEAC.

# Resolution No. 8 (SEAC meeting held on 10/08/2017)

EC for Enhancement of Limestone production from 1.5 MTPA to 2.1 MTPA from Jamuna nagar Limestone Mine located near Jamuna nagar New Umrangshu at Vill: Umrangshu Tehsil, Dima Hasao by M/s. Vinay Cement Ltd.

After presentation by the Project Proponent before the members of SEAC, the members of the committee approved for issuance of the EC for existing 35.00 ha mine area for increasing in mining of lime stone production capacity from 0.28 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA with necessary T&C.

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On 28/11/2017, SEAC recommended the issue of EC with all related terms and conditions to be complied with specific requirement of Public Hearing and project visit after production starts.

5/2.11 SEIAA Resolution. SEAC is requested to review the recommendation on Public Hearing as it forms a part of the EIA process.\

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There being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

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