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**MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021 at 1100 Hrs. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DIRECTORATE OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING DEPARTMENT, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, TRANSPORT NAGAR, NARWAL, GLADNI, JAMMU.**

The following attended the meeting:-

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS(Retd,)                  | Chairman, JKEIAA         |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Retd., Chief Engineer)    | Member, JKEIAA           |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of JKEAC held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/6001-13 dated 25-03-2021, the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 11:00 Hrs. in the Conference Hall of Directorate of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing Department, Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Gladni, Jammu.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting:-

**AGENDA ITEM NO.01.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Jagdish Singh S/O Vijay Singh P.O Malakpur, Tehsil: Malakpur, District: Gurdaspur, Punjab for Minor Mineral Block 16/P, Kulgam Bridge, Upstream Vishu Nalla, District Kulgam, JK UT over an area of 4.55ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/60972/2021

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. It was informed that Lol was issued on 16/7/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 04/12/2020. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and members observed cultivated land of patches inside the mining block on the image of November 2003 up to February 2013. However, due to change of nallah course, land has transformed from cropland to nala bed probably during the devastating floods of 2014. Therefore, Committee desired prior title verification of the mining block due to presence of cropland inside the block as

revealed by the images from 2003 to 2013. The Committee also observed that the mining block though less than 5ha, it falls under B1 category to cluster situation. In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended that the project proponent be asked to obtain title verification of the area falling under the designated mining block for enabling the committee to proceed further in the matter.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.02.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Karanvir Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.03 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot Punjab for Riverbed Mining Project of Minor Mineral in Block No.04, Anji Khad Upstream Sula Park Bridge, District-Reasi, JK UT over an area of 9.85 ha. under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/61094/2021

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 59.98 lakhs with bidding cost ₹ 54.98 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and members found the mining block fit for grant of ToRs.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for the project grant of ToRs for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to revision of the project cost.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant of ToRs for further action required under rules subject to revision of project cost.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.03.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Karanvir Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.03 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot Punjab for Riverbed Mining Project of Minor Mineral in Block No.10, ANS River Downstream Narloo Bridge, District-Reasi (Plan-I), JK UT over an area of 6.28ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61099/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on

various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 63.25 lakhs with bidding cost ₹ 58.25 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and it was observed that nearly 20% of the area of the block falls under active water channel. It was opined that active water channel could have been avoided by relocating the block southwards where ample river bed material was available.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to revision of the project cost after excluding the active water channel or exploring possibility of relocating the mining block southwards to avoid active water channel.

**Decision:**

✓ The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules by excluding the active water channel or relocating the mining block southwards to avoid active water channel and subject to revision of the project cost.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.04.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Arshdeep Singh S/o Balraj Singh R/o Faziabad Gurdaspur, Punjab for Minor Mineral Block 3/3, in Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Nowshera Jabba Bridge, Village Anayatpur, District Rajouri, JK UT over an area of 9.50ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/60990/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. He informed that the Lol was issued on 6/8/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 05/01/2021. The mining block was examined on the Google Earth platform and members observed features indicative of large-scale illegal mining and presence of almost 80% active water channel. It was learnt that Fisheries Department has shown some reservations for mining the area. The members observed that maximum material has already been extracted at the site and should the mining activity be allowed further, it may lead to further ecological degradation of the area and consequently, may not turn to be financially viable as well. Furthermore, the Committee also observed that a stone crusher is located in close vicinity of the mining block as traced on the satellite image which is suspected to be responsible for the ecological devastation of the area. This and all other illegal mining activities need to be

investigated by the concerned agencies and responsibility fixed to enforce rule of law in order to safe guard the environment and ecology of the area.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project to be rejected for grant of ToRs in view of excessive illegal mining and most of the river bed material having already been extracted from the mining block as revealed by the Google image. The Committee also recommended that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to constitute an interdepartmental Committee comprising of members from Irrigation & Flood Control Dept., Soil Conservation Dept., JKPCB, Fisheries Dept., G&M Dept. and the local Police and to file its enquiry report fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated mineral block and its neighborhood, also recording statements from the local panchayat representatives. The role of the stone crusher owner if any in damaging the area ecologically be also investigated and appropriate action taken under rules.

**Decision:**

✓ The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for rejection of ToRs. The Geology and Mining Department shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. The role of the stone crusher owner if any in damaging the area ecologically be also investigated and appropriate action taken under rules.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.05.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Arshdeep Singh S/o Balraj Singh R/o Faziabad Gurdaspur, Punjab for Riverbed Mining Project Minor Mineral in Block No.29, Chenab River Upstream Baradari Bridge at Village-Nambal Plan-I District-Reasi JK UT over an area of 9.48ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61166/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 05/08/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 14/01/2021. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 364.32 lakhs with bidding cost ₹ 359.32 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and it was observed that the mining block qualifies for the grant of ToRs subject to condition that active water channel is excluded.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling consultant to prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to revision of the project cost and after excluding the active water channel.

**Decision:**

✓ The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules by excluding the active water channel and subject to revision of the project cost.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.06.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kesari Nandan R/o Logate District Kathua for Riverbed Mining Project of Minor Mineral in Block No.15, ANS River Downstream Narloo Bridge, District-Reasi (Plan-VI) JK UT over an area of 9.08ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61101/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 20/07/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 14/01/2021. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 133.71 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and it was observed that the mining block qualifies for the grant of ToRs subject to condition that active water channel is excluded.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to revision of the project cost and after excluding the active water channel.

**Decision:**

✓ The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules by excluding the active water channel and subject to revision of the project cost.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.07.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Prashotam Singh S/o Sh. Baljit Singh R/o H.No.56 W.No.3, Kamra Pati, Jalito Faridkot, Punjab for River bed Mining Project of Minor Mineral in Block No.31, Anji Khad Downstream Sula Park Bridge, District-Reasi JK UT over an area of 7.32ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61181/2021.

### **Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 05/08/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 14/01/2021. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 221.60 lakhs and the bidding cost is ₹ 216.60 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and it was observed that the mining block qualifies for the grant of ToRs subject to condition that active water channel is excluded:-

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to revision of the project cost and after excluding the active water channel.

### **Decision:**

✓ The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules by excluding the active water channel and subject to revision of the project cost.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.08.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Karanvir Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.03 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral Block-2(B), Lassipora SIDCO Bridge, Downstream Nallah Rambiar, District-Pulwama JK UT over an area of 4.63ha, under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/61214/2021.

### **Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 05/08/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 14/01/2021. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 221.60 and the bidding cost is ₹ 216.60 lakhs. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on the satellite image, the members examined the local environmental settings of the area and found fissure like features already noticed w.r.t some other blocks in the area on the images earlier which were later verified in field and findings reported during the 21<sup>st</sup> JKEAC meeting, as land upheavals due to heavy mechanized mining unauthorizedly in the area. Therefore, the forum desired that the mining block be treated on the analogy of other mining blocks in the

area appraised earlier. Accordingly, it was desired that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to constitute a joint inspection committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Geology & Mining Department, Soil Conservation Department, Fisheries Dept and SSP Pulwama to file its enquiry report fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated mineral block and its neighborhood, also recording statements from the local panchayat representatives. In case the PP was involved in the illegal mining, the case shall be treated under violation category. In the meantime, TORs were recommended subjectively.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee unanimously recommended constitution of the joint inter-departmental committee with mandate as proposed herein above and, in the meantime, recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference subject to condition that the Committee proposed herein as above reports categorically that the project proponent is not involved in any mining activity in the mining block without valid EC.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC that G&M Dept. shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. Meanwhile, JKEIAA approved grant of ToRs in favour of the project proponent for further action required under rules.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.9.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Karanvir Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.03 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathanko Punjab for Minor Mineral Block-1, A-Lassipora SIDCO Bridge, Downstream Nallah Rambhara, District-Pulwama JK UT over an area of 4.62ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61204/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 14/08/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 30/10/2020. The committee observed that the project cost is ₹ 233.00 and the bidding cost is ₹ 225.50 lakhs. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on the satellite image, the Committee examined the local environmental settings of the area and found fissure like features already noticed w.r.t some other blocks in the area on the images earlier which were

later verified in field and findings reported during the 21st JKEAC meeting, as land upheavals due to heavy mechanized mining unauthorized in the area. Therefore, the forum desired that the mining block be treated on the analogy of other mining blocks in the area appraised earlier. Accordingly, it was desired that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to constitute a joint inspection committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Geology & Mining Department, Soil Conservation Department, Fisheries Dept and SSP Pulwama to file its enquiry report fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated mineral block and its neighborhood, also recording statements from the local panchayat representatives. In case the PP was involved in the illegal mining, the case shall be treated under violation category. In the meantime, TORs were recommended subjectively. The area has many flood protection works to safe guard the Lassipora industrial area. These structures need to be protected and improved further to ensure the future safety of this important area.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee unanimously recommended constitution of the joint interdepartmental committee with mandate as proposed herein above and, in the meantime, recommended the case for grant of following Terms of Reference subject to condition that the Committee proposed herein as above reports categorically that the project proponent is not involved in any mining activity in the mining block without valid EC.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC that G&M Dept. shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. Meanwhile, JKEIAA approved grant of ToRs in favour of the project proponent for further action required under rules.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS  
Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS  
Member-Secretary, JKEIAA

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Er. Nazir Ahmad (Retd.)  
Member, JKEIAA

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