

**STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), ASSAM.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,**

**ASSAM, BAMUNIMADAM, GUWAHATI- 781021**

Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held in the Conference Room , Kohora under Kaziranga National Park, Assam, Guwahati-21 at 6:00 P.M. on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

***List of the members present in the meeting:***

<b><i>Sl no.</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Designation</i></b>	<b><i>Signature</i></b>
1	Sri S. K. Seal Sarma,	Chairman, SEAC	Sd/-
2	Prof. B.P. Duarah.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
3	Prof. R. Mahanta.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
4	Prof. S Phukan	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
5	Sri N.N. Deka.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-

The Chairman, SEAC, Assam Sri S. K. Seal Sarma, presided over the meeting. Welcoming all the members, the Chairman stated that this meeting is organized outside Guwahati as per resolution adapted in the 34<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting. The Secretary, SEAC could not attend the meeting due to his prior engagement with the Govt. DR. G C Sarma and Dr. K B Saikia could not attend the meeting due their illness. Similarly, because of his unavoidable circumstances Dr. P K Saikia could not attend the meeting at Kohora. The Chairman SEAC offers his thanks to the members for their participation in the meeting outside the H.Q. Then the business of the meeting is started as per agenda.

**Agenda item- 1: Confirmation of the resolutions adopted the 34<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> (Extended) meeting of SEAC, Assam.**

**Resolution 35/1:**

The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> (extended) SEAC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 is placed before the Hon'ble Members for perusal and necessary discussion. Due discussion is held on the minutes and after discussion minor correction on the Resolution No. 34/34 under Agenda item NO. 33 and Resolution No. 34/24 under Agenda item NO. 23 have been made. The minutes of the meeting is unanimously approved.

**Agenda item- 2:**

- 1. Proposal of EC for mining of gravel from “Gravel Mining Permit Area at Borgang River” under Sonitpur East Division proposed by Shree Gautam Construction Co. Ltd. SEIAA. 2028/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/254444/2022)**

**Resolution 35/2:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of gravel from “Gravel Mining Permit Area at Borgang River” under Sonitpur East Division proposed by Shree Gautam Construction Co. Ltd. is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Due scrutiny the documents including the reply of ADS furnished by the proponent is done. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. The concerned DFO mentioned that the

mining material is required for construction of new Medical College at Biawanath in Assam. The committee after detail deliberation recommended the proposal approving to *extract 47800 cu.m. Gravel from the proposed location in two years permitting maximum mining depth up to 2.5 meters. The proponent is allowed to extract 23900 cu.m, gravel from the approved location per year subject to strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 2. Proposal of EC for mining of sand from “2.0 hect. Borgang River Sand Permit Area” at Borgang River” under Sonitpur East Division proposed by Shree Gautam Construction Co. Ltd. SEIAA. 2032/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/254520/2022)**

**Resolution 35/3:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from “**2.0 hect. Borgang River Sand Permit Area at Borgang River**” under Sonitpur East Division proposed by **Shree Gautam Construction Co. Ltd.** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Due scrutiny the documents including the reply of ADS furnished by the proponent is made. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. The concerned DFO mentioned that the mining material is required for construction of new Medical College at Biawanath in Assam. The committee after detailed deliberation recommended the proposal approving to *extract 18000 cu.m. sand from the proposed location in two years subject to the condition that the mining depth is restricted to 2.0 meters. The proponent is allowed to extract 9000 cu.m, sand from the approved location per year subject to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent.

**Agenda item- 3.**

- 3. Proposed Expansion of Cement Production Capacity of the existing Standalone Grinding unit from 1.72 Million TPA to 5.9 Milliomm TPA( 1.72 million TPA to 3.69 million TPA in phase-I by modification and additional 2.21 million TPA by installation of New Cement Mill in phase –II) along with installation of Railway siding proposed by M/S Calcom Cement India Ltd SEIAA.2046/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/253482/2022).**





#### **Resolution 35/4:**

The project proposal requesting for EC against **expansion of Cement Production Capacity of the existing Standalone Grinding unit from 1.72 Million TPA to 5.9 Million TPA (1.72 million TPA to 3.69 million TPA in phase-I by modification and additional 2.21 million TPA by installation of New Cement Mill in phase –II) along with installation of Railway siding** proposed by **M/S Calcom Cement India Ltd** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Due scrutiny of the document is made. The proposal was appraised and discussed in the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEAC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. The proponent was invited to give detail presentation on the proposed activities and accordingly presentation is given on 33<sup>rd</sup> SEAC meeting. The proponent and his consultant participated in the deliberation made after the presentation. The committee then proposed for a field inspection and the subcommittee of SEAC, Assam inspected the proposed project site at village No. 2 Pipalpukhuri, Lanka under Hojai District on 6<sup>th</sup> April/22 and submitted report accordingly on 12<sup>th</sup> April/22.

Detailed deliberation is held in the meeting and *the committee recommended approving for issuance of EC for expansion of capacity from 1.72 Million TPA to 3.69 Million in phase-I in existing plant and additional 2.21 Million TPA by installation of new cement mill in phase –II along with installation of Railway Siding at Village 2 No. Pipalpukhuri, Lanka under Hojai District, Assam. All the terms and condition laid down in the earlier EC issued by the SEIAA, Assam vide letter No. SEIAA.535/2015/EC/86/369 dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 will remain unchanged. Further, the committee advised that the proponent should to keep detail and transparent record of annual budget and activities conducted by the proponent under CSR funding followed by proper monitoring to avoid duplicacy with the Govt. activities implemented for similar nature. Such report should be placed before the SEIAA in their future inspection.*

#### **Agenda item- 4:**

4. **Proposal asking EC for mining of Boulder from “1.50 Ha Upper Dikrong Boulder MPA” under Lakhimpur Division, North Lakhimpur proposed by Shivam Transcon private limited. SEIAA.2050/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 258327/2020)**

#### **Resolution 35/5:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of boulder from **“1.50 Ha Upper Dikrong Boulder MPA”** under Lakhimpur Division, North Lakhimpur proposed by **Shivam Transcon private limited** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the document submitted by the proponent is done. Appraised the proposal and detailed deliberation is held. After thread bare discussion, the committee requires the following information for consideration of the proposal.

- A detail/ separate analysis of boulder availability are required following standard procedure (i.e. sieve analysis).
- How 70% of boulder is estimated to be justified. Also refer the standard procedure used in the analysis. Photographic captured by the GPS camera is required for the mining site.



**Agenda item- 5.**

5. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from “Dudhnoi River Sand Mahal No. 3(A)” under Goalpara Division proposed by Sri Dipak Rabha. SEIAA.2031/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/255218/2022).

**Resolution 35/6:**

The project proposal requesting EC for mining of Sand from “**Dudhnoi River Sand Mahal No. 3(A)**” under Goalpara Division proposed by **Sri Dipak Rabha** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the documents is done. Detailed discussion is held. Recommendation of the DFGO, Goalpara and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the proposal approving to *extract 43000 cu.m. sand from the proposed mining site within two years subject to the condition that the mining depth is permitted up to 2.5 meters and the proponent should take utmost care so that the river bank is maintained in safe condition . The proponent is allowed to extract 21500 cu,m, sand per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent

**Agenda item- 6.**

6. Proposal of EC for mining of “**2.5 Ha Bhimpara MPA outside MCA**” under Lakhimpur Division, North Lakhimpur proposed by Shivam Transcon private limited. SEIAA. 2051/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 258307/2022).

**Resolution 35/7:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand and gravel from “**2.5 Ha Bhimpara MPA outside MCA**” under Lakhimpur Division, North Lakhimpur proposed by **Shivam Transcon private limited** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Due scrutiny of the document is made and detailed deliberation is held. On discussion *it is observed that the mining plan is approved by the DGM, Assam for sand, earth and gravel whereas the recommendation made in the approved mining plan for sand and gravel only. On the other hand as per indent submitted by the E.E. PWRD, North Lakhimpur it is mentioned Earth, Sand and gravel.* The above discussed point has to be clarified for consideration of the proposal. In addition to the above the following points observed by the committee has also to be clarified.

- The approved mining plan at page 7 states, “*But the sand and gravel of the desired quality for the useful purposes may not be available in the Subansiri River bed up to three meter depth. Hence, the mineable reserve of sand and gravel available for extraction per year up to different depth is assessed as given below*” is confusing as the estimation for 3 mt. depth and mineable reserve up to depth of 3 mt. are mentioned as same, also sieve analysis of sand and gravel estimation should be shown following standard procedures.



**Agenda item- 7.**

7. Proposal of EC for mining of sand from “Borpathar Sand Mahal No.1 (2021-2023) Mining Permit Area” under Golaghat Division Proposed by Sri Lachit Handique. SEIAA.2055/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/257783/2022)

**Resolution 35/8:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from “**Borpathar Sand Mahal No.1 (2021-2023) Mining Permit Area**”\_under Golaghat Division Proposed by **Sri Lachit Handique** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Documents furnished by the proponent are scrutinized. Detailed discussion is held. It is observed in KML file that *the southern part of the proposed mining area shows a linear structure across the river which extends from point 26<sup>0</sup> 20'4.00" N: 93<sup>0</sup>53'15.33"E to point 26<sup>0</sup> 20'5.06" N: 93<sup>0</sup>53'13.39"E. Details of this structure accompanied by site photograph with GPS camera is required* for reconsideration of the proposal.

**Agenda item- 8.**

8. Proposal of TOR for mining of sand, gravel and earth from “**Bhimpara Sand, Gravel & Earth Mining Contract Area**” under North Lakhimpur Forest Division Proposed by Sri Ranadev Saikia. SEIAA.2000/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/70156/2021)

**Resolution 35/9:**

The project proposal asking TOR for mining of sand, gravel and earth from “**Bhimpara Sand, Gravel & Earth Mining Contract Area**” under North Lakhimpur Forest Division Proposed by **Sri Ranadev Saikia** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and detail discussion. Reply on ADS submitted by the DFO. Lakhimpur Division vide letter No.FLKT.B/Bhimpara MCA/2022/1645 dt. 05-04-2022 is discussed. The committee after thorough deliberation *recommended the proposal for issuance of TOR subject to the condition that the stable sand bar with green cover measuring 1.5 hect (within the proposed mining site) shall not be included in the mining plan.*

**Agenda item- 9.**

9. Proposal for extension of EC for mining of Sand from “**Jhanji River Padumoni Mining Contract Area for Sand**” under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Hem Das. SEIAA.3005/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 255987/2022).

**Resolution 35/10:**

The project proposal asking extension of EC for mining of sand from “**Jhanji River Padumoni Mining Contract Area for Sand**” under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by **Sri Hem Das** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Recommendation of the DFO, Jorhat Division and approved mining plan is discussed in detailed. The committee after detailed deliberation recommended the proposal approving *extension of EC with validity up to 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023 for extraction of 1000 cu .m sand from the approved mining site strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division is requested to ensure that the mining is allowed only within the approved mining site. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent

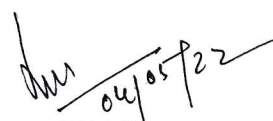
**Agenda item- 10.**

**10. Proposal for amendment of EC for collection of Sand from “Balbala River Mining Contract Area for Sand” proposed by the DFO, Goalpara Division. SEIAA. 2096/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/63889/2021)**

**Resolution 35/11:**

The project proposal asking for modification of EC for mining of Sand from “**Balbala River Mining Contract Area for Sand**” under Goalpara Forest Division proposed by the DFO, Goalpara is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary document is scrutinized. Approved mining plan and report of the concerned DFO is discussed in detailed. The approved mining plan conclusion does not mention the recommended reserve for mining. The committee after due deliberation recommended the proposal approving amendment of the EC for extraction of 2000 cu.m. sand from the proposed mining area with validity of the EC till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan. The Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Division shall ensure that the mining material be use exclusively against Govt. works on the basis of indent received from the Govt. development department.

The 35<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting is ended with vote of thanks from the Chair. The Chairman, SEAC also offered his thanks to the authority of Kaziranga National Park for providing necessary assistance in holding the meeting.

  
**Chairman, SEAC**  
**Bamunimaidam, Ghy-21**

**Memo No. SEIAA.33/2013/Pt.-I      -A**

**Dated: 04 / 05 / 2022**

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**Chairman**  
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