MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 10TH JULY, 2020 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The fourth meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 10th July, 2020 in the Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106. Following cases were discussed:

I. Miscellaneous

 Discussion on MoEF&CC's F. No.J-11011/604/2010-IA. II(I) regarding M/s Rashmi Group.

The project proponent was asked to submit the following documents by SEIAA:

- a) Details of all 11 EC applications and 1 ToR application submitted by the project proponent to MoEF&CC and SEIAA, WB would be examined.
- b) Project proponent would be asked to submit the boundary demarcation details along with the following maps:-
 - Satellite imagery map with the name, EC nos., area demarcation with coordinates in respect of all the following projects which obtained EC/ToR from MoEF&CC and SEIAA, WB.
 - A. M/s. Rashmi Metaliks Limited.
 - B. M/s. Orissa Metaliks Private Limited.
 - C. M/s. Orissa Metaliks Private Limited (Unit-I)
 - D. M/s. Orissa Metaliks Private Limited (Unit-II)
 - E. M/s. Orissa Metaliks Private Limited (1.2 MTPA with 225 MW CPP)
 - F. M/s. Orissa Metaliks Private Limited (1.0 MTPA with 225 MW CPP)
 - G. M/s. Bansal Cement Limited
 - ii. Land use map (Auto-CAD drawing format in scale) for each project showing the road layout, plant layout, tree plantation area along with percentage of total area, boundary coordinates.
- c) Land schedule of all the projects mentioning Mouza, Dag No., Plot no. and classification.
- d) Summary of ownership details of all the projects which obtained EC/ToR from MoEF&CC and SEIAA, WB.
- e) Present status of all the projects (A to G).
- f) Latest six-monthly compliance report in respect of each EC.

The project proponent submitted the required documents. After perusal of the said document by SEIAA, WB the following observations were made:-

I. Complaint regarding multiplicity of Environmental Clearances.

Unit A – Rashmi Metaliks Limited at Mouja- Nandarchalk, Khidipur & Sujatpur, Vill: Gokulpur, P.O: Shyamraipur, P.S-Kharagpur (Local), Dist.: Paschim Medinipur, W.B – Total land area 144 acres

Environmental Clearance (EC) was issued to M/s. Rashmi Metaliks Limited for 2,00,000 TPA Ductile Iron Pipe manufacturing unit by SEIAA, WB vide No. EN/2567/T-II-1/047/2009 dated 09.10.2009; validity extension was granted vide No. 2222/EN/T-II-1/047/2009 dated 03.10.2016.

This EC was superseded by a consolidated EC issued by MoEF&CC vide their F No. J-11011/237/2016-IA.II(I) dated 17.05.2019 with incorporation of all the units.

Unit B - Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. at Mouja-Mathurakismat & Amba, Vill: Gokulpur, P.O: Shyamraipur, P.S-Kharagpur (Local), Dist.: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. - Land area 30 acres.

Environmental Clearance was issued to M/s. Rashmi Metaliks Limited (Unit III) by SEIAA, WB vide No. 2707/EN/T-II-1/074/2015 dated 07.12.2016 for installation of Steel Melting Shop, Rolling Mill and Captive Power Plant. Thereafter, the EC was transferred to Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. by SEIAA, WB Vide No. 689/EN/T-II-1/074/2015 dated 03.04.2017. Later EC for expansion of the project for change in product mix and configuration of the plant was granted by SEIAA, WB vide No. 3311/EN/T-II-1/016/2018 dated 03.10.2018 in supersession of the earlier EC issued vide No. 2707/EN/T-II-1/074/2015 dated 07.12.2016.

Unit C - Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. (Unit - I), Mouja- Amba & Mathurakismat, Vill: Gokulpur, P.O: Shyamraipur, P.S-Kharagpur (Local), Dist.: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

No EC was given by SEIAA, WB.

Unit D - Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. (Unit - II), Mouja- Dhekia, Khidipur & Sujatpur, Vill: Gokulpur, P.O: Shyamraipur, P.S-Kharagpur (Local), Dist.: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

No EC was given by SEIAA, WB.

Unit E - Rashmi Alloy Steel Pvt. Ltd., (formerly M/s. Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd.) Mouza - Nandarchalk, Bargai & Kanjarichak, Village - Gokulpur, P.O - Shyamraipur, P.S - Kharagpur (L), Dist. Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

No EC was given by SEIAA, WB.

Unit F - Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. (1 MTPA ISP with 225 MW CPP), Mouza - Amba, Mathurakismat, Radhanagar, & Srirampurjia, Village - Gokulpur, P.O - Shyamraipur, P.S - Kharagpur (L), Dist. Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

No EC was given by SEIAA, WB.

Unit G - Bansal Cement Private Limited, Mouja-Mathurakismat, Vill: Gokulpur, P.O: Shyamraipur, P.S-Kharagpur (Local), Dist.: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. Land area - 9 Acres.

Environmental Clearance was issued to M/s. Bansal Cement Private Limited by SEIAA, WB vide No. 3310/EN/T-II-1/045/2017 dated 03.10.2018 for proposed expansion of existing cement grinding unit from 0.072 MTPA to 1.45 MTPA through upgradation / modification of the existing plant and further installation of VRM and Ball Mill in the existing premises.

Therefore, it may be concluded from the above that there has been no multiplicity of ECs by SEIAA in the units A, B & G.

- II. Complaint regarding non-compliance of EC conditions.
 - a) WBPCB was requested by SEIAA, WB to submit a report regarding present compliance status of EC conditions in respect of the ECs issued by SEIAA, WB. The report submitted by the WBPCB may be sent to MoEF & CC.
 - b) WBPCB has inspected the site on 27.06. 2020 and a detailed report is being submitted to MoEF & CC separately.
 - c) Central Ground Water Authority/ State Water Investigation Directorate, Govt. of WB may be requested by MoEF&CC to provide the report regarding complaint about depletion of groundwater.

Accordingly, a reply is to be sent to MoEF&CC with reference to the letter vide No. J-11011/604/2010-IA.II(I) dated 10.06.2020.

Discussion on NGT's order dated 09.06.2020 in connection with O.A. No. 32/2020/EZ in the matter of Avik Goswami – Vs – West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Ors. regarding illegal sand mining activity.

In view of the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 09.06.2020 in connection with O.A. No. 32/2020/EZ, SEIAA deputed Shri Samit Dutta, Environmental Engineer of WBPCB working in SEIAA Secretariat and mining expert Md. G.S. Jahan, HoD, Mining Department, Asansol Polytechnic as members to the committee on behalf of SEIAA, WB.

3. Transfer of Environmental Clearance letter no. 1164/EN/T-II-1/057/2018 dated 17.06.2019 for the proposed expansion of existing cement grinding unit from 2.0 MTPA to 2.5 MTPA through process optimization only and capacity utilization; from the name of "Emami Cement Limited" to "NU Vista Limited" as the company has changed its name. (SIA/WB/IND/160551/2020)

SEIAA considered the application and approved the transfer of EC in favour of M/s NU Vista Limited.

4. Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance letter no. EN/2098/T-II-1/045/2009 dated 07.08.2009 at Mouza- Ikra, Vill-Jamuria, Jamuria Industrial Estate, Dist-Burdwan, West Bengal by M/s Calstar Sponge Limited.

SEIAA considered the application for extension of validity of EC by the project proponent and observed that the said EC have already expired on 06.08.2019 after completion of 10 years. There is no further scope for extension of the EC.

Therefore, the project proponent needs to apply afresh online.

5. Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance letter no. EN/332/T-II-1/045/2009 dated 03.02.2010 at JL No. 38, Plot No. 6,9,10,20,21, Mouza-Ikra, Vill-Jamuria, Jamuria Industrial Estate, Dist-Burdwan, West Bengal by M/s Calstar Sponge Limited.

SEIAA considered the application for extension of validity of EC by the project proponent and observed that the said EC have already expired on 02.02.2020 after completion of 10 years. There is no further scope for extension of the EC.

Therefore, the project proponent needs to apply afresh online.

6. Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Institutional Project 'Biswa Bangla Biswa Bidyalaya' by **Department of Higher Education, Science Technology & Bio-Technology** at Bolpur, Shanitiniketan, Dist.-Birbhum, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/MIS/153699/2020)

In view of MoEF & CC O.M. No. 19-2/2013-IA-III dated 09.06.2015 it was decided that there is no need to apply for Environmental Clearance (EC) in this case as the said Notification provides exemption to buildings of educational institutions including universities form obtaining prior Environment Clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification,

2006 subject to sustainable environmental Management. However, the project proponent has to follow the guidelines appended to the said Memorandum.

Therefore, the project proponent is requested to withdraw their application for EC.

II. Environmental Clearance

1. Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Palsara Black Stone Mine by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. at Plot No. 3547, J.L. No. 121, Mouza & Vill- Palsara, PS - Kashipur, under Kashipur Block of Dist.-Purulia, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/MIN/141542/2020)

The SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC along with the submission made by the project proponent dated 19.06.2020.

SEIAA approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance.

(Ujjwal Kumar

Bhattacharya)

Chairman

(Prof. Madhumita Roy)

Member

(Niraj Singhal)

Member Secretary