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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021 AT 1100 HRS.

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 PCCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/5101-14 dated 03-03-2021, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 1100 Hrs.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting:-

#### **Agenda Item No: 01.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Harpal Singh s/o sh. Sant Singh R/O Chatha Farm, Jammu. For minor mineral (River Bed Material)" at Block No-5/22 (47), JadKhad Downstream Jourian Bridge, Village-Dhok Khalsa, Tehsil-Akhnoor, Jammu, Area 8.65 Ha. under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/60162/2019.**

#### **Deliberations:**

The project case has been appraised by the JKEAC. The Committee was informed of a complaint received from the Sarpanch and Panches of Halqa Taroti against title of the land under the said mining block stating that the land falling under the mining block belongs to the local villagers. The consultant has demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on multi date Google satellite images, committee has observed that nallah has been changing its course during the past, thus leading to ambiguity in title of land. The Tehsildar vide letter 27/10/2020 has reported that the land under the mining block is state land marked as 'Gairmumkin khad'.

In view of the above deliberations and in the light of complaint filed by the local Sarpanch and Panchs against title of the land, the Committee has recommended that Project proponent be asked to obtain an explicit clarification on Land title under the mining block from the concerned Dy. Commissioner. Besides, the complaint received in this regard may be forwarded to the concerned authorities for ascertaining its veracity.

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**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the JKEAC that the Project proponent be asked to obtain an explicit clarification/ verification on title of Land under the mining block from the concerned Dy. Commissioner. The JKEIAA also agreed that the complaint received in this regard may be forward to the concerned authorities for ascertaining its veracity.

**Agenda Item No: 02.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Wasim Dar S/o Shri Abdul Qayoom Dar R/o H.No-67 W.No.-01, Danish Abad Colony Kheora Distt-Rajouri, J&K for RBM Minor Mineral Block No -1/1 Block in Nowshera Tawi River, Upstream Muradpur Bridge (Plan-I), Area 8.61 Ha., Tehsil& District- Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir (UT) under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/59906/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

During appraisal of project demonstrated on the Google Earth platform, the Committee has observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image of September, 2020 and earlier.

In view of the above observations/ findings, the Committee has recommended that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the committee has recommended grant of Terms of Reference enabling PP/consultant to prepare EIA/EMP and to get the PH conducted by the JKPCB subject to title verification by revenue authorities.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the JKEAC regarding constitution of a committee as above to fix responsibility for illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives; and in case the project proponent is found to have been involved in such illegal mining activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA also agrees to grant of Terms of Reference, subject to title verification from revenue authorities enabling the PP to take further follow-up action as required under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 03.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Farooq Ahmad Bhat S/o Ab Aziz Bhat & Ab Ahad Sheikh S/o Shri Mohd Shaban, R/o - Booh, Awantipora District-Pulwama, J&K for Proposed project "Masonry Stone" (Minor Mineral) Cluster Block at Booh, Khasra No. 3337/2348, Area-9.76 Ha, Tehsil- Awantipora, District-Pulwama, J&K under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/50750/2020**

**Deliberations:**

The case project has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. During examination of power point presentation by the consultant, the Committee examined stone quarry site on Google Image platform. The multi date Google images revealed that the mining activity was going on illegally during April, 2019 as a number of tippers were visible on the image. The image also revealed that some quarries have been left outside the boundary of the designated cluster and the boundary encompasses almost 50% more of virgin area. The consultant presented the letter dated 29/08/2018 issued by DMO concerned addressed to Tehsildar concerned which reveals that there are seven quarry holders. The Tehsildar concerned has issued the revenue papers showing the area as 'Gairmumkin Pahad'. Moreover, the site is in close proximity to the Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora and the upcoming AIIMS campus in the area, which has been omitted by both the consultant in the pre-feasibility report as well as the approved mining plan and impact of the activity on such a fragile environment needs proper evaluation.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that either the project proponent should obtain power of attorney from the other allottees duly attested by the magistrate or all the seven allottees of the cluster should jointly apply for ToRs. Further, they should also obtain a certificate from the Director, G&M Dept. stating therein that no other individual or group of persons is under consideration for grant of stone quarry license within 500 mtrs from the existing cluster. Further, title verification certificate for the land identified as cluster by the G&M dept. needs to be obtained from the Tehsildar concerned by the PP.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC that project proponent should obtain power of attorney from the other allottees duly attested by the magistrate or all the seven allottees of the cluster should jointly apply for ToRs. The JKEIAA also agree that they should obtain a certificate from the Director, G&M Dept. stating therein that no other individual or group of persons is under consideration for grant of stone quarry license within 500 mtrs from the existing cluster. Further, title verification certificate for the land identified as cluster by the G&M dept. should be obtained by PP from revenue authorities.

**Agenda Item No: 04.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Riyaz Ahmad Baba S/o Nazir Ahmad R/o- Arch Ganderbal for "Minor Mineral" (River Bed Material) Block-04, under construction bridge to Arch Downstream Sindh River (Area - 10.0 ha) Village -Arch, Tehsil -Arch, District -Ganderbal, J&K under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/57317/2020**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. During power point presentation by the consultant. The Committee observed reckless mining having taken place in the past. A bridge under construction was also observed in the vicinity at 298 mtrs. Tree groves were also observed at a particular place inside the mining block.

In view of the above observations/ findings, the Committee has recommended that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines, including scrapping of the contract in his favour. In the meantime, the committee recommended for a categorical technical feasibility report from the Irrigation and Flood control Department before going further in this regard. And also, reduction/relocation/refinement of boundaries of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500 mtrs from the bridge and exclusion of the tree grove observed within the mining block.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC regarding constitution of a committee as above to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. In case the project proponent is found to have been involved in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA agrees that a categorical technical feasibility report be obtained from the Irrigation and Flood control Department before proceeding further in this regard. The JKEIAA also agrees to reduction/relocation/refinement of boundaries of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and exclusion of the tree grove, observed within the mining block.

**Agenda Item No: 05.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Rahil Chaudary S/O Shri Rakesh Kumar Chaudary R/O H.No. 51 B/D, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, J&K for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-2/2 Area 9.52 ha., Production capacity- 138570 TPA (ROM) Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Muradpur Bridge (Chatyari), Tehsil & Distt-Rajouri, J&K under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/59791/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. During power point presentation by the consultant, the Committee observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image of September, 2020 and earlier.

In view of the above observations/ findings, the Committee has recommended that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the committee recommended the mining block for grant of Terms of Reference for enabling the PP/consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to title verification by concerned revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC regarding constitution of a committee as above, to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. The JKEIAA also approved that if the project proponent is found to have been involved in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA also approved to grant Terms of Reference, for further follow-up actions under rules and subject to title verification by concerned revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 06.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/o Shri Keemat Lal R/O Near Chib Resort Raipur, Satwari, J&K for River Bed Mineral, Block-3/1 Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Nowshera Jabba Bridge, Tehsil & Distt-Rajouri (Plan-I), J&K Area 9.73 Ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/59835/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee has observed 50% of designated mining block is under active water channel and a bridge at a distance of nearly 410mtrs. The committee opined that the mining block need to be reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and to exclude the active water channel which, however, may lead to resultant area less than 5ha with option for the PP to apply under B2 category.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee has recommended for rejection of TOR in the present form. However, on the request of the PP, the G&M Dept. may reduce its size to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and exclude the active water channel which, however, may lead to resultant area less than 5ha with option for the PP to apply under B2 category, after necessary corrigendum is issued to the pertinent part of the approved mining plan.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of the project in present form. However, project proponent may approach Geology & Mining Department to reduce the size of the mining block to maintain safe distance of 500Mtrs. from the bridge and exclude the active water channel and apply afresh.

**Agenda Item No: 07.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Brinder Singh S/o Shri Keemat Lal R/O- Near Chib Resort Raipur, Satwari, J&K for River Bed Mineral, Block-1/A, Adibal Galwanpora Link Road, Downstream NallahVishu, District - Kulgam, Jammu & Kashmir, Area 9.10 Ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/59838/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee

observed a bridge at a distance of about 100mtrs. and another mining block in the vicinity at a distance of 375 mtrs.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for rejection of ToRs due to lack of feasibility to relocate or reduce the size of mining block.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference on the grounds mentioned by JKEAC, herein above.

**Agenda Item No: 8.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Varun Chaudhary S/O Shri Ramesh Lal R/O Khour Salarian, District Samba. for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Bhini River, Downstream Naj Bridge Billawar (Plan-IX), Tehsil-Billawar, District- Kathua, J&K Area 8.98 ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60107/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee examined it by overlaying the protected forest boundary and found the mining block falling over the forest boundary polygons in the river bed area. It was opined that prior clarification from the Forest Department would only decide whether TORs should be granted or not.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended that the project proponent be asked to obtain prior clarification from the Forest department as to whether forest land was involved in the mining block with designated geo-coordinates as per letter of intent or not. In case forest land is not involved in the mining block, clear cut NOC may be issued in favour of the mining block for enabling the project proponent to reapply for TORs.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the Committee that project proponent be asked to obtain prior clarification from the Forest department as recommended by JKEAC and obtain NOC to the effect.

**Agenda Item No: 9.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Varun Chaudhary S/O Shri Ramesh Lal R/O Khour Salarian, District Samba, for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Bhini River, Downstream Naj Bridge Billawar (Plan-VII), Tehsil-Billawar, District- Kathua., J&K Area 9.45 Ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60110/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee examined it by overlaying the protected forest boundary and found the mining block fit for grant of ToRs. In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee has recommended to grant terms of reference to the project for enabling the PP to prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and to apply for Public Hearing.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference to the project for further follow-up action, as required under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 10.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Mangal Singh S/O Om Prakash R/O Said Garh Bishnah District Jammu. for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block 34, Area 8.49 Ha., Tanda, Seri Khad, Vill. Tanda, Reasi under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60315/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee examined it by overlaying the protected forest boundary and found the mining block fit for grant of ToRs

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the PP to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to apply for Public Hearing.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference to the project for further follow-up action under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 11.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Ravi Kumar Gautam S/O Shri Madan Mohan R/O Toll Post Nagrota Kangdel Kardoli Nagrota, Jammu. for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Bhini River, up Stream Painthal Bridge (Plan-XI) Tehsil Billawar, District- Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir, Area 8.92 ha. Proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60073/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee examined it by overlaying the protected forest boundary and found the mining block fit for grant of ToRs.

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the PP to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to apply for Public Hearing.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference to the project for enabling further follow-up action under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 12.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Aditiya Mahajan S/O Shri S. K Gupta R/O H.No 20 Sector 6/A, W.No-54, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-30, Area :- 9.79 ha., at Chenab river , Upstream Baradari Bridge at Village Nambal (Plan no. II), District-Reasi, J&K. under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/60321/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee found the mining block in the form of an island surrounded by water channel and therefore, it was opined that the ToRs may be granted subject to condition that the consultant provides a detailed chapter on haulage route in the pre-feasibility report/ EIA report.

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee has recommended to grant terms of reference to the project for enabling the PP to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to apply for Public Hearing subject to condition that a detailed chapter shall be included on haulage route from the mining block and its maintenance in the PFR besides assessing its impact on the water channel in the EIA report.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference to the project for enabling further follow-up action, as required under rules, subject to condition that a detailed chapter shall be included on haulage route from the mining block and its maintenance in the PFR besides assessing its impact on the water channel in the EIA report.

**Agenda Item No: 13.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Sahil Arora S/O Shri Sunil Arora R/O H. No 11 O/P Sector-2 Ward No:53 Trikuta Nagar Jammu. for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-13, Area 9.80ha., Narloo Bridge, River Ans, District Reasi under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/60327/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee has found mining block fit for grant of ToRs.



In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended to grant of terms of reference to the project enabling the PP prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and apply for Public Hearing.

**Decisions:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference to the project for further follow-up action under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 14.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Sahil Arora S/O Shri Sunil Arora R/O H. No 11, Sector-2 ward No:53, Trikuta Nagar Jammu. for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-1, (Area 8.42 ha.) Tanda Seri Khad, near Village: -Tanda (Plan-I) District: - Reasi J&K under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/60136/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The consultant of the project demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. In view of the deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the JKEAC recommended to grant terms of reference to the project for enabling the PP to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to apply for Public Hearing.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of reference for further follow-up action under rules.

**Agenda Item No: 15.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mujeeb Dar S/O Shri Fazal Rehman Dar R/O Ward No 02 Tehsil & District Rajouri, J&K for Minor Mineral Block 32 in Nallah Dharli Downstream Ujhan Bridge Village Ujhan District Rajouri, J&K (Area 9.14 ha) under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60141/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The consultant of the project demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The JKEAC observed that a bridge is at a distance of 500 mtrs. various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route, etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the active water channel shall have to be excluded from the mining activity and the title properly verified from the revenue authorities.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that the active water channel is excluded from the mining activity and the title is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decisions:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules and subject to the condition that the active water channel is excluded from the mining activity and the title of land is verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 16.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Tejinder Pal Singh S/O Shri Harbhajan Singh R/O Tehsil & District Poonch, J&K for Minor mineral block no. 10, in Nallah Batar, Downstream Batar Bridge, District Poonch, J&K (Area 7.61 ha). Proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/60117/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant of the project demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee has observed a bridge at a distance of about 592 mtrs. various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the active water channel shall have to be excluded from the mining activity and the title properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant of following ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that the active water channel is excluded from the mining activity and the title is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant of ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules, subject to condition that the active water channel is excluded from the mining activity, mining depth is restricted to 01mtr.only and title is verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 17.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Talib Hussain S/O Shri Noor Din Chisti R/O Tehsil Haveli & District Poonch J&K for Minor Mineral block no. 20 in Nallah Sylhed, Village Jagal Tehsil Mendhar District Poonch J&K (Area 6.25 Ha.) under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60118/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant of the project has demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee has observed a bridge/causeway at a distance of about 240 mtrs. Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the title needs to be

properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan. Besides, G&M Dept. needs to assess the feasibility of relocating the mining block to maintain a safe distance from bridge/causeway that appears to exist within close proximity of the mining block. Alternatively, on the request of applicant, the size of the mining block may be reduced to maintain the safe distance of 500mtrs from the said structure.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge/causeway and the title of land is got is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decisions:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules and subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge/causeway, mining depth is restricted to 01mtr.only and the title of land is verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 18.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kirti Pal Sharma S/O Shri Yash Pal Sharma R/O Tehsil & District Poonch J&K for Minor Mineral Block 9, in Nallah Batar, Upstream Batar Bridge, Village - Ajot, Town- Poonch, Tehsil & District- Poonch, J&K Area 8.8ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60102/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image of December, 2020 and earlier. Besides, the Committee observed that a bridge exists at a distance of about 240mtrs.from the mining block. The various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the title need to be properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan. Besides, on the request of the PP, the G&M Dept. need to relocate/reduce the size of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500mtrs to the bridge.

In view of the above observations, the Committee has desired that G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat



representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and the title of land is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA approved the recommendations of the Committee to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules and subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and title of land is verified from competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 19.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Chanchal Singh R/O Dranga, District Doda, J&K for Minor Mineral Block No III/2, Bistrana Nallah Upstream Foot Bridge Near Village Kiltoran Tehsil, Gandoh District, Doda, Area 8.71 Ha. under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/51850/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the meeting of JKEAC. The consultant of the project demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform, the Committee observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image of December, 2020 Besides, the Committee observed that a bridge exists at a distance of about 290mtrs from the mining block. The various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the title need to be properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan. Besides, on the request of the PP, the G&M Dept. need to relocate/reduce the size of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500mtrs to the bridge.

In view of the above observations/findings, the Committee has desired that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB,

subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and the title of land is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA approved the recommendations of the Committee to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules and subject to condition that the mining block is relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500mtrs from the bridge and title of land is verified from competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 20.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Rahil Chaudhary S/O Shri Rakesh Chaudhary R/O H.No 51B/D, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-29 an area of 2.07ha. Dhaleriwali Nadi Upstream Khawas Bridge at Village Khawas, Distt.- Rajouri, J&K under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/192028/2021.**

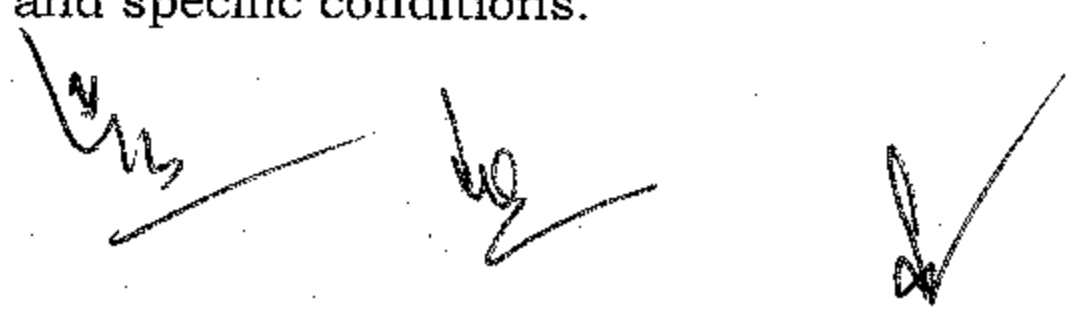
**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. During deliberations, the consultant of the project informed that the mining block falls under B2 category and presented the cluster certificate issued by the G&M Dept. in this regard. The consultant also demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform during which the members examined the local environmental setting of the area. The members recommended mining depth of only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSR. The Members discussed the EMP and asked the consultant to revise the same with appropriate recurring budget of at least 2.50 lacs per annum.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant Environment Clearance subject to condition that the project proponent submits a revised mining plan with necessary corrections w.r.t mining depth duly approved by the competent authority within period as allowed by the JKEIAA vide Minutes of Meeting dated 11/02/2021. Besides, updated EMP and PFR as per deliberations, prior to grant of formal EC and subject to fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOCs, which be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC prior to issuance of formal EC, as per approved checklist.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponent subject to fulfilment of conditions / recommendations made by JKEAC here-in-above and subject to fulfilment of standard and specific conditions.



**Agenda Item No: 21.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Noor Mohd Tramboos R/O Noor Bagh Baramullah J&K. for Gypsum Mining Project (Khasra No.: 512Min, 516Min, 517Min & 518Min, Area-1.5757ha.) Chunawali, Zamboos, Pattan Chulan, Tehsil-Uri, District -Baramulla (J&K) under proposal No:**SIA/JK/MIN/164507/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the meeting of JKEAC. The consultant informed the Committee that the project had been listed in the 20th JKEAC meeting held on 26/11/2020 during which the Committee had been informed that the gypsum mining project has been sanctioned by the J&K Govt. in favour of the project proponent way back in 2003 vide Govt. order No. 241-IND of 2003 dated 16/09/2003. He further recalled that the mining plan was approved during June, 2020. He asserted that since, it was an existing mine with duly sanctioned mining lease by the Govt. of J&K, the matter had been considered on merits of the case and a clarification w.r.t radial distance of the mining site from the boundary of Lachipora Wildlife sanctuary was sought by the Committee as the site appeared to fall within 1km radial distance while examining the KML/KMZ file on Google Image platform in conjunction with the protected area boundary. The RQP presented the letter No. WLW(N)/Estt/2020-21/1120-21 dated 15/01/2021 written by Wildlife Warden, North Kashmir to the Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir wherein, on the basis of report of Range Officer concerned, he has reported that the ocular distance from the mining site to the nearest protected area boundary of Lachipora is 3 to 4 kms while as the radial distance being 1.2kms. He has also provided a geo-coordinate of the mining site and the geo-coordinate of the Lachipora wildlife protected area. The Committee observed that the Coordinate (Northing/Easting) of Lachipora Wildlife protected area as incorporated by the Wildlife Protection Department is not the nearest point from the mining site but at a distance of nearly 3.2 kms. The Committee further observed that as per Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, the mining activity is banned within 1km from the boundary of National Park/Wildlife sanctuary as reflected in the OM of August, 2019 issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI. One of the Members and a Wildlife Expert Mr. M.A Tak, IFS informed that the both Kazinag Wildlife National Park and Lachipora protected area are in close proximity to the mining area therefore wildlife Department needs to re-examine the mining block boundaries with respect to the two Protected areas and clear the ambiguity and confusions, if any with respect to its ground and areal distance. Also, the Department may intimate the notification under which Lachipora has been notified as a sanctuary and further to intimate status of ESZ notification in this regard so as to enable the Committee to take further action in the matter.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that the Wildlife Department be asked:-

1. To supply correct coordinates of the nearest point /boundary Pillar from Lachipora and Kazinag Protected Area Network to the mining site of the gypsum project and therefore, the correct radial distance.
2. To report whether Lachipora protected area is Wildlife Sanctuary or a Wildlife Conservation Reserve.

3. Whether, Eco sensitive zone has been declared for Kazinag National Park and Lachipora protected area.
4. What is the rule position and procedure for diversion of Wildlife protected area for non-Wildlife conservation use, where a minor mineral mine is already existing and sanctioned/leased out by the Govt.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC as above.

**Agenda Item No: 22.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Sumit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/o- House No:- 21/6, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu for RBM (River bed Mineral) Block No: 7, Anji Khad, Downstream Sula Park Bridge (Plan No VII) District Reasi J&K, Area 9.60Ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/60138/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform, the Committee observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image. The various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the title need to be properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has desired that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB and the title of land is got verified by the competent revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. The JKEIAA approved the recommendations of the Committee to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules subject to the condition that title of land is verified from competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No: 23**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Amritveer Sharma S/o Shri Naresh Sharma R/o- House No:- 105, Sector- 11, Lane No.: 14, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. For RBM(River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, at Block-5 Area 8.25ha., Anji Khad, Downstream Kayala Bridge (Plan No. V), District Reasi, J&K under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/60515/2021**.

**Deliberations:**

The project case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform, the Committee found the mining block fit for TORs. The various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. The members desired that the title need to be properly verified from the revenue authorities. Besides, the mining depth shall have to be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report and minable reserves calculated accordingly with necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant ToRs in favour of the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB and subject to title verification by the competent revenue authority.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant ToRs in favour of the project for further follow-up action under rules and subject to title verification by the competent revenue authority.

**Agenda Item No:24**

Complaint against National Brick Kiln, Kangrail, Jammu.

**Decision**

Deferred to next meeting of JKEIAA.

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

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Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director,  
Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)  
Member, JKEIAA

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Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)  
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3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS, Member Secretary, JKEIAA, for information.
4. The Secretary, JK Expert Appraisal Committee for information.
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