

State Expert Appraisal Committee
Porompat, Imphal East, Manipur. Pin-code;- 795005
(Manipur)
Minutes of SEAC Meeting
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Subject:-	19th SEAC, Manipur Meeting
Venue:-	Conference hall, Directorate of Environment And Climate Change, Porompat, Imphal East, Manipur
From :-	10 Jul 2020
To :-	10 Jul 2020

Proposal No. :- **SIA/MN/MIN/51085/2020** File No- **1/81/2020(EIA)/DOE&CC**

INTRODUCTION

This has reference to your online application vide proposal no. **SIA/MN/MIN/51085/2020** dated **14 Feb 2020** along with the copies of EIA/EMP seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S.No **,1(a) Mining of minerals** under Category **B** of EIA Notification, 2006 and the proposal is appraised at state level.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of M/s **ROURKELA MINERALS COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED** located in as follows:
Town/Village : Shingcha, Gamnon
Tehsil: Kamjong-Chassad
District: Ukhrul
State: Manipur

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at [Report](#) under online proposal no. **SIA/MN/MIN/51085/2020**

DELIBERATION IN SEAC

After detailed deliberations, the committee observed:-

- 1) Prof. S. Ibotombi Singh suggested that during the course / period of the study care should be taken not to disturb the natural environment status / ecosystem of the area.
- 2) Prof. N. Deva Singh emphasized to incorporate some of the following points :
 - a) The proposed area of mining covers half a portion of Village located at NE side as shown by the Google Map . What is the arrangement made by the company for the villagers? When mining continues, sounds of blasting and dust and loose materials will be going direct to the village as the wind blows normally from SW to NE direction.
 - b) It appears that nearly 50% of the areas is degraded forest, 25% very degraded forest and 25% exposed rocks, barren and grass cover. The 3.33 hect. or 3.91% of the total mining area for planting trees as stated by the company is very small to compensate the lost of forests and to

regenerate the vegetation. Suitable local species like pine , Uningthou and others can be grown , possibly in the very initial stage of the plan period near the human settlement area .

- c) The altitudes between 1590 m and 2005 m above the mean sea level indicate the slope towards westward and falling within the catchment area of a river. A lot of debris and loose materials will be flowing down during mining. What sort of safeguard measures should be taken up by the company?
 - d) Ore Chromite Loaded Dumper / Trippers will be driving nonstop along the narrow hill roads from the Mining site to Shangshat and Litan and a portion of Kamjong main road within the mining area may also be disturbed. To mitigate the serious impact of transportation in this rain fed region, what is the arrangement of the company for repairing the roads?
- 3) Prof. Ch. Priyoranjan Singh suggested about the Geo-politics aspects of the project location to be addressed adequately in the final ToR.
 - 4) Prof. P. Kumar Singh: No comment.
 - 5) Prof. Asha Gupta: No comment.
 - 6) Prof. Ksh. Rajendra Singh: the following points were made as his comments for consideration.
 - a) It is a general ToR applicable to any Tom/Harry/Dick project, prepared as supplied by the concerned ministry.
 - b) Since the project--SingchaGamnom Chromite Deposit-- at Ukhrul District has been approved (in principle) by the government/competent authority, specific ToR with particular reference to the project site and its surroundings is called for.
 - c) It is mentioned in the PFR that the 'total geological reserve is 81231tones and mineable reserve is also 81231tones'. Nowhere it is mentioned as to how much of the total reserve is to be mined. If the total reserve is to be mined (as is implied), it may have serious implications/ramifications and environmental impacts on the adjacent/surrounding areas. How much of the mineable reserve is to be mined needs to be clearly defined/mentioned.
 - d) I have not come across in the suggested ToR, nor in the PFR , as to whether or not 'free, prior and informed consent' of indigenous people have been obtained/taken. This needs to be mentioned and clearly spell out.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEAC

The committee's recommendation **The Committee has recommended the proposal to the SEIAA, Manipur.**

Conclusion

The proposal was considered by Expert Appraisal Committee in its **19th SEAC, Manipur Meeting** the meeting held during **10 Jul 2020 to 10 Jul 2020** . After detailed deliberation the committee recommended for to issue NOC for ToR of EIA studies for the said project.