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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority West Bengal Minutes of SEIAA Meeting

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Subject: 35th meeting of SEIAA (Reconstituted on 17.05.2023)

Venue:- Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor,

LB - Block, Sector - III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106

From :- **07 March 2024**To :- **07 March 2024**

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed Gohogram Sand Mine over an area of 3.37 ha (8.33 Acres) on the Damodar River at Plot No. - 6001(P), J.L. No. - 070, Mouza – Gohogram, P.S. - Galsi, Dist. – Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal by **Ashok Kumar.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/MIN/456711/2023, File No.: EN/T-II-1/261/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/456711/2023** dated **29 December 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. 1(a) Mining of minerals projects under Category "B1" of EIA Notification 2006.

The project proponent (PP) obtained Terms of Reference (ToR) vide No. 803/EN/T-II-1/261/2023 dated 26.04.2023 issued by SEIAA, WB against proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/74572/2022.

SEAC, during its 29th meeting held on 21.02.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Ashok Kumar** located in as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Purba Bardhaman

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA observed the following:

- 1. There is mismatch in the timeline given in ToR and EIA for tree plantation. While in ToR, plantation is required to be completed within first two years of project life, the PP has given a plantation plan of five years in the EIA report.
- 2. No details of location where the proposed plantation would be done has been mentioned in the EIA report.
- 3. In the EMP the cost for plantation of proposed 1780 trees has been estimated as

Rs.71,200. Detailed break up has not been provided.

Therefore, SEIAA decided that the PP should upload the following documents in the PARIVESH portal:

- a) Revised schedule of plantation of 1780 no. of trees in two years.
- b) Details of location where the plantation will be done.
- c) Break up of cost of plantation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

Therefore, the application for EC is deferred for additional information.

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

2) Proposed Synthetic Resin Manufacturing Unit of 18000 TPA at Dag no. 322, 323, 324, 325, 339, 340; Vill - Kanchowki, Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-743503, West Bengal by **M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023, File No.: EN/T-II-1/016/2020, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023** dated **01 August 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **5(f) Synthetic organic chemicals industry** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide their Memo no. 58/EN/T-II-1/016/2020 dated 17.01.2022 against proposal no. SIA/WB/IND2/54818/2020.

SEAC, during its 22nd meeting held on 20.12.2023, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 28th meeting held on 05.01.2024 and SEIAA decided to visit the project site to study the feasibility of the project. SEIAA visited the project site including parts of the adjoining existing project of M/s Centuryply Pvt. Ltd. on 09.01.2024. The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 30th meeting held on 01.02.2024 and after detailed discussion it was decided that some documents required to be uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal for further consideration of the project. The project proponent uploaded documents on 28.02.2024.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd. located in as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	South 24 Parganas

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the submission uploaded by the project proponent on 28.02.2024 as well as recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved with the additional condition that the entire process operations have to be done through automated process control only taking into consideration all safety aspects. LDAR facility along with sensor based alarm system in all vulnerable areas has to be essentially provided.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

3) Proposed Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility at Plot No- 562, Mouza - Sannasikata, J.L. No. - 27, P.S. - Rajganj, Dist. - Jalpaiguri, West Bengal by **M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/425680/2023, File No.: EN/T-II-1/038/2022, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/INFRA2/425680/2023** dated **13 April 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **7(d) Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facilities** under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP had obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide File No. EN/T-II-1/038/2022 dated 17.06.2022 against proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/77516/2022.

SEAC recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with additional conditions during its 2nd meeting held on 07.06.2023.

The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 05th meeting held on 26.06.2023. SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed that there was vehement public protest against the project during the public hearing conducted on 30.11.2022. Therefore, the SEIAA decided to get an opinion of the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri regarding setting up of the CBWTF by M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. with a copy to Health Department for their specific recommendation as well. First letter to DM was issued on 04.07.2023. Reminder letters issued on 07.12.2023 and 10.01.2024 respectively.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd.** located in as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Jalpaiguri

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

Moreover the Health and Family Welfare Dept. has informed SEIAA that 'as of now GREEN ZEN BIO PVT. LTD. is the only authorised CBWTF operator in the North Bengal area, which is engaged for lifting, transportation, treatment and disposal of biomedical wastes generated in different public health facilities of all the seven districts viz. Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, Malda and Uttar Dinajpur. The sanctioned bed strength of these health facilities is 14856. This dependence on only one CBWTF often causes disputes like irregular lifting and lifting of lesser quantity resulting in unnecessary dumping of biomedical wastes in the hospital premises.'

So SEIAA has also taken the spirit of the opinion of Health Dept. in view of remedial urgency of improvement of environmental situation for proper biomedical waste treatment and agreed for establishment of additional facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

4) Proposed Residential Complex 'Utsodhaara HIG-1' at Plot No. – HIG-1 at Utsodhaara: Teesta Township, JL No. 02, Mouza- Dabgram, Block- Rajganj, P.S.- New Jalpaiguri, P.O.- Satellite Township, Pin – 734015, West Bengal by **M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/412503/2022, File No.: EN/T-II-1/041/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/INFRA2/412503/2022** dated **19 January 2023** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **8(a) Building / Construction** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance during its 70th meeting held on 15.03.2023.

Earlier the proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 94th meeting held on 13.04.2023, 96th meeting held on 25.04.2023, 3rd meeting held on 09.06.2023 and 19th meeting held on 06.10.2023. The application for EC was deferred for additional information.

The PP has uploaded their submission on 15.02.2024 vide letter no. NIL dated 14.02.2024. The PP was requested to appear for a hearing before SEIAA on 23.02.2024. SEIAA heard the submissions of the project proponent during its 33rd meeting held on 23.02.2024. SEIAA vide in its meeting dated 13.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 09.06.2023 and 06.10.2023 raised ADS communicating to the PP to apply for EC of the entire township. This inference was drawn on the basis of LUCC of Utsodhaara - Teesta

Township submitted by the PP along with other documents. The LUCC mentions maximum permissible FAR area (Floor Area Ratio) of 632665.81 sqm. PP in reply to ADS claimed that for township project EIA notification mentions only built up area and not FAR area. Therefore, the project would not come under item 8(b) of the schedule of EIA notification.

SEIAA discussed the matter during its 33rd meeting held on 23.02.2024 and the application for EC was referred back to SEAC for reappraisal.

The SEAC in its 30th meeting held on 28.02.2024 reconsidered the proposal of the PP once again, as requested by SEIAA vide its meeting dated 23.02.2024. SEAC deliberated on the decisions taken by SEIAA in their meetings dated 13.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 09.06.2023, 06.10.2023 and 23.02.2024. Also, the various submission of the PP was considered by SEAC during the meeting. Considering the overall scenario of the project, SEAC is of the opinion that the township in question does not come under the purview of 8(b) of schedule of the EIA Notification since the township area is less than 50 ha. The submitted application by the PP for HIG-1, which is for one Residential Block - B+G+13 storied having total built up area 61,805.40 sq.m. on a plot area 14,705.69 sq.m. is once again recommended for EC and forwarded to SEIAA under 8(a) category.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd. located in as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Jalpaiguri

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved based on the SJDA Building Plan No. B0025/PLNG/SJDA/2022 vide Order No. 0636 dated 06.01.2023 with the additional condition that at least 5% of the total parking capacity to be provided with electrical charging points for e-vehicles.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF TOR

(1) Proposed Structural Re-Rolling Mill Steel Plant at R. S. & L. R. Plot No. - 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza – Mondalpur, J. L. No. - 37, Jamuria Industrial Estate, P. S. - Jamuria, P. O. - Mondalpur, District - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal by **M/s. Mechfast Engineering Private Limited.**

Proposal no.- SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023, File no.- EN/T-II-1/471/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023 dated 20

July 2023 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. **3(a) Metallurgical Industries (ferrous and non ferrous)** projects under Category **B1** of EIA Notification, 2006.

It is noted that the PP had been called for presentation in the 10th, 22nd and 24th meetings of the SEAC held on 02.08.2023, 20.12.2023 and 10.01.2024 respectively. However, the SEAC observed that neither the PP nor their consultant could deliver a proper presentation of their proposal or did not bother to appear for the presentation in spite of being given ample opportunities. Hence, the SEAC decided to give the PP a final opportunity for presentation failing which their proposal will be rejected. The SEAC also decided that the PP should submit valid reasons for its absence on the last three occasions. If the reasons are only found to be acceptable and satisfactory, the PP may be allowed to present its case in a subsequent meeting. The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 23.02.2024 requesting to present their proposal. The PP was once again called for ToR presentation in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.The PP remained absent for their presentation. Therefore, the SEAC decided not to give any further opportunity for presentation and the proposal may be rejected.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. Mechfast Engineering Private Limited** located in as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Paschim
		Bardhaman

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA observed that the PP had been called for presentation 4 times (02.08.2023, 20.12.2023, 10.01.2024 and 28.02.2024) by SEAC and the PP appeared in the first occasion with inadequate information and on other three days remained absent.

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same for rejection.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The ToR application is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Order of Hon'ble High Court dated 22.02.2024 in WPA (P) 63 of 2024 (Dr. Sankar Ghosh Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).

SEIAA studied the order of Hon'ble High Court dated 22.02.2024 in WPA (P) 63 of 2024 (Dr. Sankar Ghosh Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.) and decided to take necessary steps for the compliance of the order of Hon'ble High Court.

2. Order of Hon'ble NGT dated 23.02.2024 in OA No. 39/2024/EZ in the matter of Jitendra Kumar Mishra (Sand Block No. BWN-II/SRIRAMPUR/915(P), 515(P) & ORS/S).

SEIAA during its 32nd meeting held on 16.02.2024 had already approved the proposal for ToR (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/438824/2023). Hence, the order of the Hon'ble NGT has already been complied with.

3. Proposed Residential Complex "Rosedale Garden Housing Complex" at Plot No. AA-III/BLK-3, Action Area – III, New Town, Kolkata – 700156, West Bengal by **M/s Rosedale Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/50005/2018).**

SEIAA decided to communicate to the PP to deposit the amount of RP & NCRAP to WBPCB which is long overdue. SEIAA also decided to request WBPCB to take necessary action as the unit is operating without EC and CTE/CTO from WBPCB.

4. Letter received from **M/s. Godrej Properties Ltd.** vide Ref No. GPL/SEIAA/MS/PM/23-24/025 dated 28.02.2024.

SEIAA decided to communicate the PP that necessary clarification may be provided to MoEF&CC in reference to the inspection report of IRO, Kolkata. PP is again directed for the compliance of the letter No 2767/EN/T-II-1/026/2018 dated 07.12.2023 and 2768(2)/EN/T-II-1/026/2018 dated 07.12.2023.

List of the projects which were placed before the SEIAA, WB in the thirty fifth meeting held on 07.03.2024 and the Summary Decisions thereof:

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
CONSID	DERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTA	L CLEARANCE
1.	Proposed Gohogram Sand Mine over an area of 3.37 ha (8.33 Acres) on the Damodar River at Plot No 6001(P), J.L. No 070, Mouza – Gohogram, P.S Galsi, Dist. – Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal by Ashok Kumar.	Deferred (for Additional Information)
	(Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/456711/2023)	
2.	Proposed Synthetic Resin Manufacturing Unit of 18000 TPA at Dag no. 322, 323, 324, 325, 339, 340; Vill - Kanchowki, Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-743503, West Bengal by M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd.	Approved for EC
	(Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023)	
3.	Proposed Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility at Plot No- 562, Mouza - Sannasikata, J.L. No 27, P.S Rajganj, Dist Jalpaiguri, West Bengal by M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/425680/2023)	Approved for EC
4.	Proposed Residential Complex 'Utsodhaara HIG-1' at Plot No. – HIG-1 at Utsodhaara: Teesta Township, JL No. 02, Mouza- Dabgram, Block- Rajganj, P.S New Jalpaiguri, P.O Satellite Township, Pin – 734015, West Bengal by M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/412503/2022)	Approved for EC
CONSID	DERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS	
1.	Proposed Structural Re-Rolling Mill Steel Plant at R. S. & L. R. Plot No 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza – Mondalpur, J. L. No 37, Jamuria Industrial Estate, P. S Jamuria, P. O Mondalpur, District - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal by M/s. Mechfast Engineering Private Limited.	Rejected

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
	(Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023)	
MISCEI	LANEOUS	
1.	Order of Hon'ble High Court dated 22.02.2024 in WPA (P) 63 of 2024 (Dr. Sankar Ghosh Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).	Field visit to be conducted
2.	Order of Hon'ble NGT dated 23.02.2024 in OA No. 39/2024/EZ in the matter of Jitendra Kumar Mishra .	Complied with
3.	Proposed Residential Complex "Rosedale Garden Housing Complex" at Plot No. AA-III/BLK-3, Action Area – III, New Town, Kolkata – 700156, West Bengal by M/s Rosedale Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/50005/2018).	PP and WBPCB to take necessary action
4.	Letter received from M/s. Godrej Properties Ltd. vide Ref No. GPL/SEIAA/MS/PM/23-24/025 dated 28.02.2024.	PP to communicate to MoEF&CC and comply direction of this office order.