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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 99th Meeting of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee held on 1st September, 2022 through video Conferencing issued vide No.EAC/JK/22/14331-14343 dated 08-09-2022, the 86th Meeting of the JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 12th of September, 2022 at 1500 Hrs. through video conferencing:

The following attended the meeting:-

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| 1.Mr. Lal Chand, IFS (Retd.) | Chairman, JKEIAA |
| 2.Er. Nazir Ahmad (Chief Engineer, Retd.) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3.Shri Rakesh Kumar, IFS,
Director, EE&RS, J&K. | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

Following are the deliberations & decisions of the meeting:-

Agenda Item No.01.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Mr. Atteesh Mahajan. Project Manager M/S Draipl-ABCI (JV) Near TV Station-II Chandrog Ramban for STP Minor Mineral Block RBM Deposit (River bed Mineral) Mining Project located at Ramsoo, Bislari Nallah, District-Ramban JK (U.T.) Area 0.90 ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/285874/2022.**

Brief Summary:

The case pertains to grant of Environment clearance under B2 category in favour of Mr. Atteesh Mahajan. Project Manager M/S Draipl-ABCI (JV) Near TV Station-II Chandrog Ramban for STP Minor Mineral Block RBM Deposit (River bed Mineral) Mining Project located at Ramsoo, Bislari Nallah, District-Ramban JK (U.T.) Area 0.90 ha. under proposal No: **SIA/JK/MIN/285874/2022.** LOI has been issued on 04-06-2022 and period of Short Term Permit is for three months. Mining plan has been approved on 20-07-2022 and total proposed quantity production is 25000MTs. Mining depth proposed by the proponent is 1.5 Mts., and mine closure plan proposed is 1.50 Lacs. The haulage route proposed is 0.09 Kms and bulk density proposed by the proponent is 1.86.

As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., Status of NOC's shows that Stakeholder departments have issued NOC's (conditionally) in favour of the project. The NOC issued by the Tehsildar, Ramsoo is

ambiguous as it does not indicate that the land under proposed STP is the same land which is stated as state land. DFO, Ramban has issued revised NOC to clear earlier ambiguity in the previous NOC. However the certificates are not as per standard format.

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS OF JKEAC:

- i. The PP has applied for a Short-Term Permit (STP) for extraction of river bed material for use in the National Highway.
- ii. The consultant gave a detailed power point presentation on the project during which he informed that the STP with production of 25,000 MT of RBM, to be extracted within three months, has been proposed to meet the construction requirement of the balance work of Four Laning from Ramban Km 151.0 to Banihal Km 187.0 of the National Highway.
- iii. He further informed that the mining depth of 1.5m has been proposed with bulk density of 1.86 as approved in the mining plan.
- iv. The Committee observed that the PP has submitted title verification issued by Tehsildar Ramsoo vide letter No: The/R/21/553 dated 23/02/2022 which states that the land measuring 30 Kanals and 14 marlas under khasra No. 1309/1302/ 1177/ 654 in village Sujmatna, Ramsoo is recorded as State land, Gair Mumkin Nallah but from the certificate, it does not become clear that the proposed area of 0.90 Ha earmarked for mining under STP is part of this land parcel. Therefore, the Committee desires that PP obtain fresh title verification from the Tehsildar concerned as per standard format to be downloaded from the website of the Dept. of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing at www.jkdears.com.
- v. However, the fresh NOC issued by concerned DFO, Ramban, vide letter No.RFD/3716-19 dated: 29/08/2022 states that as per field verification done by the Range officer Banihal, B.O Banihal along with revenue authorities, the state land comprising of 1.535 Ha (30 kanals & 14 marlas) is Gair Mumkin Nallah and this includes 0.90 Ha plot proposed for mining under the STP. As per the NOC issued, the site is 40m away from forest demarcation line and lying in the Nallah on its left bank.
- vi. The Committee also examined the mining site on Google Image on J&K Geoportal in conjunction with forest boundaries using KML file submitted by the consultant. It was observed that the STP site falls within the nallah but inside the forest boundary. The Committee however, noted that since the forest boundary is on a course scale, we may have to bank upon the certificate issued by the DFO which is based on ground truth verification. However, it was desired that the PP should obtain fresh NOC from DFO concerned as per the standard format available on the website of the DEERS at www.jkdears.com to further clarify the matter.
- vii. It was also observed that the haulage route is passing through a steep slope and active water channel also runs through the STP site. Therefore, the JKEAC recommended that the PP should ensure stabilization of the slope enroute the haulage and must lay adequate number of hume pipes wherever water creek traversing is required for haulage to ensure uninterrupted flow of water.

- viii. The Trees within the STP site shall have to be given due protection during the mining operations with sufficient safety buffer.
- ix. The PP has submitted the cluster certificate issued by DMO, Ramban vide letter No: DMO/R/CC/2022-23/78 dated 27/07/2022.
- x. Project cost has been under estimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, CER and therefore needs to be revised as recommended herein above.
- xi. Mining depth of 1.5m mentioned in mining plan was not agreed by the Committee. It was desired that mining depth be restricted to max. 1m and the PP should obtain a clear cut certificate from the G&M Dept. stating that there is enough material available for extraction from the site without endangering the ecological and hydrological regime of the nallah.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations/observations made here-in-above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommend the Short-Term Permit (STP) for grant of EC subject to:-

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure "C" to these Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Submission of Title Verification and all NOCs as per standard formats to be downloaded from the website of the Department at www.jkdears.com, prior to grant of EC.
- c) Submission of a clear-cut certificate from the G&M Dept. stating that there is enough material available for extraction of requisite quantity from the site without endangering the ecological and hydrological regime of the nallah, prior to grant of EC.
- d) Revision of mining plan w.r.t mining depth of **max. 1m** and its denovo approval by competent authority, prior to grant of EC
- e) Maximum targeted mineral production of **16700 MTs**.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stake holder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.
- g) Condition that project cost and EMP budget needs to be revised, prior to grant of EC.
- h) Condition that No JCBs/Excavators/Bulldozers to be used in mining and no watercourse to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- j) Submission of compliance to the observations made here-in-above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.
- k) Validity of three months only with strict adherence to approved quantum of 16700MTs.

Decisions of the JKEIAA:

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant Environment Clearance for Short Term Permit (STP) subject to fulfillment of following conditions:-

- a) Submission of Title Verification and fresh NOC of Forest Deptt. from concerned DFO as per standard format available on the website of the Department at www.jkdears.com, prior to grant of EC.
- b) G&M Dept. to certify that requisite quantity of material is available for extraction without endangering the ecological and hydrological regime of the nallah, prior to the grant of EC.
- c) Revision of mining plan w.r.t mining depth of max. 1m and its denovo approval by competent authority within one month of grant of EC.
- d) Maximum targeted mineral production to not exceed 16700 MTs.
- e) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stake holder departments, be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned departments.
- f) The project cost be revised to include EMP, CER, prior to the grant of EC.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining, and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- h) The geographical coordinates as per LOI be mentioned in the EC letter issued by JKEIAA.
- i) Since the haulage route passes through steep slopes, PP to ensure the stabilization of slopes enroute the haulage and must lay adequate number of hume pipes at water crossings to ensure uninterrupted and undisturbed flow.
- j) Necessary protection measures be ensured to protect the trees existing in the STP site during mining operation and also provide sufficient buffer for safety of the trees.
- k) Environmental Clearance (EC) is Valid for **three months (3 months)** only.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair,

Sd/-
S. Rakesh Kumar, IFS, Director,
Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

Sd/-
Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)
Member, JKEIAA

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Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)
Chairman, JKEIAA

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Dated:-13-09-2022

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2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Retd. Chief Engineer), Hon'ble Member, JKEIAA for information.

3. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, J&K Government, Civil Secretariat, Jammu and Kashmir for favour of kind information.
4. Secretary to Government, Mining Department, J&K Government for for favour of kind information.
5. Director, EE&RS, Member Secretary, JKEIAA for information.
6. Director, Geology and Mining Department, J&K Government Jammu for information and necessary action.
7. Deputy Commissioner, Ramban for information.
8. Chief Engineer, PDD, Jammu/Kashmir for information and n/a.
9. Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Department Jammu/Srinagar for information.
10. Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Jammu/Kashmir for information and n/a.
11. Secretary, JKEAC for information.
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(Staff Officer)

12/11/2022

Director EERS/Member Secretary JKEIAA