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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 79th Meeting of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee held on 27th December, 2021 through video Conferencing issued vide No.EAC/JK/21/12080-12092 dated 29-12-2021, the 72nd Meeting of the JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 4th January, 2022 at 1100 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 (Retd. Chief Engineer) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS, Pr.CCF/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 M/S Kesri Nandan Mines Head Office Logate, Tehsil & District Kathua, JK UT for Minor Mineral Block No. 20, Sonawari Bridge to Water Reservoir WaduraPayeen Downstream, Pohru River, Tehsil-Sopore, District- Baramulla, JK UT, area 4.00 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/214579/2021.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of environment Clearance under B2 category for Minor Mineral Block No. 20, Sonawari Bridge to Water Reservoir Wadura Payeen Downstream, Pohru River, Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, JK UT, area 4.00 ha.

LOI was issued on 17-07-2020, which was extended on 18-09-2021 and was valid up to 30-11-2021. Mining plan was approved on 17-07-2021.

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 NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla has issued NOCs under single window system vide No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/488-501 dated 29-05-2021. The NOC from Revenue Department is ambiguous.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- The Case is a new project submitted by the PP under B2 category.
- The Committee examined the mining block on the latest Google image of Oct., 2021 and observed that more than 90% of the block falls under active water channel. Since in-stream mining is not permissible in view of national guidelines on the subject, the case cannot be considered for commercial mining.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above-cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance.

Decisions of JKEIAA:

In view of fact that 90% of proposed mining block falls under active water channel and midstream mining is not permissible as per National guidelines, the JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to reject the case for grant of Environmental Clearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.02.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Kapil Aggarwal S/O Shri Jugesh Aggarwal R/O 179, Near Panjpir Mandir Anandpur, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Punjab, for Minor Mineral Block No. 21, Seelu Bridge to Water Reservoir Watergam Payeen Downstream, Pohru River, Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, JK UT, area 1.90ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/214553/2021.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance of under B2 category for Minor Mineral Block No. 21, Seelu Bridge to Water Reservoir Watergam Payeen Downstream, Pohru River, Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, JK UT, area 1.90ha. LOI was issued on 17 -07-2020, which was extended on 18-09-2021 and was valid up to 30-11-2021. Mining plan was approved on 17-05-2021.

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 NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla has issued NOCs under single window system vide No.ADCB/Reader/2021-22/502-15 dated 29-05-2021. The NOC from Revenue Department is ambiguous.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The Case is a new project submitted by the PP under B2 category.
- b) The Committee examined the mining block on the latest Google image of Oct., 2021 and observed that more than 90% of the block falls under active water channel. Since in-stream mining is not permissible in view of national guidelines on the subject, the case cannot be considered for commercial mining.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance.

Decisions of JKEIAA:

In view of the deliberations, the JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to reject the case for grant of Environmental Clearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.03.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Amit Mahajan S/O Shri Adarsh Mohan Mahajan R/O Near Kali Mata Mandir, Kolluwali Gali, Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral Block -22, Reban Bridge to lift Irrigation Reban Upstream, Pohru

River, Village- Reban, Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, Jammu JK UT area 2.28 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/214595/2021

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of environment Clearance under B2 category for Minor Mineral Block -22, Reban Bridge to lift Irrigation Reban Upstream, Pohru River, Village- Reban, Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, Jammu JK UT area 2.28 ha.

LOI was issued on 17 -07-2020, which was extended on 18-09-2021 and was valid up to 30-11-2021. Mining plan was approved on 17-05-2021.

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 NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla has issued NOCs under single window system vide No.ADCB/Reader/528-21 dated 02-06-2021. The NOC from Revenue Department is awaited.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The Case is a new project submitted by the PP under B2 category.
- b) The Committee examined the mining block on the latest Google image of Oct., 2021 and observed that more than 90% of the block falls under active water channel. Since in-stream mining is not permissible in view of national guidelines on the subject, the case cannot be considered for commercial mining.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance.

Decisions of JKEIAA:

In view of the deliberations, the JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to reject the case for grant of Environmental Clearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.04.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Jagdish Singh S/O Shri Vijay Singh R/O Malikpur, Pathankot State: Punjab, for Minor Mineral Block -23, Reban Bridge to Water Reservoir Vedipora Downstream, Pohru River, at Village- Reban Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, J K UT area 2.50 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/214560/2021.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of environment Clearance under B2 category for Minor Mineral Block -23, Reban Bridge to Water Reservoir Vedipora Downstream, Pohru River, at Village- Reban Tehsil- Sopore, District- Baramulla, J K UT area 2.50 ha.

LOI was issued on 17 -07-2020, which was extended on 18-09-2021 and was valid up to 30-11-2021. Mining plan was approved on 17-05-2021.

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 NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla had issued NOCs under single window system vide No.ADCB/Reader/21-22/544-57 dated 02-06-2021. The NOC from Revenue Department is awaited.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The Case is a new project submitted by the PP under B2 category.
- b) The Committee examined the mining block on the latest Google image of Oct., 2021 and observed that more than 90% of the block falls under active water channel. Since in-stream mining is not permissible in view of national guidelines on the subject, the case cannot be considered for commercial mining.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations/observations made by the Committee here-in-above, the Expert Appraisal Committee rejected the case for grant of Environment clearance.

Decisions of JKEIAA:

In view of the deliberations, the JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to reject the case for grant of Environmental Clearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.05.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Jagdish Singh S/O Shri Vijay Singh R/O Malikpur, Pathankot, Punjab for Minor Mineral Block-3, Arch to Bardala Downstream Sindh River Teshil & District Ganderbal, JK UT, area 9.93ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61357/2021.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Terms of Reference under B1 category for Minor Mineral Block-3, Arch to Bardala Downstream Sindh River Teshil & District Ganderbal, JK UT, area 9.93 ha.

LOI was issued on 05-08-2020, which was extended on 18-09-2021 and was valid up to 30-11-2021. Mining plan was approved on 22-02-2021.

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 NOCs in appraisal report shows stakeholders department have issued NOCs (conditionally) in favour of the project. The NOC from Revenue Department is ambiguous & NOC from PHE (Jal Shakti Department) is awaited.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) Heavy Illegal mining activity was observed in and around the mining block as per features on latest Google image of 09, 2021 which needs clarification from the MultiDept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell and fixing of responsibility, besides to report whether the PP is involved in it.
- b) The materials within the block appear to be depleted to a large extent due to heavy illegal mining. Therefore, the PP needs to obtain fit for mining certificate from the G&M Dept. to the effect that adequate replenishment has taken place in the block and there is sufficient material available to be extracted without endangering the ecological and hydrological regime of the nalla.

- c) The Committee further observed features on Google Image, indicative of an off-take point of irrigation kuhl in the vicinity of the mining block and desired project proponent to obtain field verification of same by the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept/ owners of such Kuhls. In case, it is found that such irrigation facility is not existing within 200m of the mining block boundary, the same needs to be recorded by the concerned hydraulic engineer with consent of local PRI with seal and signature preferably on the backside of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhl off-take point.
- d) Active water channel needs to be excluded from the mining block while calculating the targeting mineral production.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority.
- f) Mining depth of 2.00m and Bulk density of 2.3 m adopted in the instant mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density be based on actual ground measurements.
- g) Specific NOCs be obtained from all the stakeholder departments.
- h) Use of JCBs/Excavators has been proposed in mining methodology which can't be allowed.

Recommendations of the Committee:

In view of the above deliberations/observations made by the Committee here-in-above, the expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs for preparation of EIA/EMP subject to Standard and Specific Conditions and compliance to observations made here-in-above under deliberations.

Decisions of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant Terms of Reference to the project for preparation of EIA/EMP subject to Standard and Specific Conditions and compliance to observations made by JKEAC under deliberations.

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

Sd/-
Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/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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1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.), Hon'ble Chairman, JKEIAA, for information.
2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer), Hon'ble Member, JKEIAA, for information.

3. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Mining Department, J&K Government for favour of information.
4. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, J&K Government, Civil Secretariat, Jammu for favour of kind information.
5. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS, Member Secretary, JKEIAA, for information
6. Director, Geology & Mining Department, J&K Government, Jammu for information and necessary action.
7. Deputy Commissioner, Bararnulla & Ganderbal. for information.
8. Chief Engineer, PDD, Jammu/Kashmir for information and n/a.
9. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Jammu/Srinagar for information and n/a.
10. Chief Engineer, PHE, Jal Shakti, Jammu/Srinagar for information and n/a.
11. The Secretary, JK Expert Appraisal Committee for information.
12. Website(s)


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to PCCF/Member Secretary JKEIAA
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