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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 18th 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 Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 24th/25st February, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No. EAC/JK/20/5498-5510 dated 15-03-2021, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 18th March, 2021 at 1100 Hrs.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting:-

AGENDA ITEM NO.1.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Mahavir Mining R/O Lane No.03, Shaheed Udham Singh, Pathnkot for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No.3/2, Basantar River Upstream NG-1A Bridge, Village, Koloa, Tehsil & District Samba J&K U.T. over an area of 9.23ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/59131/2019.**

Deliberations:

The project has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has informed the JKEAC that project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. During detailed Power Point presentation given by consultant, various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR and EIA and EMP came under discussion of the committee. The members have pointed out that consultant had mentioned depths of 3m, 1.5 m. and 1mtr in the Pre-feasibility report and desired that the Consultant must update it by restricting depth to 1 m only. The consultant informed that the ToRs were issued to the project on 29/11/2019 and the Public Hearing was conducted on 09/01/2020 and the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of EIA/EMP. The members desired that the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the present PP, to which the consultant agreed. The committee has pointed out that consultant had used wrong species of plants and quoted temperate species like Deodar and Rhododendron in green belt development. He was asked to rectify the same immediately. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 0.75 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the haulage route is nearly 1.75 kms. Accordingly, the consultant was asked to rectify the haulage route map and provide adequate funds for maintenance of haulage route in the EMP. The Public Hearing report has also come under discussion, in the concluding part of which, the locals had stressed that only manual mining should be allowed and no JCBs be

permitted. Besides, the mining activity must provide employment avenues to the locals. It was observed that the consultant has kept inadequate funding under Greenbelt development of the EMP budget. The committee has desired that the consultant must revise EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs. 25.00 lacs per annum, out of which 70% of the budget be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and balance 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The Committee has also desired that the consultant must revise the targeted mineral production at 1m. mining depth after deducting the area under active water channel. The committee desired that the revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA.

In view of above deliberations, the Committee has recommended the case for grant of Environment clearance subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB as also submission of updated EIA/EMP and PFR as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC and 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 and further 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.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that baseline data in the EIA Report is authenticated by JKPCB. The PP shall submit updated EIA/EMP and PFR as per observations/ recommendations of the JKEAC prior to grant of formal EC and revised mining plan with necessary corrections w.r.t mining depth of 1 m duly approved by the competent authority within the period as allowed by the JKEIAA vide Minutes of Meeting dated 11/02/2021. Further, issuance of formal EC is subject to fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOCs, which shall be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Mahavir Mining R/O Lane No.03, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No.2/4, Basantar River Downstream NH-1A Bridge, Village Pangdour, Tehsil & District Samba J&K U.T. over an area of 9.59ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59165/2019.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project and informed the committee that project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. During discussions, various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR, EIA and EMP have come under discussion. The consultant has informed that Public Hearing was conducted on 08/01/2020 and the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of the EIA/EMP. The members desired that the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the

present PP, which the consultant agreed. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 0.62 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the bridge is at a distance of 460m from the mining block. Accordingly, the consultant was asked to reduce the size of the mining block to keep safe distance of 500m from the bridge. The Public Hearing report also came under discussion, in the concluding part of which, the locals have stressed that only manual mining should be allowed and welfare schemes under CSR for locals be ensured including employment generation through mining activity. It was observed that the consultant has kept inadequate funding under Greenbelt development of the EMP budget. The committee has desired that consultant must revise the EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs. 20.00 lacs per annum, out of which 70% be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The Committee also desired that the consultant must revise the targeted mineral production at 1m. mining depth after deducting area under active channel. The committee has desired that revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA before grant of formal EC.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended to grant of Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB; besides, updated EIA/EMP and PFR as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC and submit 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 and subject to following standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOCs, which shall be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC prior to issuance of formal EC.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendation of the JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that baseline data in the EIA Report is authenticated by JKPCB. The PP shall submit updated EIA/EMP and PFR as per observations/ recommendations of the JKEAC prior to grant of formal EC and revised mining plan with necessary corrections w.r.t mining depth of 1 m duly approved by the competent authority within the period as allowed by the JKEIAA vide Minutes of Meeting dated 11/02/2021. Further, issuance of formal EC is subject to fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOCs, which shall be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Singh Minerals R/O Near Kali Mata Mandir Campbell Road, Pathankot for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No.3/6 Basantar River Up stream NH-1 Bridge, Village Dboh Tehsil & District Samba, J&K U.T. over an area of 9.76ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59040/2019.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant while giving a detailed presentation on the project has informed the committee that project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where

under said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR, EIA and EMP have come under discussion. The consultant informed that Public Hearing was conducted on 09/01/2020 and baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of the EIA/EMP. The members have desired that baseline data collected by previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the present PP, which the consultant agreed in principle. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 0.88 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the bridge is at a distance of 630m from the mining block. The Public Hearing report also came under discussion, in the concluding part of which the locals have stressed that only manual mining (with no JCBs) should be allowed and welfare schemes under CSR for locals be ensured including employment generation through mining activity. It was observed that the consultant has kept inadequate funding under Greenbelt development of the EMP budget. The committee desired that the consultant must revise the EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs. 20.00 lacs per annum out of which 70% be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The Committee also desired that the consultant must revise the targeted mineral production at 1mt. mining depth after deducting the area under active channel. It was further observed that a High-tension electric tower is located in close vicinity of the mining block inside the river bed, and therefore the members insisted on prior NOC from the PDD and I&FC department. A plantation was also observed in close proximity upstream of the mineral block and therefore the committee insisted on prior NOC from the concerned owner department of the said plantation. The committee desired that the revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA before grant of formal E.C.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that the Project proponent be asked to obtain prior NOC from the PDD and I&FC department with respect to Electric Transmission Towers in close vicinity of the mining block and also, NOC from the owner department of the huge plantation lying in close vicinity upstream of the mining block before considering the block for grant of EC.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the Project proponent be asked to obtain prior NOC from the PDD and I&FC department with respect to Electric Transmission Towers in close vicinity of the mining block and also, NOC from the owner department of the large plantation lying in close vicinity upstream of the mining block before considering the block for grant of Environment clearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Shiva Minerals R/O Near Focal Point Peer Baba Chowk Malikour, Pathankot for Minor Mineral(River Bed Material) at Block No.1/4 Devak River Upstream Railway Bridge, District Samba, J&K U.T. over an area of 9.23ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59501/2020.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant while giving a detailed presentation has informed the committee that the project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR, EIA and EMP came under discussion. The consultant informed that the Public Hearing was conducted on 07/01/2020 and the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of the EIA/EMP. The members desired that the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the present PP, which the consultant agreed. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 2.15 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the mining block has been carved out in an L-shape around part of a huge mass of silted land with scrub. One of the members opined that the mining dept. could have identified the mining block covering the silted scrub land in the center of the nallah bed thereby helping in channelizing the flow of the stream in the center nallah bed. The Public Hearing report also came under discussion, in the concluding part of which, the locals have stressed that welfare schemes under CSR for locals be ensured including employment generation through mining activity and free distribution of minerals. It was observed that the consultant has kept inadequate funding under Greenbelt development of the EMP budget. The committee desired that the consultant must revise the EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs.20.00 lacs per annum, out of which 70% be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The committee desired that the revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA before grant of formal EC.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended to grant Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB; besides, updated EIA/EMP 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.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB and updated EIA/EMP as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC. Further, the issuance of formal EC is 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Parshotam Singh, S/O Shri Baljit Singh R/O H.No.56 W.No.03, Faridkot, Punjab for Basantar River Downstream NH-1A Bridge (River Bed Material) Mining project, Block No.2/2 over an area of 6.80ha. Near Village Raipur Tehsil & District Samba, J&K U.T. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59016/2019.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant while giving a detailed presentation has informed the committee that the project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. The Secretary informed the committee that an emailed complaint dated 27/01/2021 with copy of letter dated 20/12/2018 written by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Samba to DMO, Samba against allotment of mining block 2/1 and 2/2 Basantar from one RP Gupta had been circulated to all concerned, earlier. The contents of the letter were readout for information of the members which indicated presence of a nursery belonging to Soil conservation department in close vicinity. The same came under threadbare discussion and the members desired to examine the mining block on the Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on Google Earth image, the members observed features indicative of illegal mining. The railway bridge was observed at a distance of nearly 1960 m. from the mining block. While any nursery could not be interpreted in close vicinity on the satellite image and the members desired that NOC from Soil conservation needs to be obtained before discussing the matter further and the veracity of the complaint also need to be got enquired by the concerned authorities.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that the Project proponent be asked to obtain prior NOC from the Soil Conservation Department. Besides, the Geology & Mining Department be asked to furnish copy of its response to letter issued vide No. DCS/SD/18-19/2485-90 dated 20/12/2018 written by the Asst. Commissioner Revenue to the DMO concerned. The Geology & Mining Department be also asked to constitute a Committee comprising of local officials from Revenue Dept., Soil Conservation Dept., G&M Dept. and I&FC Dept. and the local Police representative to ascertain and fix responsibility for illegal mining with local panchayat representatives on board. In case the project proponent is involved in the mining activity without valid EC, the case could be treated under violation category and dealt with under the relevant guidelines.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the Project proponent be asked to obtain prior NOC from the Soil Conservation Department. Besides, the Geology & Mining Department be asked to furnish copy of its response to the letter issued vide No. DCS/SD/18-19/2485-90 dated 20/12/2018 written by the Asst. Commissioner Revenue to the DMO concerned. The authority agrees with the recommendation of JKEAC that the Geology & Mining Department be also asked to constitute a Committee comprising of officials as indicated above to enquire the alleged illegal mining and submit a report for further appropriate action by the concerned department under intimation to the authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Sai Mines R/O Logate, Tehsil & District Kathua J&K for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block No.1/6, Devak River Upstream Railway Bridge over an area of 9.58ha. Village Thalori Brahmna, Tehsil Vijaypur District Samba, J&K U.T. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/58724/2019.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant while giving a detailed presentation has informed the committee that the project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR and EIA and EMP have come under discussion. The consultant informed that the Public Hearing was conducted on 07/01/2020 and the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of the EIA/EMP. The members desired that the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the present PP which the consultant agreed. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 2.5 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the mining block has been carved out in the vicinity of forest boundary. The Public Hearing report also came under discussion, in the concluding part of which, the locals have stressed that welfare schemes under CSR for locals be ensured including employment generation through mining activity and discounted sale of minerals to locals. It was observed that the consultant has kept inadequate funding under Greenbelt development of the EMP budget. The committee desired that the consultant must revise the EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs.20.00 lacs per annum, out of which 70% be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The committee desired that the revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA before grant of formal EC.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant of Environment Clearance to the project subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB; besides, updated EIA/EMP 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 Environment clearance.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB and updated EIA/EMP as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC. Further, the issuance of formal EC is 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Randhir Singh S/O Shri Gian Singh R/O Village Sialsui Tehsil & District Rajouri, J&K for River Bed Material of Minor Mineral Block No.27 in Nihari Tawi River, Village Sialsui, District Rajouri, J&K U.T. over an area of 4.60. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/194877/2021.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed presentation during which he informed the committee that the project falls under B2 category. During deliberations, it was noticed that the Fisheries Department has highly objected to the mining operations in the vicinity vide letter dated 16/07/2019 due to presence of breeding ground of important fish fauna and Bindi Fish Farm. It was further noticed that the consultant has calculated the targeted mineral at 2.5m depth. Although the consultant had mentioned the haulage route over a distance of 488 m. yet when the mining block was observed on Google Earth Image, it was found that the haulage route is 4.5 kms and passes through a landslide area with high slope near the mining block and any transportation of mining material from this side would destabilize the slope. The Committee also observed that the local Sarpanch and villagers had also filed an emailed complaint against mining activity in the vicinity.

In view of the above deliberations and objections raised by the Fisheries Department and the local villagers and long haulage route traversing through ecologically fragile area including a landslide, the Committee rejected the mining block for grant of Environmental Clearance.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of the project.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Mrs. Shaheen Kousar W/O Shri Mohd. Khurshid R/O Mastan Dara, Village Buffleaz Tehsil Surankote, District-Poonch Prop. M/S Bhat Road Roof & Builders for River Bed Material of Minor Mineral Block No.31. Suran River Upstream Sailana Bridge, Mastan Dara Village Buffleaz, Poonch J&K U.T. over an area of 3.18ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/194879/2021.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed presentation on the project during which he informed the forum that the project falls under B2 category for which the DMO concerned of Geology & Mining Department has issued the cluster certificate vide letter dated 04/01/2021. The letter dated 04/06/2019 from Asstt. Director, Fisheries Department addressed to the Dy. Commissioner, Poonch indicates the apprehensions of Fisheries Department on impact of mining activity on breeding grounds of fishes in perennial streams including the Suran Nallah, for which necessary safeguards have been recommended in the said letter which need to be followed in letter and spirit by the PP during the mining activity. The committee objected to the consultant having calculated the targeted minerals at 2.5m depth and asked him to revise the documents with a mining depth of 1m. only in view of non-availability of replenishment data provided in the DSR. The EMP also came under discussion and the members asked the Project proponent to revise the budget under Green belt development/plantation with a capital cost of Rs 2.00 lacs instead of Rs 0.35 lacs as mentioned in the EMP. The mining block was examined on the Google Earth image platform and it was observed that the haulage route is 729 m. members have desired that adequate funding need to be provided for its maintenance. It was also observed that there is a suspension bridge downstream at 485 m and a unique structure indicative of another suspension bridge with a dead-end exists

in close proximity of the mining block. The representative of the project proponent was asked to clarify as to what exactly it is. To this, Shri Mohd. Khurshid informed that the unique structure is nothing but an abandoned suspension bridge as it has lost its utility due to change in the river course and extension of river bed flow on the other side of the same. The Committee asked him to provide a video film of the site so that the members could see what the structure is. Shri Khurshid presented a series of videos which did not provide the glimpse of the actual site during the meeting but subsequently emailed the video clip of the doubtful structure which was circulated to all members.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended to grant of Environment Clearance to the project subject to prior NOC from the owner department of the abandoned suspension bridge and other stake holder departments especially I&FC Dept., prior update of EMP/ PFR as per deliberations, and subject to corrigendum to be issued to the mining plan w.r.t mining depth and area within the period as permitted by the JKEIAA and subject to fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stakeholder department in their NOC's, which shall be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC prior to issuance of formal Environment clearance.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of Environment Clearance to the project subject to prior NOC from the owner department of the abandoned suspension bridge and other stake holder departments and revision of EMP/ PFR. The EC is, further subject to issuance of corrigendum /revision of mining plan w.r.t mining depth within the period as permitted by the JKEIAA. The issuance of EC is further subject to fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stakeholder department in their NOC's which be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.09.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Kuldeep Singh, S/O Shri Kaku Ram R/O Arnas District Reasi for proposed Jad Khad Upstream, Jourian Bridge (River Bed Material) project Village-Dhok Khalsa, Tehsil Akhnoor District Jammu J&K U.T. Block No.5/21 over an area of 9.67ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59247/2019.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant while giving a detailed PowerPoint presentation has informed the committee that t project has been submitted under Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 and subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA, where under the said order was implemented in view of paucity of key construction material in the market. various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan, haulage route, baseline data, PFR and EIA and EMP have come under discussion. The consultant informed that the Public Hearing was conducted on 15/02/2020 and the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent was used in finalization of the EIA/EMP. The members desired that the baseline data collected by the previous project proponent must be got authenticated from JKPCB by the present PP, which the consultant agreed in principle. The consultant informed that the haulage route is 0.7 kms. The mining block was demonstrated on the Google Earth platform. The

Committee observed that a bridge exists at a distance of 450 m from the mining block. Therefore, it was desired that the mining block be relocated/resized to maintain safe distance of 500m from the bridge. The Public Hearing report also came under discussion, in the concluding part of which, the locals have stressed that illegal mining be stopped and proper demarcation of the mining block be undertaken with welfare schemes under CSR for locals including employment generation through mining activity. Besides, the contact details of the authorities shall be mentioned in the display boards so that in the event of illegal mining, authorities could be contacted. The consultant informed the Committee that the as per approved mining plan, maximum mining depth would be 0.5m. The committee desired that the consultant must revise the EMP budget with a recurring amount of Rs.20.00 lacs per annum, out of which 70% be earmarked under Green belt development, 20% under haulage route maintenance and 10% under pollution monitoring and dust suppression. The committee desired that the revised version of the EMP be submitted to the JKEIAA before grant of formal EC.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended to grant Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB; besides, updated EIA/EMP as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC and subject to relocation of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500m from the bridge and following standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOCs, which shall be submitted by PP in the office of JKEIAA and JKEAC prior to issuance of formal Environment clearance.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment Clearance to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent gets the baseline data in the EIA Report authenticated by JKPCB and submits and updated EIA/EMP as per deliberations and subject to relocation of the mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500m from the bridge prior to grant of formal EC. The issuance of EC is further 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shriu Brinder Singh S/O Shri Keemat Lal R/O Near Chib Resort Raipur, Satwari for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project Block-10 over an area of 5.30ha. of which working area 3.3846ha, Ramnagarwali Khad Upstream Gulang Bridge at Village Gulang, Tehsil Ramnagar, District Udhampur J&K U.T. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/196474/2021.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant informed that the case was listed in the 22nd JKEAC meeting held on 26th of Dec., 2020, during which the Committee observed an island of approx.0.80 ha in the middle of the nallah bed with and without shrubs and scattered trees. The committee had opined that the green patch must be protected while allowing mining in the block. In the said meeting, the Committee had granted ToRs to the project subject to condition that the green patch is given protection and the project proponent files an affidavit

before the judicial magistrate on stamped paper to the effect that the said area shall be given proper protection during the mining activity. However, the consultant informed that while excluding the green patch from the block, the size of the block was rendered less than 5ha and therefore, it leads to change of category to B2. The Consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform and showed the mining block bifurcated into Block 10A and 10B excluding the green patch from the mining block and requested the committee to consider the mining block under B2 category with a working area of only 3.3846 ha instead of original area of 5.30ha as mentioned in the letter of intent and the approved mining plan. The Committee deliberated on the issue and desired that corrigendum to new coordinates and area mentioned in the Letter of Intent be obtained by the PP prior to grant of EC and corrigendum to mining plan indicating the new coordinates, area and mining depth be obtained from the competent authority within the grace period permitted by the JKEIAA.

Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. have come under discussions. The members desired that title need to be properly verified from the revenue authorities. The committee did not agree to the mining depth of 2.5m mentioned in the mining plan and desired the mining depth be restricted to only 1m in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the district survey report. The consultant agreed and presented a slide showing targeted mineral production of 60840 MT per annum at mining depth of 1m. However, the Committee desired necessary changes /corrigendum in the approved mining plan. Besides, the PP was asked to revise the EMP budget under capital cost of 2.5 lacs under Green belt development.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the case for grant of EC subject to prior issuance of corrigendum to Lol indicating fresh coordinates and area of the mining block, updated version of EMP/PFR as per deliberations prior to grant of formal EC and subject to updating of the mining plan w.r.t mining depth, area of the mining block excluding the green patch and minable reserves and also 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.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant EC restricting the area of mining block to 3.3846ha and subject to prior issuance of corrigendum to Lol by Geology and Mining Department indicating fresh coordinates and revised area of the mining block. The PP shall submit the updated version of EMP/PFR prior to grant of formal EC. The issuance of EC is subject to updation of the mining plan w.r.t mining depth, area of the mining block excluding the green patch and also 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. The submission of revised mining plan by PP be made within the period allowed by JKEIAA vide MoM dated 11-02-2021

AGENDA ITEM NO.11.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Sumit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O House No.2116, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining project, Block-28 over an area of 6.94ha. at Chenab River Downstream Kanthan Bridge District Reasi, J&K U.T. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/60566/2021.

Deliberations:

The project case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The Consultant demonstrated the mining block on the Google Earth platform during which it was observed that the mining block has been identified in river Chenab and image of December, 2020 reveals mining activity in the mining block. Though the Committee viewed that removal of the sand from the side of the bank could increase the water holding capacity of the dam, yet while granting TORs, it needs to be ascertained as to who was involved in the illegal mining activity without a valid EC. Therefore, Committee desired the G&M Dept. to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., Dam Authority and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, the Committee desired that 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 various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions. 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, Dam Authority, 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.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee as recommended by JKEAC to fix the responsibility of illegal mining and submit a report. Meanwhile the authority upheld the recommendation of the JKEAC 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Harish Kumar Mohan S/O Shri Madan R/O Near Toll Post, Nagrota, District Jammu for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining project, at Block-3 over an area of z- 9.02ha. at Anji Khad, Upstream Sula Park Bridge (Plan No.(II) District Reasi J&K U.T. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/60789/2021.

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 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 the Committee 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13.

To discuss the complaint received against National Brick Kiln, Kangrail, Jammu.

Decision:

The matter was deliberated and decision deferred to next meeting.

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

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Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)
Member, JKEIAA

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