

**STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE**  
**(SEAC): :ASSAM:**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, STATE POLLUTION**  
**CONTROLBOARD, ASSAM, BAMUNIMADAM,**  
**GUWAHATI- 781021**

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> sitting) of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam was held at 2-00 PM to 5.00 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 in the Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-781021.

***List of the Hon'ble Members / Officials present in the meeting:***

<b>Sl no.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Signature</b>
1	<b>Sri Jatindra Sarma, IFS (Retd.)</b>	<b>Chairman, SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
2	<b>Dr. Bijoy Sankar Goswami</b>	<b>Member , SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
3	<b>Dr. Rahul Mahanta</b>	<b>Member, SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
4	<b>Sri. Arup Barpujary</b>	<b>Member, SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
5	<b>Shri Shantanoo Bhattacharyya</b>	<b>Member, SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
6	<b>Dr. S.K.Dutta</b>	<b>Member Secretary, SEAC</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> sitting) of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 from 2-00 PM onwards till 5.00 PM in the Conference Hall of the State Pollution Control Board, Assam, for detail discussions and deliberations on the project proposals as per the agenda circulated to all concerned on 28<sup>th</sup> November'2023.



At the very outset, the Chairman of the SEAC welcomed all the Hon'ble Members of the Committee and the Member Secretary, SEAC briefed them about the agenda for the meeting. He further requested the esteemed members for their thorough participation and deliberation to expedite the process of disposal of the cases for onward processing at the level of SEAC and also the SEIAA, as the case may deserve, for timely consideration and disposal.

As per the agenda, the august committee duly deliberated, discussed and made appraisal and furnished their opinion which were unanimously accepted as pointed out against each of the agenda items quoted hereunder:


#### **Agenda Item No. 1**

**Proposal for Amendment of the EC for Onshore Exploration of Oil and Gas from 02 wells (KHBD & NRAD) in forest area in 3 ML block, Golaghat District, Assam proposed by the ONGC Ltd.  
Proposal No SIA/AS/IND2/306461/2023 (SEIAA.1295/2020)**

The facts of the case in brief is that the ONGC Ltd. was granted with the EC as had applied for on 27/4/2021 for drilling in locations KHBD (KH oilfield stands for Khoraghat Oilfield) and NRAD (NR stands for Nambor Reserve Oilfield ). For the sake of brevity, the Resolution adopted in the SEAC meeting dated 18/03/2021 is reproduced below:

#### **Resolution 18/10:**

"The proposal requesting EC against Onshore Exploration for Oil & Gas from 3 wells in Forest Area in 3 ML Blocks in Golaghat District, Assam under Golaghat Forest Division proposed by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) is deliberated in the SEAC meeting. On scrutiny of the documents, it is found that the **land use report** of the block area land use / land cover map has not been furnished. Similarly, satellite image of the



block area printed on 1: 50000 scale has also not furnished. On detail deliberation the committee *recommended for approval of the proposal for wells (KHBD, NRAD under NAMBAR\_ML) subject to the condition that the above-mentioned report & satellite image shall have to be furnished before the Authority within two weeks period.*

The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to the general terms and condition applicable in such projects as per the guide lines issued by the MOEF & CC, GOI from time to time."

**Resolution No. 3/1:**

The PP has applied for amendment of the EC granted earlier in respect of the well NRAD with the Geo-coordinates Lat:26° 04'24.21" Long: 93° 54'03.175" owing to the fact that these coordinates are falling outside the area for which Forest Clearance under the FC Act, 1980 have been granted by the competent authority. The proposed location ought to have been covered under the Geo-coordinates for which the Forest Clearance (1.85 Ha) was obtained on **16.10.2023** by the proponent and, therefore, there is a necessity to shift its location by a distance of **315.44 Mtrs** and, thus, amendment to the EC as granted earlier is sought for to that extent by the Proponent.

Necessary applications / documents have been duly uploaded, Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) and the EMP are submitted by the proponent which are discussed and deliberated upon by the committee.

The committee is of the considered opinion that since the Forest Clearance have been obtained for such drilling and exploration activities in respect of the proposed location for the well NRAD and granted with the EC earlier, the amendment sought is found justified and the SEAC recommends the SEIAA for amending the EC in question accordingly.

**The proponent, however, shall strictly adhere to the general terms and conditions as applicable in such projects as per the prevailing guide lines issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI or any direction by the competent authority from time to time.**



## **Agenda item- No. 2**

**Amendment of the EC for Drilling of 45 Exploratory wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat & Golaghat District, Assam proposed by the ONGC Ltd. {Proposal No. SIA/ AS/ IND2 /306462 /2023 (SEIAA.1294/2020)}**


The facts of the case in brief is that the ONGC Ltd. was granted with the EC as had applied for on 16/3/2021 for drilling locations THAA, TJAA and BRAK. ONGC Ltd, subsequently, had also applied for amendment of the EC on 06.01.2023 for inclusion of 7 (Seven) new drilling locations namely KSAK, MJAA, TLAA, ELAI, DPAB, MJAA and KHBK. Accordingly, amended EC was granted on 17.02.2023.

For the sake of brevity, Resolutions adopted in the SEAC meeting dated 6/2/2021 and dated 20/02/2021 are reproduced below:

### **"Resolution 15/10:**

The project proposal asking EC for "Drilling of 45 exploratory wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat and Golaghat, Assam under Golaghat Forest Division submitted by the ONGC Ltd. is discussed in the meeting. The proponent has given a short power point presentation on the project proposal before the Hon'ble members of the committee elaborating the different activities proposed.

Due discussion is made in presence of the proponent and it is agreed to provide the following additional information pertaining to the proposal for reconsideration of the project.

- Land use land cover map with report and also showing block boundaries of the leases area, and well sites proposed in 1: 50000 map scale.
  - Relief map in the form of shaded relief or classified.
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- Satellite images from which land use map prepared with date of acquisition and block boundary marked.

The PP be requested to furnish the above information at their earliest opportunity.

**Resolution 16/41:**

The project proposal against "Drilling of 45 exploratory wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat and Golaghat, Assam under Golaghat Forest Division proposed by the Oil & Natural Gas Co. Ltd (ONGC) has been discussed in the SEAC meeting. Necessary scrutiny of the documents including the reply of ADS furnished by the proponent are made. After a thread bare discussion the committee approved the proposal for issuance EC incorporating the standard terms and condition applicable in this respect. The proponent shall have to furnish requisite compliance in time and follow the guide line in this respect issued from time to time. "

**Resolution 3/2:**

The PP has applied for amendment of the EC and the requisite documents are submitted on 17.11.2023 comprising of Form 4 (uploaded), the EMP, the PFR and the proponent has also made a brief presentation to that effect. Primarily, the proponent has sought amendment for inclusion of the drilling location B-BR-22 (BR stands for Borholla oilfield) in the EC already granted for 10 locations out of 45 locations on 16.03.2021 and the drilling location B-BR-22 is falling in non-forest land, as released presently. The Geo co-ordinates for B-BR-22: Lat: 26° 26'28.85" Long: 92° 08'30.52".

The Committee after going through the presentation and due consideration of the documents are of the considered opinion to recommend the SEIAA for grant of the amended EC for the particular location in question, falling in non-forest exploratory location viz. **B-BR-22** subject to strict adherence of the general terms and conditions stipulated and as applicable in such projects as per the prevailing guide lines issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol or any direction issued by the competent authority from time to time.



**Agenda item No. 3**

**Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for "Kalain Stone Minor Mineral Unit No. 2" by Trio Stoney Mart (Abdul Latifur Rahman)  
Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/298688/2023 SEIAA.851/2018**

**Resolution No 3/3 :**

The proposal praying modification of EC for mining of stone from "**Kalain Stone Minor Mineral Unit No. 2**" under Karimganj Forest Division proposed by **Md Abdul Latifur Rahman** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 9<sup>th</sup> March' 2018 with validity of 5 (five) years for extraction of 10,000 cu.m Stone, annually. The Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was 6,30, 000 cum in a span of 7 (even) Years, Mining area being 22.50 Ha while the total allotted area under the project was 30 Ha. The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report countersigned by the DFO dated 11.09.2023 is uploaded. On scrutiny it is revealed that the proponent could not extract 14,340 cum of the allotted quota of mineral up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Year and the DFO has recommended for extraction of 20,000 cum in the remaining 2 (two) Years, as stipulated in the EC granted earlier. This is revealed from the report of the DFO, Karimganj Division vide his letter dated 24.02.2023.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The Committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation made in the approved Mining Plan decided to recommend for modification of the EC by the SEIAA approving to extract **20,000 Cu.m. stone** from the proposed mining site within 2 (two) years. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*



It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF & CC as applicable for non manual extraction of mineral .

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Road side, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj shall ensure due vigilance in the mining area to avert any kind of irregularities / illegalities during the mining period. Further, he is requested to ensure that mining be allowed only within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. Accordingly, he shall also ensure marking the boundary of the mining site on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow with the coordinates depicted there in on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan.


#### **Agenda item No. 4**

**Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for "Dirring Sand and Stone Mahal" by Maheswar Basumatary :**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN / 302648/2023, SEIAA.854/2017**

#### **Resolution No 3/4:**

The proposal seeking modification of the EC for mining of sand and stone from " **Dirring Sand and Stone Mahal** " under Baksa Forest Division, Mushalpur proposed by Sri Maheswar Basumatary is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 4<sup>th</sup> April' 2018 with validity of 5 (five) years for extraction of 2,500 cu.m



Sand and 5,000 cum of stone, annually. The Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was 52,500 cum Sand and Stone in a span of 7 (even) Years, Mining area being 4.95 Ha while the total allotted area under the project was also 4.95 Ha. The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report countersigned by the DFO is uploaded. On scrutiny it is revealed that the proponent is yet to extract 5,000 cum of Sand and 10,000 cum of stone from the allotted quota of mineral up to the 7<sup>th</sup> Year. The DFO, Baksa has recommended for extraction of 15,000 cum (Sand and Stone) in the remaining 2 (two) Years vide his report dated 04.04.2023.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation made in the Mining Plan deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification approving to extract (Sand-5,000cum + Stone-10,000 cum) = **15,000 Cu.m. Sand and Stone** from the proposed mining site within 1 (one) year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and in flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF & CC for non manual extraction.

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Baksa shall ensure due vigilance in the



mining area to avert any kind of irregularities/ illegalities during the mining period. Further, he is to ensure that mining be allowed only within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. Accordingly, he shall also ensure marking the boundary of the mining site on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow with the coordinates depicted there in on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan.

**Agenda item No. 5**

**Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for "NKD B 2 Safakama Mining Contract area."**

Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/306238/2023, SEIAA. 875/2018

**Resolution No. 3/5:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of sand and stone from " **NKD B 2 Safakama Mining Contract Area** " under N K Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Sujit Sarkar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 12<sup>th</sup> October' 2018 with validity of 5 (five) years for extraction of **1,000 cu.m** Sand and **2,500 cum** of stone, annually. In the Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was 7,000 cum Sand and 17,500 of Stone in a span of 7 (even) Years, Mining area being 14 Ha while the total allotted area under the project was also 14 Ha. The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report signed by the DFO is uploaded. On scrutiny it is revealed that the proponent is to extract 2,000 cum of Sand and 5,000 cum of stone from the allotted quota of mineral up to the 7<sup>th</sup> Year. The DFO, N K Division, Rangia has recommended for extraction of 15,000 cum (Sand and Stone) in the remaining 2 (two) Years vide his report dated 04.04.2023.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The Committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation made in the Mining Plan deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification approving to extract (Sand-2,000cum + Stone-5,000 cum) = 7,000 Cu.m. Sand and*

*Stone from the proposed mining site within 6(Six) months, the quantity being too meagre. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and in flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF &CC for non manual extraction.

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

The Divisional Forest Officer, N K Division shall ensure due vigilance in the mining area to avert any kind of irregularities during the mining period. Further, he is requested to ensure that mining be allowed only within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. Accordingly, he shall also ensure marking the boundary of the mining site on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow with the coordinates depicted there in on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan.

#### **Agenda item No. 6**

**Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for "M/s UDI Brick Industry" by Uday Das.**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/303214/2023, SEIAA.1678/2021**



**Resolution No. 3/6:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of Brick Earth for " **M/s UDI Brick Industry** " under Kamrup West Division, Bamunigaon proposed by Sri Uday Das is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 13<sup>th</sup> September' 2021 with validity of 2 (two) years for extraction of 3,000 cu.m Brick Earth. The Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was **3,000** cum of Brick Earth from the Mining area being **0.4750** Ha.

The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the Committee. The half yearly compliance report countersigned by the DFO is uploaded. The DFO has recommended for extension of the EC with the status of mining and use of Brick Earth showing a balance of **950** cum. Fresh mining plan prepared by Dr Saptarathi Aich Sarkar with approval of competent authority dated 17.03.2023 for an area of 0.35 Ha, for a period of 2 (two) years, is uploaded.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation made in the Mining Plan deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification of the EC by the SEIAA approving to use **2,450 cum = (950 cum +1,500 cum)** of Brick Earth from the proposed mining site within a period of 1 (one )year. The proponent shall have to obtain the up to date CTE/CTO from the SPCB, Assam and also adopt strictly the **zigzag** technology.*

The DFO will ensure compliance of CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) by way of raising green belt around the area with suitable species of plants or in and around the place eg in public places, Institutions etc as may be decided in consultation with the proponent. The cost for establishment up to its maintenance up to the 5<sup>th</sup> year need to be worked out proportionately for 30% of the area or 2% of the total cost of the project / under the project. This may also be carried out through local organization, NGOs etc as shall be decided by the concerned DFO. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

*The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

**Agenda item No. 7**

**Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance for “BPR bricks” by Anima Boro,**  
**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/305941/2023 (SEIAA.1693/2021)**

**Resolution No. 3/7:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of Brick Earth for “**BPR bricks**” under Kamrup West Division, Bamunigaon proposed by Smti Anima Boro is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 8<sup>th</sup> September’ 2021 with validity of 2 (two) years for extraction of **4,000 cu.m** Brick Earth. The Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was 4,000 cum of Brick Earth from the Mining area being **0.4750 Ha**.

The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report of the proponent is uploaded. The DFO has recommended for extension of the EC with the status of mining and use of Brick Earth showing a balance of **2,000 cum**. Fresh mining plan prepared by Dr Saptarathi Aich Sarkar reportedly with the approval of the competent authority dated 15.03.2023 for an area of **0.6449 Ha**, for a period of 2 (two) years, is not uploaded.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation of the DFO, Kamrup West Division deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification of the EC by the SEIAA approving to use **2,000 cum** of Brick Earth from the proposed mining site within a period of 1 (one ) year **subject***

*to uploading of the approved mining plan with the letter of approval of the Director, Geology and Mining, Govt. Of Assam. The proponent shall also have to obtain the up to date CTE / CTO from the SPCB, Assam and adopt strictly the **zigzag** technology.*

The DFO will ensure compliance of CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) by way of raising green belt around the area with suitable species of plants or in and around the place eg in public places, Institutions etc as may be decided in consultation with the proponent. The cost for establishment up to its maintenance up to the 5<sup>th</sup> year need to be worked out proportionately for 30% of the area or 2% of the total cost of the project / under the project . This may also be carried out through local organizations, NGOs etc as shall be decided by the concerned DFO. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

*The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

#### **Agenda item No. 8**

**Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance for "Nagalbhanga PP land SGB Quarry" under the DFO, Chirang Forest Division, Kajalgaon by Najim Ahmed**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/306404/2023, SEIAA.971/2019**

#### **Resolution No.3/8:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of sand, Gravel, Sand - Gravel and Boulder from "**Nagalbhanga PP land SGB Quarry**" under Chirang Forest Division proposed by Sri Najim Ahmed is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 29<sup>th</sup> February' 2020 with validity of 3 (three) years for extraction of 2,000 cu.m Sand; 6,000 cum of Gravel; 7,500 cum of Sand Gravel and 3,000 cum of Boulder. The Mining Plan, as approved, the minable quantity



shown for extraction was 3,000 cum Sand; 10,000 cum Gravel; 12,000 Sand Gravel and 5,000 of Boulder in a span of 5 (five) Years, Mining area being **4.00** Ha while the total area under the project was also **4.00** Ha.

The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report is signed by the DFO, Chirang Division is uploaded. On scrutiny it is revealed that the proponent is yet to extract **2,900** cum of Sand; **8,400** cum of Gravel; **10,150** cum of Sand- Gravel and **5,000** cum of Boulder from the allotted quota of mineral up to the 3rd Year. The DFO, Chirang has recommended for extraction of the balance quantity in the remaining 2 (two) Years vide his report dated 18.04.2023.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation of the DFO deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification of the EC approving to extract **Sand-2,900 cum ; Gravel-8,400 cum; Sand Gravel-10,150cum and Boulder -5,000 cum** from the proposed mining site within 2 (two) years. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB /MoEF& CC for non manual extraction.

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.



The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Division shall ensure due vigilance in the mining area to avert any kind of irregularities during the mining period. Further, he is to ensure that mining be allowed only within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. Accordingly, he shall also ensure marking the boundary of the mining site on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow with the coordinates depicted there in on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan.

#### **Agenda item No. 9**

**Extension of validity for Environmental Clearance of "Rangmahal PP land Ordinary Earth MPA" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia Proposed by Sirajuddin Sheikh: Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/306404/2023 (SEIAA.971/2019)**

#### **Resolution No. 3/9:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of Ordinary Earth for "**Rangmahal PP land Ordinary Earth MPA**" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Sirajuddin Sheikh is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February' 2021 with validity of 2 (two) years for extraction of 12,000 cu.m of Ordinary Earth. The Mining Plan, as approved, the quantity shown for extraction was 12,000 cum of Brick Earth, Mining area being **0.4856** Ha. The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report countersigned by the DFO is uploaded. The DFO has recommended for extension of the EC with the status of mining and showing the quantum of Ordinary Earth as **12,000** cum. Fresh mining plan prepared by Dr Abhijit Bora with approval of the competent authority dated 30.03.2023 for an area of **0.4856** Ha, for a period of 2 (two) years, is uploaded. The issue has been deliberated thoroughly. *The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation made in the Mining Plan*



*deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for modification of the EC by the SEIAA approving extraction of **12,000 cum** of Ordinary Earth from the proposed mining site within a period of **1 (one)** year.*

*The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.*

#### **Agenda item No.10**

**Extension of validity of the EC for Barkhanajan "Ordinary Clay MPA"**

**Proposed by Babul Boro :**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/301565/2023 (SEIAA.2013/2022)**

#### **Resolution No.3/10:**

The proposal requesting modification of EC for mining of Ordinary Clay from "**Barkhanajan Ordinary Clay MPA**" under N K Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Babul Boro is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The previous EC was granted on 30<sup>th</sup> June' 2022 with validity of 1 (one) year for extraction of 2,650 cu.m of Ordinary Clay. The EC was extended further for a period of 3 (three) months only and was valid up to 30.06.2023.

In the Mining Plan, as approved, the minable quantity shown for extraction was 55,512 cum of Ordinary Clay in 2 (two) years time, mining area being **3.11 Ha** while the total area under the project was **3.24 Ha**.

The records as submitted pertaining to the case by the proponent are placed before the committee. The half yearly compliance report is not authenticated by the DFO, N K Division, Rangia as uploaded by the Proponent.

On scrutiny it is revealed that the proponent is yet to extract the minable quantum of Ordinary Clay within the stipulated time while the validity of the mining plan, as approved, shall expire by **09.01.2024**. The recommendation of the DFO, N K Division allowing extraction of the Ordinary Clay is also found wanting while there is hardly any time left for further modification of the EC due to the very fact of the expiry of the validity of the mining plan by **09.01.2024**.

The issue has been deliberated thoroughly by the august committee and is of the opinion that fresh mining plan is required to be submitted by the proponent, if so advised, for **modification of the EC.**

#### **Agenda item No. 11**

**It is a proposal seeking Terms of Reference (ToR) for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for mining in "Bardanga Sand & Silt / Earth Mining Project" at Beki River Bed Proposed by : Debadib Das, Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/449171/2023 (SEIAA.3599/2023)**

The proponent failed to appear for presentation on the appointed time and date and, therefore, may be listed for next meeting for detailed presentation.

#### **Agenda item- 12**

**It is a proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for "Boleswar Stone Minor Mineral unit No 2D" by the Managing Director, AMDC Ltd:**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/439439/ 2023 (SEIAA.3069/2022)**

#### **Resolution No. 3/12:**

This is a project proposal for grant of the Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect mining of Stone comprising of an area of **6.15** Ha and the area allotted for mining is measuring **6.15** Ha. The approved quantity as per the Mining Plan is **1,50,000** cum of Stone in 5 (five) years. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is granted for 7 (Seven) years on 13.12.2021 by the DFO, Karimganj Division.

The RQP Sri Prabal Kumar Goswami has prepared the Mining Plan, which was duly approved by the Director, Geology and Mining as forwarded on 01.03.2022 showing total quantity of Minor Mineral measuring **1,50,000 cum** in 5 (five) years. As the proposal is falling under the **B-1** category, therefore, standard **ToR** was issued in favour of the Project Proponent by the SEIAA on 23.08.2022 for conducting the EIA study and conduct of public hearing as part of the condition precedent for grant of the EC.

Facts were placed before the august Committee for discussion and deliberations. The Consultant, Indian Mine Planners and Consultants, made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent as mentioned here under:

- a. The NOC from the Water Resources Department regarding any adverse impact for mining operation in the area bounded by the Geo-coordinates;
- b. Name of the Consultant is to be invariably indicated to ensure proper accountability for any misinformation, suppression of material facts;
- c. Plantation proposed appears to be vague in nature which need to be attended with utmost sincerity and care. The proponent shall consult the DFO concerned and come up with a realistic plantation scheme to be carried out with suitable species of plants for the



area. The species of plants may include ***Albizzia lebbeck*** (Kala Siris), Garjan (***Dipterocarpus turbinatus***), Kadam (***Anthocephalus cadamba***), Khakan (***Duabanga grandiflora***), Defol ( ***Garcinia nervosa***), Hilikha (***Terminalia chebula***), Semul (***Bombax ceiba***) etc etc. The expenditures involved up to its establishment (5<sup>th</sup> year of maintenance) need to be worked out and the requisite fund may be made available to the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Karimganj for proper execution in the field and accountability. This needs to be decided by the concerned DFO (s). The total cost of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional) as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

- d. The proponent shall need to take up the CSR activities involving public utility works in nearby villages and upload such works in the portal.
- e. It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained for the extraction of minerals from river beds, flood plains (only for non-manual extraction) from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF &CC .



*The committee after due deliberation and considering the recommendation of the deem it appropriate to recommend the proposal for grant of the EC by the SEIAA approving to extract Stone 1,50,000 cum @ 30,000 cum, annually, from the proposed mining site within a period of 5 (five) years subject to the condition that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates; (b) the active bank of the river is not disturbed / damaged because of mining operation and transportation of mining materials and (c) the proponent is permitted to extract the approved quantity of river bed Stone with maximum mining depth up to 2 (two) meters from the non-mined surface. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all terms and conditions stipulated in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division shall ensure due vigilance in the mining area to avert any kind of irregularities during the mining period. Further, he is to ensure that mining be allowed only within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. Accordingly, he shall also ensure marking the boundary of the mining site on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow with the coordinates depicted there in on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan.

#### **Agenda item- 13**

**It is a proposal for grant of the EC for "Motonga Sand and Stone Mahal No.3" under Baksa Forest Division proposed by Sri Bijay Malakar: Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/448791/2023 (SEIAA.3383/2023)**



### **Resolution No.3/13:**

This is a project proposal for grant of the Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of mining of Sand and Gravel comprising of an area of **10.72 Ha** and the area allotted for mining is measuring **10.10 Ha**. The approved quantity as per the Mining Plan is **35,000 cum** of Sand and **17,500 cum** of Gravel in 7(even) years. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is granted for 7 (Seven) years on **20. 10. 2018** by the DFO, Baksa Division. The DFO has also communicated its settlement order vide letter dated **24.01.2019** for the period from **2019-2026**.

The RQP Dr Abhijit Bora has prepared the Mining Plan which was duly approved by the Director, Geology and Mining showing total production capacity being **21,346 cum** annually (Sand-14,231 cum and Gravel-7,115 cum). As the proposal is falling under the **B-1** category, therefore, standard **ToR** was issued in favour of the Project Proponent by the SEIAA on **14.03.2023** for conducting the EIA study and also conduct of public hearing as part of the condition precedent for grant of the EC.

Facts were placed before the august Committee for discussion and deliberations. The Consultant, **Ultra-Tech** made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The consultant is required to furnish the name with detailed particulars for accountability.

The Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent as mentioned here under:

In the Form No1 uploaded by the Proponent / User Agency, the area in question has been clearly shown as falling under the ***Daranga Reserved Forest*** which is also corroborated by the uploaded KML file. In such cases,



the Forest Clearance from the competent authority in terms of the FC Act, 1980 is a **condition precedent** for processing of the case.

It is, therefore, decided to get a detailed report from the DFO, Baksa to ascertain if the proposed area for mining bounded by the Geo coordinates is falling in the **Daranga RF**. On receipt of the information from the DFO concerned the case at hand could be appropriately dealt and disposed of. At this stage the committee is not inclined to recommend the SEIAA for grant of the EC in favour of the Proponent.

#### **Agenda item No. 14**

**EC for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration Drilling & Testing in OALP Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 in Gohpur Area under Sonitpur District in the State of Assam by Oil India Limited, Proposal No SIA/AS/IND2/432459/2023 (SEIAA.3553/2023)**

#### **Resolution No.3/14:**

Detail presentation was made by the Proponent before the committee and it was informed that the project is falling in the ESZ (6<sup>th</sup> Addition to the KNP) wherein Oil and Gas Exploration activities (Drilling and Testing) are proposed (9.8km away from the boundary of the park).

The proponent was asked to get clarifications as to the status of the ESZ in the area covering the 6<sup>th</sup> Addition of the KNP in terms of the directives passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in **I.A.No.1000 of 2003** dated **03.06.2022** and to come up to the SEAC / SEIAA, if so advised.

#### **Agenda item No. 15**

**This is a project for grant of the EC for expansion of the Commercial cum Residential Project "Galaxy Mixed Use Development" at Village-Barsajai, Mouza- Beltola, Guwahati, Assam by M/s Galaxy Infra Creations Pvt Ltd.**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/INFRA2/449385/2023 (SEIAA.3596/2023)**

### Resolution No. 3/15:

This is a project where the Environmental Clearance was earlier granted by the SEIAA vide letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, where in the plot area was **28,810 Sq.m** and the **Built up Area** was **1,01,720 Sq.m**. Subsequently, the Proponent also had obtained the CTE for **Mall and Hotel** from the SPCB, Assam vide letter dated 15.10.2022 and letter dated 26.10.2022, respectively.

The proposed expansion of the project would involve increase in the land area which measure **29,435.99 Sq.m** and the **Built up** area will be **1,58,259.95 Sq. m**. It is on record that during the period of non existence of the state SEIAA / SEAC the Project Proponent had applied for **ToR** and the MoEF & CC, Gol granted the standard **ToR** on **21.09.2023**.

Records were placed before the august committee for detail appraisal and deliberations. The consultant, Grass Roots Research and Creation India (P) Ltd made detailed presentations explaining the ToR compliance, reports submitted for the **EMP** and the **EIA** study including other requirements e.g. NOCs from the GMDA, CGWA including the CTE / CTO from the SPCB, Assam.

The committee is of the opinion that the **Green Belt** proposed to be developed should be in **Miyawaki Model**, preferably, and be developed under the direct supervision and guidance of an independent agency / professional. The plants should, preferably, be of aesthetic nature and also of medicinal value with mixture of herbs, shrubs, tree species of evergreen nature and mostly indigenous to the state of Assam. The choice of species of plants, if so advised, be :

- i. Joba- *Hibiscus rosa sinensis*
- ii. Sewali/ Parijat- *Nyctanthes arbor tris tis*
- iii. Asoca- *Saraca asoca*
- iv. Kamini Kusum- *Murraya paniculata*
- v. Sajina- *Moringa oleifera*
- vi. Mohaneem- *Azadirachta indica*
- vii. Bakul- *Mimosops elengi*
- viii. Bok phul- *Sesbania grandiflora*
- ix. Giloy- *Tinospora cordifolia*

- x. Bael- *Aegle marmelos*
- xi. *Araceae* member (Climber)
- xii. *Sansevieria* spp
- xiii. *Ocimum sanctum*-Tulsi
- xiv. *Aloe vera* etc, etc,

The committee also opined that all the conditions stipulated in the standard ToR are duly complied with during operational period and the conditions as stipulated above besides conditions laid down in the EC granted earlier by the SEIAA, Assam in this respect. The august committee is of the considered opinion that the project proponent furnishes the NOC / due permission from the GMC within a reasonable period of time for grant of the EC, accordingly, by the SEIAA.

#### **Agenda Item No. 16**

**Proposal seeking EC for "Alengamari Village Patta Land Stone, Sand and Sand Gravel Mining Permit Area" proposed by Sri Sansuma Baumatary under Baksa Forest Division,  
Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/408265/2022 (SEIAA. 3273/2022)**

#### **Resolution No 3/16:**

The proposal was placed before the Committee on 30.10.2023 ( 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting) and deliberations were made. The Committee was pleased to seek additional documents containing clarifications from the proponent.

For the sake of brevity, the Resolution taken is reproduced below for recapitulation as under:

"The august committee was apprised about the very location of the proposed mining area falling in river bed, and *prima facie* it appears to be Govt. land. The report showing the status of land is furnished by the Range Officer serving under the Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve. The




Range Officer is not competent to vouchsafe the status of land in as much as the jurisdictional area is falling under the Baksa Forest Division and not under the Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve.

The committee is of the considered view to remand the case to the DFO, Baksa Division who shall conduct due Joint verification of the area with competent authorities, upload the Joint Verification Report (JVR) by the proponent for consideration and approval preferably in the next meeting for grant of the EC by the SEIAA. The DFO shall also forward the copy of the JVR to this office affirming the status of the land in question."

The proposal was discussed in the earlier meeting and asked for certain clarification being additional information. Necessary reply on ADS has been received on 17.11.2023 and discussed.

*The committee after examination of the clarification and after deliberation opined to recommend the proposal approving to extract **10,000 cum** stone , **5,000 cum** Sand & **5,000 cum** Sand- Gravel within a period of 2 (two) years from the proposed mining site subject to the condition that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates (b) the active bank of the river is not disturbed / damaged because of mining operation and transportation of mining materials and (c) the proponent is permitted to extract the approved quantity of river bed Stone, Sand-Gravel and Sand with maximum mining depth up to 2 ( two) meters from the non-mined surface.*

*It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF &CC in case of non-manual extraction.*



*This is subject to the fact that the project proponent submits the NOC / Certificate from the respective authorities on the above requirements for due grant of the EC by the SEIAA immediately.*

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Baksa Forest Division will ensure due surveillance and monitoring to guard against occurrence of irregularities during mining operation. He will further ensure that mining is allowed only within the approved mining area and not beyond the limit of the same, and accordingly he is asked to arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground by fixing pillars, painted yellow, inscribing the Geo-coordinates there on as per the approved mining plan, before allowing actual operation. The DFO is to ensure necessary compliance of all the terms and conditions stipulated in the EC by the proponent in course of mining operation.



**Agenda Item No 17:**

**Proposal seeking EC for " Patta Land Mining Permit Area for Sand and Sand Gravel at Phaneng NC Village " proposed by Sri Prahlad Sonowal under Digboi Forest Division.**

**Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/288176/2022 (SEIAA. 3353/2023)**

**Resolution No 3 /17:**

The proposal was placed before the committee on 03.03.2023 and deliberations were made. The Committee was pleased to seek additional documents containing clarifications from the proponent. For the sake of brevity the Resolution taken is reproduced below for recapitulation as under:

**" Resolution 56/25**

The proposal asking EC for mining of sand from the **"Patta Land Mining Permit Area for Sand and Sand Gravel at Phaneng NC Village"** under Digboi Forest Division proposed by **Sri Prahlad Sonowal** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Project area as proposed 0. 277 Ha of Patta land. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 30th March' 2022 is discussed in detail. Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide latter dated 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 is deliberated. On scrutiny of the land records it is observed the proponent of the project is "Sammanaya Self Help Group" where as the proposed land belongs to one Tileswar Sonowal under Dag No. 339 and Patta No. 10. One Sri Prahalad Sonowal has submitted application for grant of the EC. Due deliberation is held and the committee requires the following additional information / documents.

(a)NOC from the actual Pattadar.

(b)Resolution adopted by the "Sammanaya Self Help Group" for the proposed mining with due certification by the President & Secretary of the SHG. "

*As apparent from the above the proponent was asked for certain clarifications being additional information. Necessary reply on ADS have been received and placed again for discussion in the meeting. The committee examined the report and being satisfied with the replies opined to recommend the proposal for grant of the EC approving to extract 3,503 cum Sand and Sand-Gravel within a period of 1(one) year strictly following all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan subject to the condition that that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates .*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi Forest Division will ensure due surveillance against occurrence of irregularities during mining operation. He will further ensure that mining is allowed only within the approved mining area and not beyond the limit of the same, and accordingly he is to arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground by fixing pillars before allowing actual operation. The DFO is to ensure necessary compliance of all the terms and conditions laid down in the EC by the proponent in course of mining operation.

#### **Agenda item- 18**

**Proposal seeking EC for " Bherbheri P.P. land sand Mining Permit Area " proposed by Sri Durgeswar Rabha under Kamrup West Forest Division  
Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/ 424541/2023 (SEIAA.3440/2023)**

#### **Resolution No 3/18:**

The proposal was placed before the committee on 03.06.2023 and deliberations were made. The Committee was pleased to seek additional documents containing clarifications from the proponent. For the sake of brevity the Resolution taken is reproduced below for recapitulation as under:



**" Resolution 62/13:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary Sand from the **"Bherbheri P.P. land Sand Mining Permit Area"** under Kamrup West Forest Division proposed by **Sri Durgeswar Rabha** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. proposed mining area is 0.30 Ha located on the Patta land under Dag. No. 55 of Patta No. 3 in the name of Sri Durgeswar Rave s/o late Bahiram Rava at village Bherbheri of Chaygaon Revenue Circle. Necessary documents are examined and deliberated. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023 is discussed in detailed. Recommendation of the DFO, Kamrup West Division communicated vide letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 is also discussed. On examining the documents furnished by the proponent it is seen that mining plan is prepared on the land under Dag. No. 55 & patta No. 3 whereas trace map of two other locations under Dag No. 20 and 5 have been furnished. The JVR conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022 has clearly mentioned that Non Agriculture Land Certificate is required. The NOC issued by both the Villagers & VLMCC is seen. The NOC issued by the Agriculture Devl. Officer, Chaygaon Circle on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is examined and it will not serve the purpose. Due deliberation is held and **the committee requires proper Non Agriculture Land Certificate being ADS issued by the competent Revenue Officials for further processing of the project proposal."**

As will be apparent on the face of facts the proposal was discussed in the earlier meeting and after threadbare discussions the Committee was pleased to ask for clarifications on vital issues concerning the ownership of land and also regarding the certificate as to the status of being non-agricultural land as additional information. Necessary reply on the ADS have been received from the project proponent and discussed in the meeting. The Committee after detail deliberation was pleased to recommend the proposal for the grant of the EC approving to extract **2466 cum sand-** *within a period of 1(one) year strictly following all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan subject to*



*the condition that that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates.*

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup West Forest Division** will ensure due surveillance against occurrence of irregularities during mining operation. She will further ensure that mining is allowed only within the approved mining area and not beyond the limit of the same, and accordingly she is to arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground by fixing pillars before allowing actual operation. The DFO is also to ensure necessary compliance of all the terms and conditions stipulated in the EC by the proponent in course of mining operation.

**Agenda Item No - 19**

**Proposal seeking EC for " Chukrungbari Village Patta Land Sand-Gravel and Gravel Mining Permit Area " proposed by Sri Mithun Basumatary under Baksa Forest Division,  
Proposal No SIA/AS/MIN/ 414516/2023 (SEIAA.3389/2023)**

**Resolution No 3/19:**

The proposal was placed before the committee on 18.03.2023 and deliberations were made. The Committee was pleased to seek additional documents containing clarifications from the proponent.

For the sake of brevity the Resolution taken is reproduced below for recapitulation as quoted here under:

**" Resolution 57/20:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand, Sand-gravel & Gravel from the **"Chukrungbari Village Patta Land Sand Gravel and Gravel Mining Permit Area"** under Baksa Division of BTC proposed by Sri MithunBasumatary is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Proposed area is 4.75 hect on patta land & located on the river



bed. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022 is discussed. Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022 and 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022 is discussed. Necessary documents submitted by the proponent along with the proposal are examined and discussed. Approval of the CHD, BTC dated 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2022 and Circle Officer, Jalah Revenue Circle's report dated 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 along with report of JVR dated 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 is also deliberated. It is observed the proposed land comes under patta land comprising five Nos. of Dag of 4 different Pattas. The trace map issued by the revenue official do not match with the map of the proposed mine site. Necessary documents relating to Class of the patta land proposed for mining has not been furnished. The map shows that the proposed mine site is located absolutely on the river bed whereas land documents speaks that these are patta land. Suitable clarification is required regarding the status of the proposed land from the concerned & competent Revenue Officials for further processing of the proposal.

***The proponent is requested to furnish necessary additional information/ documents (ADS) as discussed above for taking further needful action."***

The instant proposal was discussed in the earlier meeting and the committee deemed it necessary to call for clarifications pertaining to land documents being additional information. Necessary reply to the ADS have been received and placed for discussion in the meeting. The committee examined the reports containing the documents and after detail deliberation was pleased to recommend the proposal for issue of the EC approving to extract 3,000 cum sand, 2,000 cum Sand- Gravel and 10,000 cu.m Gravel within a period of 1(one) year from the proposed mining site subject to the condition that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates (b) the active bank of the river is not disturbed / damaged because of mining operation and transportation of



mining materials and (c) the proponent is permitted to extract the approved quantity of river bed Gravel, Sand-Gravel and Sand with maximum mining depth up to 2 (two) meters from the non-mined surface.

It also came to light during the course of discussion, as has been pointed out by the Member Secretary, SEAC that for mining in river beds and flood plains the Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate (CTE / CTO) are essentially required to be obtained from the State PCB in terms of the guidelines circulated by the CPCB / MoEF & CC in case of non-manual extraction.

This is subject to the fact that the project proponent submits the NOC / Certificate from the respective authorities on the above requirements for due grant of the EC by the SEIAA immediately.

Further, the Proponent shall have to undertake CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) amounting to 2% of the total cost of the project by way of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional), works of public utility as shall be decided by the concerned DFO involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations etc. Such activities need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted half yearly.

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Baksa Forest Division** will ensure due surveillance against commission of irregularities / illegalities during mining operation. He will further ensure that mining is allowed only within the approved mining area and not beyond the limit of the same, and accordingly he is requested to arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground by fixing pillars before allowing actual operation. The DFO is to ensure necessary compliance of all the terms and conditions laid down in the EC by the proponent in course of mining operation.

#### **Agenda item No. 20**

"The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth from the **"Borkhat Village Ordinary Earth Mining Permit Area"** under Kamrup East Forest Division Basistha, Guwahati proposed by **Clean Air Realtors Private Limited** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation.



Meeting date: 6/5/2023

**"Resolution 60/16:**

The proposed project area is on patta land under Dag No. 105,50,43, 244 of patta No. 2,24,29 & 30 in two different blocks under Sonapur Revenue Circle. Necessary JVR is conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 is deliberated. Recommendations of the concerned DFO vide letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are also discussed. Required land documents i.e copy of Jamabandi etc. have not been furnished except record of Dag No 43 & patta No. 29 which is also classified as agriculture land.

***The committee after necessary deliberation ask the proponent to furnish all detail documents relating to the Patta land involved along with Non-Agricultural Land certificate issued by the competent Revenue Authority for further processing the proposal."***

*On receipt of the replies furnished by the Proponent, the matter was listed for presentation by the Project Proponent. The Proponent was eager to make a presentation on the entire project which the committee welcomed. The Proponent himself preferred to make the presentation to acquaint the committee adequately about the uniqueness of the project in view of the climate resilience activities to adequately set up as a model for posterity of human being.*

*Due discussions are held and the committee desired to have specific additional information / clarification for consideration and further advancement of the case for grant of the EC by the SEIAA.*

*The proponent is asked to furnish the following information / clarification at the earliest for further processing of the proposal expeditiously:*

- A. NOC from the District Commissioner for allowing Earth Cutting in the proposed Mining Site;*
- B. Non -Agricultural Land Certificate relating to the proposed mining site under Dag. 105,50,43,44 Patta No-24,29,30 is required as issued by the competent authority in the Revenue Department.*



*Requisite land documents are required to be reconciled and the NOCs are produced for further consideration by the SEAC / SEIAA in due course.*

The meeting is ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



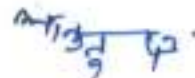
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SEAC, Assam**

**Dated . 12/ 12/2023**

**Memo No. SEIAA.33/2013/Pt.-I -A**

Copy to:

- 1) The Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Assam for favour of kind information.
- 2) The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Assam for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- 3) All Members, SEAC, Assam for favour of kind information.
- 4) Concerned DFO for their information and needful action and compliance.
- 5) Accountant cum Cashier of the office of the SEIAA, Assam for his information.
- 6) Office copy for each proposal in question.



**Member secretary,  
SEAC, Assam**