



MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 23-07-2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING OWING TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The following members of the JKEIAA attended the session via video conferencing:

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.) | Chairman, JKEIAA |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS | Member Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held 15th, 16th and 20th July 2020, convened vide endtt No:EAC/JK/20/1246/59 dated 18-07-2020 & No.EAC/JK/20/1410-24 dated 22-07-2020, the meeting of JKEIAA was held on 23-07-2020 at 11:00 AM via video conference.

The agenda wise proceedings of the meeting are as under: -

Agenda Item No.1.

Illegal extraction of river bed material (Mining Projects)

The JKEAC has taken note of the news items circulating in the print and social media over the last fortnight relating to large scale illegal exploitation of river bed material in different streams of the Union Territory reportedly going on unchecked without any Environmental Clearance. JKEAC has also expressed concern on the non-availability of any authentic replenishment data, sketchy District survey reports as well as various other issues. Accordingly, JKEIAA accepts following recommendations of JKEAC:

1. Issuance of strict advisories to the Director, Geology & Mining, J&K to check illegal mining without valid EC at appropriate level.
2. The Director, Geology & Mining, J&K to conduct replenishment studies of all basins across UT proposed for extraction of minor minerals.
3. The Director, Geology & Mining, J&K should complete comprehensive EIA studies on catchment basis at the earliest.

4. A policy framework to be prepared by the Director, Geology & Mining, J&K in consultation with other stakeholders, for extraction of minerals by Govt. Departments/PSUs
5. To avoid delays, the Geology & Mining Department, J&K should obtain NOC's in totality from concerned departments instead of project proponents approaching individually for NOC. Alternately, the Department of Geology & Mining may facilitate securing NOCs from stakeholder departments.
6. Issue Public Notices elucidating the procedure for grant of EC under various categories of projects and publicize checklist of documents required, which shall be publicized through print media for general information and guidance of the minor mineral block allottees.
7. Limit issue of EC from five years to 3 years with provision for extension by another 2 years after assessing environmental issues arising out of the mining activity. This assumes importance in absence of replenishment studies and comprehensive EIA at catchment level.

Decision: The Member Secretary, JKEIAA shall take follow-up action on the recommendations accepted by the authority.

Agenda Item No: 02

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S ADARSH BUILDESTATE LTD (Group Housing Project "Palm Riviera") 5th Floor Global Business Square Building No 32 sec 44, Institutional area, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIS/134510/2020

Title of the Case: Application for Environment Clearance for Group Housing Project "Palm Riviera" on plot measuring 8542.82 sq. m located at khewat no. 145, khata no.322 min., khasra no. 136 min, Village- Sidhra, Tehsil & District- Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir promoted by Adarsh Build estate Limited.

The Authority upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC regarding the plans proposed by the consultant but desired that the project proponent must strictly spend the funds in consultation with local community representatives and local officers of the concerned line departments with necessary checks and balances to be ensured by the enforcing agencies, particularly, J&K Pollution Control Committee to which the project proponent shall submit a requisite bank guarantee.

As mentioned in the minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA dated 10-03-2020, the authority reiterates that the amount of environmental cost, CSR and CER is quite substantial, the implementation of the EMP (planning, implementation, utilization and monitoring) should be done under overall supervision of the

District Administration. Additionally, the project proponent shall install solar water heaters in identified schools as a demonstration of green technology awareness among the student community. Besides, barbed wire proposed over compound wall in Govt. Middle School, Majeen be supplemented with live hedges or any other environmentally friendly material.

Accordingly, the authority agreed to accord environmental clearance in favor of the project proponent.

Agenda Item No: 03

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S IND SWIFT LABORATORIES LTD. Proposal No: SIA/JK/IND2/152747/2020.

Title of the Case: Grant of Environment Clearance for Expansion of M/S Ind Swift Laboratories Ltd. located at SIDCO Industrial Growth Center, Phase 1, Tehsil Samba, Distt. Samba, Jammu & Kashmir.

In view of the clarification from the MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi, vide communication bearing No. F No. 22-25/2020/IA.III dated 15th of May, 2020 whereunder the Scientist(F)/Director, MoEF&CC, GoI has clarified to the Gujarat State Expert Appraisal Committee in a similar case, the JKEIA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC regarding waiving off of the pertinent specific condition No.1 recorded in the minutes of meeting issued vide JKEAC No: JKEAC/JK/2020/950-64 dated: 20/06/2020 and Authority agreed to accord Environmental clearance in favor of the project proponent.

Agenda Item No: 04.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S J&K Minerals Ltd. (A J&K Govt. Undertaking) 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu, J&K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/160022/2020

Title of the Case: Grant of Environment Clearance for "Minor Mineral (River Bed Material)" Block No-1/10 (3.54ha), River Suran Downstream Madana Bridge Village- Madana, Tehsil- Poonch, District- Poonch, State- J & K.

The said mining block 1/10 allotted to JK Minerals Ltd., forms a cluster with another mining block No.25, as per MOEF&CC guidelines, and therefore, it needs to be treated under B-1 category. As such, the project proponent, be advised to apply either jointly with the project proponent of the mining block No.25 or JK Minerals Ltd., may apply for TOR and E.C. individually as per convenience under the relevant category B-1 as per procedure and rules in vogue. Accordingly, the authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC.

Agenda Item No: 05.

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of M/S J&K Minerals Ltd., a J&K Government undertaking 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu J&K proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/160458/2020

Title of the case:- Grant of Environmental clearance for minor mineral (River Bed Material) Block no.5/28 Jad Khad Upstream Jourian Bridge Area 4.58 Ha Village Dhok Khalsa Tehsil Akhnoor District Jammu.

The Authority upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of Environmental clearance in favour of the project subject to the general & specific conditions as laid down by the JKEAC in their Minutes of the meeting held on 20-07-2020.

Agenda Item No: 06.

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of M/S J&K Minerals Ltd., (A J&K Government undertaking)5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu J&K Proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/160830/2020

Title of the case:- Grant of Environmental clearance for minor mineral(River Bed Material) Block no.1 Tawi River, upstream, Salmeh Bridge, District Udhampur are 4.24 ha. Village Jakhen Tehsil & District Udhampur J&K

The Authority upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of Environmental clearance in favour of the project subject to the general & specific conditions as laid down by the JKEAC in their Minutes of the meeting held on 20-07-2020.

Agenda Item No:7

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of J&K PCC Ltd., Rail Head Complex, Jammu (TAWI), Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/162899/2020.

Title of the Case: Grant of Environment Clearance for Jad khad River Bed Mining Project under Block No. 5/27 of Area 3.8 Hectare at Village- Jadh, Tehsil Jourian, District-Jammu Union Territory- J&K, India.

The Authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC regarding cluster certificate issued by the Geology & Mining Department vide letter No. 866/MCC/DGM/JKPCC/20/1375-76 dated 11/07/2020, whereunder it has been stated that the minor mineral block No. 5/27 lies at a distance of 737 m from one mining block and 155 m from another mining block and also observed that as per MoEF&CC guidelines, the mining block forms a cluster with another

mining block at a distance of 155m and therefore qualifies to be treated under B1 category under cluster approach where EIA/EMP and Public Hearing is mandatory as per rules and standing guidelines.

Accordingly, the project proponent is advised to apply either jointly with the project proponent of mining block 5/27 or JKPCCL may apply individually for ToR and EC, under the relevant category B1 as per procedure and rules in vogue.

Agenda Item No:8

Grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) in favour of J&K PCC Ltd., Rail Head Complex, Jammu (TAWI), Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54583/2020.

Title of the case: Proposed River Bed Material Mine near Pallai Devta bridge in Tawi River, Block 05 at Udhampur with an area of 8.7 ha.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC for issuance of standard Terms of Reference to project proponent.

Agenda Item No:9

Grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) in favour of J&K PCC Ltd., Rail Head Complex, Jammu (TAWI), Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54586/2020.

Title of the Case: Proposed Mining Minor Mineral Block 2/3 Project of Area 9.8 Hectare at District-Samba, Jammu Kashmir (Union Territory).

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC for issuance of standard Terms of Reference to project proponent.

Agenda Item No:10

Grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) in favour of J&K Minerals Ltd, 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu, J&K. Proposal No: IA/JK/MIN/546

Title of the Case: Proposed River Bed Mineral area 9.57 Ha located at Block No: 05/1, River Chenab, District Jammu.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC for issuance of standard Terms of Reference to project proponent.

Agenda Item No:11

Grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) in favour of J&K Minerals Ltd, 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu, J&K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54678/2020.

Title of the Case: Proposed River Bed Mineral area 9.11 Ha located at Block No: 1/12, River Devak, District Samba.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC for issuance of standard Terms of Reference to project proponent.

Agenda Item No.12.

Extension of Environmental clearance of Short-term permits (STPs) in favour of M/S Konkon Railway Corporation Ltd., under following proposal numbers: -

- 1.SIA/JK/MIN/147805/2020 Kheral Nallah-I Reasi
- 2.SIA/JK/MIN/147812/2020 Kheral Nallah-II Reasi
- 3.SIA/JK/MIN/147387/2020 Chenab River Village Heemna I, Reasi.
4. SIA/JK/MIN/147807/2020 Chenab River Village Heemna II, Reasi.

The JKEIAA had already issued Environmental clearance of Short-term permits (STPs) for five projects for a period of one month in favour of M/S Konkon Railway Corporation Ltd. Now, the said project proponent has applied for grant of three months extension in the mining operations for the above four proposals vide communication No:KR/PD/J&K/Dy.CE/R&T/State Govt. dated 18-07-2020 and recommended by the Department of Geology and Mining, J&K vide No:JDJ/KRCL/PE/2019-20/1517-1518 dated: 07-07-2020. Therefore, keeping in view the importance of the project, progress of which is being monitored on Pragati Portal, the authority approves the extension of EC of Short-Term Permit (STP) for period of 3 months from the issue of minutes of this meeting.

Agenda item No. 13: (Additional Agenda by the permission of Chair)

The JKEAC made certain recommendations regarding documentation at various levels by the project proponent for grant of Environmental Clearances communicated vide minutes of meeting dated:18-07-2020, as given below:

“the JKEIAA may consider informing MOEF&CC about the state of affairs of the documentation by NABET / QCI accredited consultants in absence of any NABET/QCI accredited consultant in UT of J&K and the hardships the PP’s are facing in finding a competent consultant with local/field knowledge. It further recommended to allow the non NABET/QCI accredited local institutions like Jammu University, Kashmir University,

National Institute of Technology, Central University of Kashmir, Central University of Jammu, University of Agricultural Sciences, Jammu/Srinagar to present the cases of PP's seeking EC/TOR or alternatively make it mandatory of Non-local NABET/QCI accredited consultants to tie up with local functional area experts /professionals /consultants/ domain experts for improving the technical content of the EIA/EMP/ Prefeasibility reports and other technical documents lacking local knowledge."

The Authority observed that at present there is no procedure/framework to involve local institutions like universities, which regularly undertake technical studies such as EIA/EMP. Accordingly, the member secretary is advised to approach MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi to consider developing a framework, where such institutions can be involved in field work, especially for EIA/EMP. The authority also advised member secretary JKEIAA to issue reprimand to the defaulting consultants, as recommended by JKEAC.

Sd/-

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Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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