

**STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC),**

**ASSAM.**

3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,  
ASSAM. BAMUNIMADAM, GUWAHATI- 781021

Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held at 5-00 p.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at the Upper Bungalow, Mathanguri, Manas National Park.

***List of the members present in the meeting:***

<b><i>Sl no.</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Designation</i></b>	<b><i>Signature</i></b>
1	Sri S. K. Seal Sarma,	Chairman, SEAC	Sd/-
2	Prof. P K Saikia.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
3	Prof. Sarat Phukan	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
4	Prof. B.P. Duarah	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
5	Dr. G. C. Sarma.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-

At the onset the Chairman, SEAC, Assam welcome all the members present in the meeting held outside Guwahati. The Chairman stated the objectives of the meeting and started the proceedings. The meeting opened for deliberation as per the agenda items:

**Agenda item- 1. Confirmation of the resolutions adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC, Assam.**

**Resolution 17/1:**

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC, Assam held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 was placed before the Hon'ble Members for their perusal and discussion. Due discussion is held and the committee approved the minutes unanimously.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- I. EC for collection of Ordinary Earth from "Mora Bharali Earth MPA (Plot-D)" under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/S S.P Single Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA.1629/2021(Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIS/193964/2020)***

**Resolution 18/2:**

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth/silt from "Mora Bharali Earth MPA (Plot-D)" under Sonitpur West Division, Tezpur proposed by M/S. S.P Single Pvt. Ltd. is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Necessary scrutiny of the documents submitted by the proponent is made. Due discussion on the proposal is also held. After thorough discussion the committee recommended for approval of the proposal to excavate 50000 cu.m ordinary earth/ silt from the proposed location within two years. The committee has also approved to excavate 25000 cu.m ordinary earth/ silt from the approved location per year strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur West Division, Tezpur is requested to allow mining only at the approved site and not beyond the limit of the approved site. He is also requested to ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period.



**Agenda item- 2.**

- 2. Proposal of EC for Collection of Brick earth from “Boritika Gaon Brick Earth MPA” under Majuli (T) Division proposed by Sri Mukhtar Prasad. (SEIAA.1392/2020, (Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIN/149748/2020)**

**Resolution 18/3:**

The proposal asking EC for mining of brick earth from “Boritika Gaon Brick Earth MPA” under Majuli (T) Division proposed by Sri Mukhtar Prasad is deliberated in the SEAC meeting. Due scrutiny is made of the documents furnished by the proponent including the reply of ADS. After necessary deliberation the committee recommended for approval of the proposal to excavate *28100 cu.m brick earth from the approved site within two years*. Accordingly, *14050 cu.m* brick earth is approved to mine *annually* strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Division will ensure due monitoring on the mining operation to check occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. Further, he will allow mining only at the approved site within the specified period of mining as approved in the EC.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 3. Proposal asking EC for extraction of ordinary earth from “Maliata Earth Mining Permit Area” under Kamrup East Division, Basistha proposed by Anil Das. (SEIAA.1657/2021) (Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIS/197954/2020)**

**Resolution 18/4:**

The proposal requesting EC for mining of ordinary earth from “Maliata Earth Mining Permit Area” under Kamrup East Division, Basistha proposed by Anil Das is placed before the table for discussion. The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the proponent and after due deliberation the committee recommended for approval of mining of *6540 cu.m ordinary earth from the proposed location within two years*. The *annual extractable quantity of ordinary earth 3270 cu.m* is approved and the proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

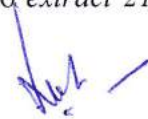
The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Division, Basistha will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. The DFO will allow mining only at the approved site and not beyond limit of the approved location.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 4. Proposal asking extension of EC for collection of Sand & Gravel from “Singra River MCA” under Lakhimpur Forest Division Sri Bhaben Bailung. (SEIAA.1720/2021) (Proposal No. SIA/AS/MIN/189238/2020)**

**Resolution 18/5:**

The proposal for extension the validity of the EC against mining of sand, gravel and boulder from “Singra River MCA” under Lakhimpur Forest Division Sri Bhaben Bailung is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Scrutinized the records submitted in support of the proposal. After due discussion and considering the approved mining plan as well as recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Division, the committee recommended the extension proposal to *extract 215 cu.m sand;*





365 cu.m gravel and 365 cu. m boulder from the approved site within 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 i.e till ends the validity of the mining contract. The proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Division will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 5. Proposal asking EC for Collection of Ordinary Earth from “Morabharali Earth MPA (Plot-3) under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/s S. P. Singla Construction Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA.1603/2021(Proposal No. SIA/AS/MIN/193691/2020)**

**Resolution 18/6:**

The proposal requesting EC for mining of ordinary earth from “Morabharali Earth MPA (Plot-3) under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/s S. P. Singla Construction Pvt. Ltd. is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Due deliberation is held and after scrutinizing the documents furnished by the proponent the committee recommended for approval of the proposal considering the recommendation of the DFO concerned and approved mining plan to extract 50904 cu.m ordinary earth from the proposed site within two years. Accordingly, annual extractable quantity of ordinary earth 25452 cu.m is approved by the committee while the proponent shall have to strictly adhere to the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur West Division, Tezpur will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. The DFO, Sonitpur West Division is requested not to allow mining beyond the limit of the approved location.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 6. Proposal of EC for collection of Sand Gravel & Boulder from “Nowagagaoi P.P. Land Sand Gravel & Boulder Quarry” under Chirang Forest Division by Roshid Mandal SEIAA.1312/2020 (Proposal No. SIA/AS/MIS/157193/2020).**

**Resolution 18/7:**

The proposal asking EC for mining of sand, gravel and boulder from “Nowagagaoi P.P. Land Sand Gravel & Boulder Quarry” under Chirang Forest Division proposed by Roshid Mandal is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Scrutinized the records furnished along with the proposal. Necessary scrutiny of the fresh Mining Plan along with reply of ADS is also maid. Though the proponent has applied for five years but the fresh mining plan is made for two years. Considering the above discussion, the committee recommended for approval the proposal to extract 15000 cu.m sand, 8000 cu.m gravel and 5000 cu.m boulder from the proposed location within two years. The annual extractable quantity of mining material sand 7500 cu.m., 4000 cu.m gravel and 2500 cu.m boulder is approved by the SEAC committee. The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Forest Division will ensure necessary surveillance on the mining operation to check occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. The DFO is also requested to allow mining only at the approved site and not beyond the limit of the proposed site.



**Agenda item- 2.**

7. **Proposal of EC for mining of Ordinary Earth from “Morabharali Earth MPA (Plot-C) under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/s S. P. Singla Construction Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA.1604/2021 (Proposal No.SIA/AS/ MIN/193782/2020)**

**Resolution 18/8:**

The proposal requesting EC for mining of ordinary earth from “Morabharali Earth MPA (Plot-C) under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/s S. P. Singla Construction Pvt.is deliberated in the SEAC meeting. Requisite scrutiny of the documents furnished in support of the proposal is made. Due discussion is held and the committee recommended for approval of the proposal for mining of 64548cu.m ordinary earth from the proposed location *within two years*. The *annual mineable quantity* of ordinary earth is approved 32274 cu.m. The proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan. Further, as per the NOC issued by the DM, Sonitpur, Tezpur the *depth of excavation is approved restricting up to 1.5-meter depth*.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur West Division, Tezpur will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that the mining is allowed at the approved site only.

**Agenda item- 2.**

8. **Proposal of EC for extraction of Stone from “Hongthor Adong P. P. Land Stone MPA” under Karbi Anglong East Division by Gawar-Singh (JV) SEIAA.1402/2020 (Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIS/168712/2020).**

**Resolution 18/9:**

The proposal asking EC against mining of stone from Hongthor Adong P. P. Land Stone MPA” under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Gawar-Singh (JV) is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Necessary scrutiny of the documents submitted in support of the proposal is made. Detail deliberation is held and the committee recommended for approval of the proposal for mining of 240000 cu.m. stone from the proposed location *within two years*. The GPS coordinates provided in the approved mining plan indicate that the point No.1 falls on the nearby road. Hence, *a minimum 15 mt. distance be kept as non-mining zone between the road and proposed mining area i.e from point No. 1.* The committee approved for mining of 120000 cu.m stone per year from the approved location. The proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

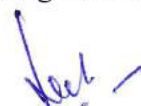
The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities and to monitor that mining be done only at the approved site and not beyond the limit of the approved site.

**Agenda item- 2.**

9. **Proposal of 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) SEIAA.1295/2020 (SIA/AS/IND2/142889/2020)**

**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 been 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.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 10. Proposal of EC for exploration in Forest Area in Upper Assam Self(South) in the District of Jorhat and Golaghat, Assam proposed by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) (SEIAA.1296/2020) (Proposal no. SIA/AS/ IND2/143045/2020)**

**Resolution 18/11:**

The proposal requesting EC for exploration in Forest Area in Upper Assam Self (South) in the District of Jorhat and Golaghat, Assam proposed by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. is thoroughly discussed 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 (KSAD, KSAH, KSAE & KSAI) *subject to the condition that the above-mentioned report & satellite image shall have to be furnished before the Authority within two weeks' time.*

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.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 11. Proposal of EC for mining of Ordinary Earth from "Narikuchi-Bilpar P.P land Ordinary Earth MPA" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia proposed by Chandan Deka. SEIAA1641/2021 (Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIS/195268/2020)**

**Resolution 18/12:**

The proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth from "Narikuchi-Bilpar P.P land Ordinary Earth MPA" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia proposed by Chandan Deka is thoroughly discussed in the SEAC meeting. Necessary scrutiny of the documents is made including the approved mining plan. On due deliberation and judging the reply of ADS submitted by the proponent the committee recommended for approval of the proposal to excavate 38912 cu. m ordinary earth from the proposed location *within two years.* Accordingly, *the annual extractable quantity 19456 cu.m* mining materials is approved by the committee. The proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division is requested to ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that the mining is allowed only at the approved site.



**Agenda item- 2.**

- 12. Proposal requesting EC for “Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Appraisal & Early production project in AA- ONHP-2017/3 HYDRO CARBON BLOCK FALLING in the District of Tinsukia, Assam proposed by M/S VEDANTA LTD. SEIAA.1606/2021 (Proposal No. SIA/AS/IND2/191148/2020).**

**Resolution 18/13:**

The Proposal requesting EC for “Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Appraisal & Early production project in AA- ONHP-2017/3 HYDRO CARBON BLOCK FALLING in the District of Tinsukia, Assam proposed by M/S VEDANTA Ltd. is placed before the SEAC committee for deliberation. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent including the reply of ADS which are found in order. Detailed deliberation is held on the proposal and the committee recommended for approval to issue EC being early production project. The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to the general terms and condition in vogue for such projects with respect to the guidelines of the MOFE & CC, GOI issued from time to time.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 13. Proposal of EC for onshore Oil & Gas Exploration/ Appraisal drilling in OALP 1 Block: AA-ONHP-2017/20 in Namrup-Borhat Area under Dibrugarh and Charaideo District proposed by Oil India Limited. SEIAA.1318/2020 (Proposal No. SIA/AS/IND2/154016/2020)**

**Resolution 18/14:**

The project proposal asking EC against onshore Oil & Gas Exploration/ Appraisal drilling in OALP 1 Block: AA-ONHP-2017/20 in Namrup-Borhat Area under Dibrugarh and Charaideo District proposed by Oil India Limited is placed before the SEAC for deliberation. Necessary scrutiny of the document furnished by the proponent is made. Due discussion is also held in details. After threadbare discussion the committee resolved to ask the following information for reconsideration of the proposal.

- Land use map of the leased block area need to be submitted in 1:50000 scale.
- Relief map classes are not made. Classified relief map is required.
- Size of the relief map (1 k.m radius) and land use map (1 k.m radius) are not same. The submitted relief map is smaller in size. The same is required in similar size of the submitted land use map in 1:5000 scale for verification.

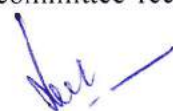
Competent authorized Officer from OIL be requested to come for discussion in the next SEAC meeting.

**Agenda item- 2.**

- 14. Proposal of EC for collection of Brick Earth from “P.P land H.N Dey Sons Enterprise Brick Earth Permit Area” under Dibrugarh Forest Division proposed by M/s H.N Dey Sons Enterprise Brick Earth. SEIAA.995/2019. (Proposal no. SIA/AS/MIS/121925/2020)**

**Resolution 18/15**

The proposal asking EC for mining of brick earth from “P.P land H.N Dey Sons Enterprise Brick Earth Permit Area” under Dibrugarh Forest Division proposed by M/s H.N Dey Sons Enterprise Brick Earth is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Scrutinized the documents. Due deliberation is also held and considering the recommendation of the concerned DFO, the committee recommended for





approval of the proposal to excavate 12000 cu.m brick earth from the proposed location within two years. Brick earth 6000 cu.m is approved to excavate per year strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dibrugarh Division is requested to ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to check occurrence of irregularities during the mining period.

**Agenda item-2.**

**15. Proposal asking EC for mining of sand gravel from “Deithor River Sand Gravel Quarry under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division by M/S M.P. Agarwalla (SEIAA 1593/2021) (Proposal No. SIA/AS/MIS/180119/2020)**

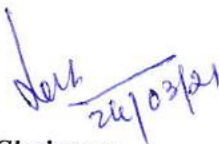
**Resolution 18/16:**

The proposal asking EC for mining of sand gravel from “Deithor River Sand Gravel Quarry” under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division by M/S M.P. Agarwalla had been discussed in the SEAC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.2021. The same proposal was also discussed in the SEAC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and made necessary correction in the minutes prepared thereon. Then the said proposal is also reviewed in this SEAC meeting. The committee after detailed discussion resolved to ask the proponent to furnish the following information for reconsideration of the project proposal.

- The land use map of the proposed site is required to be furnished.
- Satellite image is not clear that must be prepared in larger scale and furnish accordingly. The proposed site must clearly be visible on the map.

The project proponent please be informed accordingly with a request to respond early for reconsideration of the proposal.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

  
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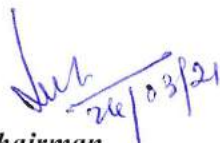
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**Dated: 24 /03/2021**

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SEAC, Assam**