STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC),

ASSAM.

3RD FLOOR, POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, <u>ASSAM. BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI-</u> 781021

Minutes of the 20thmeeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held at 10-00 a.m. on 18th June, 2021in the Video Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21.

List of the members present in the meeting:

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

The meeting conducted strictly adhering to the SOP issued by the Govt. relating to Covid 19 pandemic and the Chairman, SEAC, Assam welcome all the members present in the meeting. The Chairman briefed the objectives of the meeting as it is convened after a long gap due to prevailing lockdown and started the proceedings. The meeting opened for deliberation as per the agenda items:

Agenda item- 1. Confirmation of the resolutions adopted the 19th meeting of SEAC, Assam held on 3rd April, 2021.

Resolution 20/1:

The minutes of the 19th SEAC meeting held on 3rd April 2021 is placed on the table for perusal of the Hon'ble Members and necessary discussion. After a brief discussion the minutes of the 19th meeting is approved unanimously.

Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal of EC for collection of Sand from "Bhogdoi River Sand (Murmuria) MPA under Jorhat Forest Division" proposed by Sri Ranjan Tasa. SEIAA.1770/2021 (SIA/AS/MIN/210514/2021)

Resolution 20/2:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Bhogdoi River Sand (Murmuria) MPA under Jorhat Forest Division" proposed by Sri Ranjan Tasa is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished along with the proposal. On detail deliberation and considering the recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer

as well as approved mining plan the Committee approved the proposal for manual open cast mining of 5000 cu.m. sand in two years. The annual operational quantity of sand is approved 2500 cu.m. strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division is requested to ensure that mining be allowed not beyond the limit of the approved location. Further, the DFO is also requested to mount strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period.

Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal of EC for collection of Stone from "Panimara No.3 P.P Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Animesh Kapoor. SEIAA.1613/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/175423/2020)

Resolution 20/3:

The extension proposal of EC for mining of stone from "Panimara No.3 P.P Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Shri Animesh Kapoor is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. Scrutinized the earlier EC granted by the DEIAA, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council dated 12-9-2018 as well as the recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. While scrutinizing the records it is revealed that the validity of the land deed executed with the land owner expired on 26th Feb. 2021. Detail discussion is held on the proposal and the committee approved the proposal *subject to production of fresh supplementary land agreement*. On production of the aforesaid land deed the proponent be allowed for mining of 62550 cu.m. of stone in three years from the approved location. Annually the proponent be allowed to mine 20850 cu.m. stone strictly adhering to the terms and condition laid down the approved mining plan as well as noted in the earlier EC.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division is requested to ensure that mining be allowed only at the approved location on receiving the EC. He will also ensure strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period.

Agenda item- 2.

3. Proposal of EC for collection of Stone from "Panimara No.1 P.P Land stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Animesh Kapoor. SEIAA.1611/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/175415/2021)

Resolution 20/3:

The extension proposal of EC for mining of stone from "Panimara No.1 P.P Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Shri Animesh Kapoor is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. Scrutinized the earlier EC granted by the DEIAA, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council dated 12-9-2018 as well as the recommendation of the concerned Divisional

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Forest Officer. While scrutinizing the records it is revealed that the validity of the land deed executed with the land owner expired on 26th Feb. 2021. Detail discussion is held on the proposal and the committee approved the proposal *subject to production of fresh supplementary land agreement*. On production of the aforesaid land deed the proponent be allowed for *mining of 36000 cu.m. of stone in three years* from the approved location. Annually the proponent be allowed to mine 12000 cu.m. stone strictly adhering to the terms and condition laid down the approved mining plan as well as noted in the earlier EC.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division is requested to ensure that mining be allowed only at the approved location on receiving the EC. He will also ensure strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period.

Agenda item- 2.

4. Proposal of EC for stone mining from Borjuri P.P Land No.3 Stone MCA under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Vinod Kr Kabra. SEIAA.1237/2020, (SIA/AS/MIS/140422/2020)

Resolution 20/3:

The proposal of EC for mining of stone from Borjuri P.P Land No.3 Stone MCA under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Vinod Kr Kabra is placed before the SEAC for review and deliberation. The status report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division on the issue of abandoned water supply scheme furnished vide letter No.B/KAE/Report/Stone Quarry/2020-21/034 dt. 6th April.2021 is seen carefully. After detail discussion the committee opined that the exact status of the water supply scheme viz. who have constructed the water supply structure and a status report from the organization who initiated the project is required for further consideration.

The proponent be intimated to furnish the status report as discussed above as additional information at his earliest for reconsideration of the project proposal.

Agenda item- 2.

5. Proposal of EC for mining of sand from "Bhogdoi River Sand MPA" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Debanga Buragohain. SEIAA.1715/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/61228/2020)

Resolution 20/6:

The proposal requesting EC for mining of sand from "Bhogdoi River Sand MPA" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Debanga Buragohain is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Necessary scrutiny of the document is made and detail discussion is also held. Considering the approved mining plan and the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Division, the committee approved the project proposal for manual mining of 8000 cu.m. sand from the approved location in two years. The annual minable quantity of sand is approved 4000 cu.m. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Division will ensure mining be allowed not beyond the limit of the approved location. The DFO will also ensure strict vigilance on the mining operation so that any sort of irregularities could not takes place during the mining period.

Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal of EC for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling in OALP-1 Block AA-ONHP-2017/20 in Namrup Borhat Area in Dibrugarh proposed by Oil India Ltd. SEIAA.1318/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/1540163/2020)

Resolution 20/7:

The project proposal requesting EC against "Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory drilling in OALP-1 Block AA-ONHP-2017/20" in Namrup Borhat Area under Dibrugarh District proposed by Oil India Ltd is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent along with the proposal and discussed the issue in details. After thread bare discussion the committee resolved to approved the project proposal for issuance of EC for exploratory drill site locations NOAA, NOAB, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435 and 436 (total eight locations) subject to submission of proper land documents before execution of the drilling work as per SOP.it is also recommended to inform OIL to submit all maps in colored form and scale given in the SOP.

Agenda item- 2.

7. Proposal for extension of EC for collection of Ordinary Earth from "Sarutari Nonkey Village Ordinary Earth MPA under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Dhan Bey. SEIAA.1687/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/2064852020)

Resolution 20/8:

The proposal asking EC for collection of ordinary earth from "Sarutari Nonkey Village Ordinary Earth MPA" under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Dhan Bey is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. Necessary scrutiny of the documents is made. After detail discussion and considering the recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer the committee approved the proposal for *manual excavation of 5000 cu m. ordinary earth from the approved site in two years*. Annual quantity of 2500 cu.m. ordinary earth is recommended for mining. 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 will ensure strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining is allowed only at the approved location.

Agenda item- 2.

8. Proposal requesting extension of EC for Development of Township at Noonmati, Guwahati, Assam proposed by M/s Shristi Housing Development Ltd. SEIAA.280/2014, (SIA/AS/MIN/207437/2021)

Resolution 20/9:

The project proposal asking extension of EC for Development of Township at Noonmati, Guwahati, Assam proposed by M/s Shristi Housing Development Ltd. is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The necessary documents are scrutinized including the Compliance report submitted by the proponent. In the meantime, the Hon'ble members of the SEAC conducted site visit on 16th Feb 2021 as per resolution of the SEAC meeting held on 5th Dec. 2020. Detail deliberation is held on the project proposal and the committee recommended for extension of EC for a period of 3 (three) years subject to compliance to the observation made during field visit (report of field visit is enclosed). The other terms and condition laid down in the earlier EC will remain unchanged. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition as discussed above including timely submission of half yearly compliance report. The SEAC committee has also resolved to conduct site visit in the month of Oct. 21 to assess the situation and progress of activities.

Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal asking EC for mining of stone and earth from "Bejeni N.C Village Patta Land Stone Quarry" under Kamrup East Forest Division proposed by Jiten Rabha. SEIAA.1697/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/196982/2021)

Resolution 20/10:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone and earth from "Bejeni N.C Village Patta Land Stone Quarry" under Kamrup East Forest Division proposed by Sri Jiten Rabha is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the records is made and detail deliberation is held. After discussion the committee recommended for issuance of EC for mining of 1000 cu.m stone and 500 cu.m. earth from the proposed site in two years. Annual quantity of 500 cu.m. stone and 250 cu.m. earth is recommended for extraction. The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Division will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

10. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand, Gravel & Earth from "Nepalpara P.P Land Land SGE Quarry" under Chirang Division proposed by Eyakub Ali & three others. SEIAA.1631/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/185048/2020)

Resolution 20/11:

The proposal asking EC for mining of Sand, Sand-Gravel & Earth from "Nepalpara P.P Land Land SGE Quarry" under Chirang Division proposed by Eyakub Ali & three others is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the required documents including the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Division and approved mining plan. After detail discussion the committee recommended the project proposal for mining of 5000 cu.m. Sand, 10000 cu.m. Sand-gravel, 10000 cu.m Gravel and 5000 cu.m. Earth from the approved site in two years. Thus, annual minable quantity is approved 2500 cu.m sand; 5000 cu.m. sand-gravel; 5000 cu.m. gravel and 2500 cu.m. earth strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Division under BTR will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

11. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand Gravel and Boulder from "Nowagaon P.P Land Sand Gravel Boulder MCA proposed by Sri Kul Bahadur Chetry. SEIAA1508/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/1907562020)

Resolution 20/12:

The proposal asking EC for mining of Sand-Gravel & Boulder from "Nowagaon P.P Land Sand Gravel Boulder MCA proposed by Sri Kul Bahadur Chetry is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the required documents including the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Division and approved mining plan. After detail discussion the committee recommended the project proposal *for mining of 12000 cu.m Sand-gravel*, 5000 cu.m boulder from the approved site in two years. Thus, annual minable quantity is approved 6000 cu.m sand-gravel; 2500 cu.m. boulder from the approved location strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Division under BTR will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

12. Proposal asking EC for mining of River Bed Sand from Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit (Sand) under Cachar Division, Silchar proposed by Sri Samar Deb. SEIAA1782/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/210645/2020)

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Resolution 20/13:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of river bed sand from" Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit (Sand)" under Cachar Division, Silchar proposed by Sri Samar Deb is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the required documents including the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division and approved mining plan. Detail discussion is held and the committee approved the project proposal for issuance of EC against manual mining of 10000 cu.m. river bed sand in 5 (five) years. Annual mineable quantity 2000 cu.m. river bed sand is recommended and the proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Cacahr Division, Silchar will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

13. Proposal asking EC for mining of Stone from "Helagog Minor Mineral Concession Area for Stone of Govt Land" under Kamrup East Division proposed by the D.F.O Kamrup East Division. SEIAA.1658/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/206715/2020)

Resolution 20/14:

The proposal asking EC for mining of Stone from "Helagog Minor Mineral Concession Area for Stone of Govt Land" under Kamrup East Division proposed by the D.F.O, Kamrup East Division is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Necessary records submitted by the proponent is scrutinized. NOC issued by the District Administration as well as approved mining plan and report of the DFO is seen carefully. After thread bare discussion the committee opined to have site inspection by a subcommittee of SEAC for consideration of the project proposal.

The proponent please be informed to assist the subcommittee while inspecting the site and the date of the site inspection will be intimated in due course of time.

Agenda item- 2.

14. Proposal asking extension of EC for mining of Sand & Stone from "Nachanchali S/G Mahal under Dhansiri Forest Division proposed by Sri Hemanga Boro. SEIAA.1751/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/189601/2020)

Resolution 20/15:

The proposal asking extension of EC for mining of Sand & Stone from "Nachanchali S/G Mahal under Dhansiri Forest Division proposed by Sri Hemanga Boro is discussed in the SEAC meeting. Details of the documents including the earlier EC dt. 4th Sept. 2015; approved mining plan and recommendation of the DFO, Dhansiri Forest Division, BTR is scrutinized. After detail discussion

the committee approved for extension of the EC with validity up to 30th July, 2022 (till expiry of the approved mining plan) to extract balance 2400 cu.m. stone/gravel from the approved location. The proponent shall have to adhere to all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhansiri Forest Division, BTR will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

15. Proposal asking EC for mining of Brick Earth from "M/S S.U.J Bricks field MPA" under Jorhat Division proposed by M/S S.U.J Brick Field. SEIAA.1652/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/58501/2020)

Resolution 20/16:

The proposal asking EC for mining of Brick Earth from "M/S S.U.J Bricks field MPA" under Jorhat Division proposed by M/S S.U.J Brick Field is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents including the approved mining plan and recommendation of the DFO, Jorhat Division is appraised in the meeting. After detail discussion the committee approved the project proposal *for mining of 2496 cu.m brick earth from the approved site in two years*. Annual quantity of 1248 cu.m. brick earth is recommended for mining. The proponent shall have to strictly follow the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

Agenda item- 2.

16. Proposal asking EC for Construction of Group Housing building (Ranghomes), Kamrup (M), Assam proposed by M/s Indotech Infracon Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA.1784/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/212899/2020)

Resolution 20/17:

The Proposal asking EC for Construction of Group Housing building (Rang homes) at village Garal under Ramcharini Mouza in the District of Kamrup (M), Assam proposed by M/s Indotech Infracon Pvt. Ltd. is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. The documents furnished by the proponent along with the project proposal have carefully been seen. Detailed discussion is also held. The committee is in the opinion that a site visit is required for consideration of the project. Further, detail land use/land cover map at 1:5000 (five thousand) scale prepared from recent high-resolution FCC of satellite data in 2 k.m. radius with the project plan and its surroundings with geographic coordinate reference is required.

The site visit by the subcommittee of SEAC is fixed in the forenoon on 25th instant. The proponent please be informed to furnish the maps etc. as discussed above as additional documents at their earliest for consideration of the project proposal.

Agenda item- 2.

17. Project proposal asking EC for "Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration and Appraisal Project in AA-ONHP-2017/1 Hydro Carbon Block falling in the District Karbi Anglong, Golaghat proposed by M/s Vedanta Ltd. SEIAA.1251/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/143861/2020)

Resolution 20/18:

The project proposal asking EC for "Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration and Appraisal Project in AA-ONHP-2017/1 Hydro Carbon Block falling in the District Karbi Anglong, Golaghat proposed by M/s Vedanta Ltd. is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Necessary documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal have been scrutinized and appraised. Detail discussion is held and the committee recommended the proposal subject to production of required land documents for the well nos. 11,12,14, 17,19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28,29, 34, 35, 37,40, 41,42, 45 and 46 (20 nos.) as per SOP before starting the field activities. The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to the general terms and condition applicable for such projects.

Agenda item- 3.

18. Proposal asking EC for stone mining from "Boghora Stone Mahal No. 14" under Nagaon Forest Division proposed by Ranjit Kr Deka. SEIAA.1700/2021

Resolution 20/19:

The Proposal asking EC for mining of Stone from "Boghora Stone Mahal No. 14" under Nagaon Forest Division proposed by Ranjit Kr Deka is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized and detail discussion is held on the proposal. On scrutiny it is revealed that the mining plan was prepared and approved in Nov.2017 whereas the proposal submitted asking EC on 10-12-2020 after a lapse of almost three years and the reason is best noon to the proponent. However, considering recommendation of the concerned DFO and validity of the approved mining plan the committee recommended to allow EC with validity up to 16th Nov. 2022 for mining of 1500 cu.m. stone from the approved site. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division will arrange strict vigilance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed at the approved site only and not beyond the limit of the same.

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Dated: 25/06/2021

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