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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee held on 18th October, 2021 through video conferencing issued vide No.EAC/JK/21/10022-10033, dated 19-10-2021, the 60th Meeting of the JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 23rd October, 2021 at 1100 Hrs. through video conferencing.

The following attended the meeting:-

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS(Retd.) | Chairman, JKEIAA |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad(Retd. Chief Engineer) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS, Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS, J&K. | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

Following are the deliberations & decisions of the meeting:-

Agenda Item No.01.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Manorathvir Singh S/O Shri Inderjeet Singh R/O House No. 103, Sundar Nagar, Dhangu Road, Pathankot, Punjab for River bed Mining of Minor Minerals (RBM) at Block No.4 Shraie Bridge to Abandoned Bridge, Downstream Nallah Ferozpora, District - Baramulla, JKUT, Area 2.77ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/229969/2021//SIA/JK/MIN/55381/2020.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B2 category for River bed Mining of Minor Minerals (RBM) at Block No.4 Shraie Bridge to Abandoned Bridge, Downstream Nallah Ferozpora, District - Baramulla, JKUT, Area 2.77ha. LOI has been issued on 28-04--2020, which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 19-06-2020. The case was earlier discussed by the JKEAC on 28-08-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc. Status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla has conveyed NOCs of stakeholder departments vide No.ADCB/Reader/2021-22/475-87, dated 29-05-21 except for area falling in Shamlat under Survey No.784 Min.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

The case was discussed during the 57th Meeting held on 28-08-2021 and the Committee had recommended as under:

- a) The G&M Dept. to furnish updated consolidated KML file of mining blocks of all the districts of UT of J&K including Baramulla district to ascertain / cluster situation so as to help in categorization of the project under B1 or B2 in the present instance.

- b) In case, the project falls under B1 category, fresh TORs may be granted as per Annexure-A to these Minutes of Meeting and PP be asked to get fresh Public Hearing conducted by JK Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) after temporarily demarcating the mining block on ground and giving wide publicity to the pillar coordinates of the mining block in the advertisement notice in view of concerns of the local people.
- c) As a general guideline, the JK Pollution Control Committee be asked to get the mining blocks temporarily demarcated on ground at the time of conduct of Public Hearing and to ensure publicity of the pillar coordinates of the mining blocks as part of procedure in the Public Hearing mechanism so that the public is aware of the location of mining blocks for which Public Hearing is being conducted.
- d) In view of the report of District Administration conveyed vide No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/475-87 dated 29/05/21, the concerned stakeholder depts. should conduct joint inspection of the mining block and exclude the area falling in Shamlat under Survey No.784Min. The resultant area of the mining block falling under State land be communicated to the JKEIAA by G&M Dept. besides notifying it with coordinates for conducting fresh Public Hearing by JKPCC.
- e) The G&M Dept. subsequently emailed the updated KML file of Baramulla district and it was found that the mining block does not form cluster with any other mining block and therefore, the project is required to be considered under B2 category.
- f) The recommendation under serial ii and iii above does not apply now as the project proponent has applied under B2 category.
- g) The project proponent has not complied with the observation under serial (iv) above relating to exclusion of the area under Shamlat in accordance with condition of NOC issued by the Dy. Commissioner, Baramulla under Single Window System.
- h) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of May., 2019 which needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MLDTF) Cell. In case it is reported that the PP has been involved in the mining activity in the designated mining block, the EC so granted shall be liable to be withdrawn.
- i) A bridge falls at a distance of 420m from the mining block, therefore, the committee recommended resizing of the mining block so as to maintain a safe distance of 500m from the existing bridge.
- j) The PP has mentioned mining depth of 3mts and bulk density of 2.25 at some places in the mining plan while calculating the targeted mineral production which was not agreed by the Committee.
- k) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- l) Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- m) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee desired prior compliance to the following observations for reconsideration of the case: -

- a) In view of the report of District Administration conveyed vide No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/475-87 dated 29/05/21, the concerned stakeholder depts. should conduct joint inspection of the mining block and exclude the area falling in Shamlat under Survey

No.784Min. The resultant area of the mining block falling under State land be communicated to the JKEIAA.

- b) Submission of revised documents as per observations made herein above under deliberations.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for project proponent to comply with following observations for reconsideration of the case: -

- a) In view of the report of District Administration conveyed vide No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/475-87 dated 29/05/21, the concerned stakeholder depts. should conduct joint inspection of the mining block to exclude area falling in Shamlat under Survey No.784Min and resultant area of the mining block falling under State land be communicated to the JKEIAA.
- b) Submission of revised documents as per observations made by JKEAC.
- c) The MDLTF Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner shall submit a report to the effect that PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity.

Agenda Item No.02.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Tejinder Pal Singh S/O Shri Harbhajan Singh R/O Ajot Gulpur, Ajote Haveli Poonch, JK UT for Minor mineral block no. 10, in Nallah Betar, Downstream Betar Bridge, District Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir area 7.61ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/60117/2021.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category Minor mineral block no. 10, in Nallah Betar, Downstream Betar Bridge, District Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir area 7.61ha. LOI has been issued on 18-07-2020, which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 15-12-2020. The case was earlier discussed by the JKEAC on 16-02-2021. The Terms of Reference were issued to the project on 22-03-2021 and public hearing was conducted on 03-08-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc. Status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that all the stakeholder departments have conveyed NOCs in favour of the project with conditions thereof.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26th meeting held on 16.02.2021 during which the committee recommended TORs to the project subject to condition that the active water channel is excluded from the mining activity and the title is got verified by the competent revenue authority. The PP has not excluded the active water channel while calculating the targeted mineral production which needs immediate action at his level. However, the title of the land under the block has been got verified by the revenue authority.
- b) The Committee observed that the mining block covers part of the confluence of the two streams with considerable active water channel and therefore, the Committee opined that the area comprising 4.60 ha lying north of the active water channel of the confluence area be considered for mining.
- c) Illegal mining activity detected in and around the mining block for which the Committee desired explicit report from the Multi-Dept Dist. Level Task Force Cell to the effect that the PP is not involved in illegal mining activity.

- d) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data missing in EIA report which needs to be complied in letter and spirit prior to grant of EC.
- e) NoCs from concerned stakeholder depts. have been submitted and the JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- f) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- g) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- h) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- i) Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the Geology & Mining Department.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for grant of Environment clearance subject to: -

- a) Submission of report from the MDLTF Cell on illegal mining stating that the project proponent is not involved in illegal mining activity in and around the mining block, prior to grant of EC.
- b) Resizing of the mining block restricting it to 4.60 Ha only by the G&M Dept. after excluding the area of the active water channel area at the confluence site and shoals lying across it, prior to grant of EC.
- c) Revision of documents as per deliberations herein above, prior to grant of formal EC.
- d) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data before grant of formal EC.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- f) Revision of EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- g) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- h) Bulk density of 2 in absence of actual measurements.
- i) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- j) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- k) Maximum targeted mineral production of 55200 MT.
- l) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area of 4.60 Ha to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- m) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Decision of JKEIAA.

After due deliberations the authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Revalidation of Lol by the Geology and Mining Department.
- b) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure-B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- c) The MDLTF Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner shall submit a report to the effect that PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity, within a period of six weeks or before execution of lease of minor mineral block, whichever is earlier, failing which the EC is liable to be revoked.
- d) Resizing of the mining block by restricting it to 4.60 ha only by the G&M Dept. after excluding the area of the active water channel area at the confluence site and shoals lying across it, prior to grant of EC.
- e) Compliance to the specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data within six months of grant of formal EC.
- f) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its approval by the competent authority within a period of three months from the date of issuance of E.C.
- g) Revision of EIA Report and EMP budget as suggested/recommended by the Committee.
- h) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate with maximum targeted mineral production of 55200 MT. in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- i) Bulk density of 2 shall be adopted in absence of actual measurements.
- j) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- k) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- l) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCC in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Agenda Item No.03.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of ShriKiran Kumar Sharma S/O ShriDaleep Kumar Sharma, R/O Ward. No - 05, Jawahar Nagar, District Rajouri, JK UT for River Bed Mining of Minor Mineral Block 1/2, in Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge, Muradpur, Tehsil-Rajouri, District- Rajouri, JK UT (Resized area 1.60 ha.) under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61238/2021

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B2 category for River Bed Mining of Minor Mineral Block 1/2, in Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge, Muradpur, Tehsil- Rajouri, District- Rajouri, JK UT (Resized area 1.60 ha.) LOI has been issued on 25-04-2021 which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 16-02-2021. The Terms of Reference were issued to then project on 19-05-2021 and public hearing was conducted on 24-08-2021. The case was earlier discussed by the JKEAC on 29-04-2021 and the area of the project was reduced by Geology & Mining Department on 20-07-2021.As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not

been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., status of NOC's in appraisal report shows that as per Dy. Commissioner, Rajouri's letter No.DCR/2021-22/Acctt/89 dated 18-05-2021, part of the area falls under State, Private, Shamlaat and Evacuee category. However, the NOC of Flood Control Department is still awaited.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 39th meeting held on 29.04.2021 during which the committee recommended TORs to the project subject to exclusion of the green patch and active water channel, reduction of the size of mining block to maintain safe distance of 500mts. from the bridge and subject to fixing of responsibility for illegal mining by an interdepartmental Committee. Size of the mining block has been reduced from 7.89 Ha to 1.60 Ha. The project proponent has now applied under B1 Category due to cluster situation.
- b) The PP informed that since an area of 1.60 Ha falling under Khasra No. 403 happens to be State land, the same has now been proposed for mining. He was asked to send the document attested by the revenue authority to the JKEAC office for record and reference. PP should also submit a categorical certificate from the Dy. Commissioner concerned stating that the net area of 1.60 Ha now proposed for mining, is a state land.
- c) Keeping in view the public sentiments, in the Public Hearing which was not in favour of the mining activity, the project proponent has reduced the mining area from originally proposed 7.89 Ha to 1.60 Ha. The Committee desired that the PP shall take adequate measures to address the public concerns and provide appropriate budget under EMP/CER/CSR, which the PP agreed in principle.
- d) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of May., 2021 which needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell. In case it is reported that the PP has been involved in the mining activity in the designated mining block, the EC granted shall be liable to be withdrawn.
- e) Active water channel needs to be excluded while calculating targeted mineral production.
- f) The site-specific NOC from Flood Control Dept. needs to be obtained prior to grant of formal EC.
- g) The JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- h) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data missing in EIA report which needs to be complied in letter and spirit prior to grant of EC.
- i) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- j) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table,
- k) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- l) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for the grant of environmental Clearance subject to: -

- a) Explicit certificate from the Dy. Commissioner concerned to the effect that the revised mining block with area 1.60 ha falls under State land, prior to grant of formal EC.
- b) Exclusion of active water channel, prior to grant of EC.
- c) Submission of report from the District Level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell w.r.t fixing responsibility for illegal mining activity in the mining block and its surrounds, stating therein that the PP is not involved in illegal mining.
- d) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data before grant of formal EC.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- f) Revision of EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above, prior to grant of EC.
- g) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- h) Bulk density of 2 in absence of actual measurements.
- i) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- j) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- k) Maximum targeted mineral production of 19200 MT.
- l) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- m) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPC in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations the authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Revalidation of Lol by the Geology and Mining Department.
- b) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- c) Explicit certificate from the Dy. Commissioner concerned to the effect that the revised mining block with area 1.60 ha falls under State land, prior to grant of formal EC.
- d) Exclusion of active water channel, prior to grant of EC.
- e) The MDLTF Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner shall submit a report to the effect that PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity, within a period of six weeks or before execution of lease of minor mineral block, whichever is earlier, failing which the EC is liable to be revoked.
- f) Compliance to the specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data within six months of grant of formal EC.

- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its approval by the competent authority within a period of three months from the date of issuance of E.C.
- h) Revision of EIA report / EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above, prior to grant of EC.
- i) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate with maximum targeted mineral production of 19200 MT in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- j) Bulk density of 2 shall be adopted in absence of actual measurements.
- k) Site specific NOC from flood control department prior to grant of EC and Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- l) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- m) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCC in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Agenda Item No: 04.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Jagjeet Bali S/O Shri Om Prakash Bali R/O Ward No 06, Jawahar Nagar, Rajouri, JK UT for Minor mineral block 1/5, Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge (Kallar), District Rajouri, JK UT (Resized area 8.57ha.) under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/61231/2021.

Brief Summary.

This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for Minor mineral block 1/5, Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge (Kallar), District Rajouri, JK UT (Resized area 8.57ha.) LOI has been issued on 18-08-2020, which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 16-02-2021. The Terms of Reference were issued to the project on 27-05-2021 and public hearing was conducted on 28-08-2021. The case was earlier discussed by the JKEAC on 29-04-2021 and area of the project was reduced by Geology & Mining Department on 06-10-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that the NOCs of stakeholder departments have been submitted under single window system.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 39th meeting held on 29.04.2021 during which the committee recommended TORs to the project subject to title verification, exclusion of the green patch and active water channel and subject to fixing of responsibility for illegal mining by an interdepartmental Committee.
- b) Mining to be carried out only when dry bed conditions are available. However, active water channels wherever required necessarily to be crossed over for haulage of the excavated material, the same be accomplished using Hume pipes leaving the natural flow undisturbed.
- c) The scattered trees observed in the mining block shall be accorded due protection by the PP.

- d) Public opinion as per the PH Report seems to be not in favour of mining activity in the area. Keeping in view the public sentiments against illegal mining, the Committee desired that strict vigil be ensured so that restrictive and regulated mining as specified hereunder be limited to the designated block only and adequate funds be earmarked under EMP/CER/CSR activities for meeting the concerns of the locals.
- e) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of May, 2021 which needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell. In case it is reported that the PP has been involved in the mining activity in the designated mining block, the EC shall be liable to be withdrawn.
- f) The JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- g) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data missing in EIA report which needs to be complied in letter and spirit prior to grant of EC.
- h) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- i) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP.
- j) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- k) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- l) Many documents uploaded on the portal are not readable and therefore, the project proponent needs to submit legible copy of the documents on the portal for record and reference, prior to grant of formal EC

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for grant of EC subject to:-

- a) Exclusion of active water channel from the mining block prior to grant of EC.
- b) Protection to the scattered trees existing in the mining block.
- c) Submission of report from the District Level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell w.r.t fixing responsibility for illegal mining activity in the mining block and its surrounds. In case PP is found to be involved, the EC shall be liable to be withdrawn.
- d) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data before grant of formal EC.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- f) Revision of EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- g) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- h) Bulk density of 2 in absence of actual measurements.
- i) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.

- j) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- k) Maximum targeted mineral production of 102800 MT.
- l) Condition the geographical coordinates as per Lol issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- m) Submission of legible copy of documents on the portal as per deliberations, prior to grant of formal EC.
- n) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations the authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Revalidation of Lol by the Geology and Mining Department.
- b) Protection to the scattered trees existing in the mining block.
- c) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- d) The MDLTF Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner shall submit a report to the effect that PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity, within a period of six weeks or before execution of lease of minor mineral block, whichever is earlier, failing which the EC is liable to be revoked.
- e) Compliance to the specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of data within six months of grant of formal EC.
- f) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its approval by the competent authority withing three months of grant of EC.
- g) Revision of EIA report / EMP budget as suggested/recommended by the JKEAC prior to grant of EC.
- h) Mining depth of max.1m in aggregate with maximum targeted mineral production of 102800 MT in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- i) Bulk density of 2 shall be adopted in absence of actual measurements.
- j) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- k) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- l) Submission of legible copy of documents on the portal as per deliberations, prior to grant of formal EC.
- m) For minimal crossing and avoiding disturbance to the channel course the PP should lay Hume Pipes for transportation of mineral across the channel wherever required.
- n) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Agenda Item No.05.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Mohd. Altaf Dobhi S/O Shri Mohd Jamal Dobhi R/o Khrew Pulwama, JK UT for Nalla Bed Mining Block No. 18, Goigam Bridge to Pinjura link Road, U/stream of Ferozpora Nalla. Baramulla, (Resized area 4.9ha.) under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/231197/2021,SIA/JK/MIN/66648/2021& SIA/JK/MIN/55078/2020.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B2 category for Nalla Bed Mining Block No. 18, Goigam Bridge to Pinjura link Road, U/stream of Ferozpora Nalla. Baramulla, (Resized area 4.9ha.) LOI has been issued on 17-07-29-07-2019 which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 19-06-2020. The case was earlier discussed on 23-08-2021 and the area of the project was reduced by Geology & Mining Department on 16-09-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Baramulla vide Ref No. ADCB/Reader/2021- 22/198-210 dated 04-05-2021 has conveyed NOCs of stake holders. Consultant informed that the Xen (FBI) holds the Flood control, PHE and Irrigation sectors in the area.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 56th JKEAC held on 23/08/2021 during which the Committee had recommended ToRs to the project subject to:-

- a) Fresh title verification from the Revenue Department categorically stating that the mining block falls in State land.
- b) Report from the Multidepartment District Level Task Force Cell w.r.t fixing of responsibility for illegal mining activity in and around the mining block.
- c) Further resizing of the mining block from pillar F and G of the resized mining block to exclude the land parcels indicating cropland, if it is not a state land.
- d) The project proponent, after getting the mining block resized, has now applied directly under B2 category as the resultant area of the mining block has been reduced to 4.9 Ha in accordance with recommendations of the Committee to exclude land parcels indicating cropland vide letter No. MSK/DGM/Sgr/F-18/Bla/4956-58 dated 16/09/2021.
- e) A cluster certificate has been obtained by the project proponent from the joint Director, G&M Dept, Kashmir vide No. MSK/DGM/Bla/5031 dated 21/09/2021 where under it has been reported that there is no other mining block within 500m from the said mining block with resized area of 4.9 Ha.
- f) The project proponent has also obtained report from the Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Baramulla vide letter No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/390 dated 25/09/2021 on Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of Jun., 2021.
- g) The Committee desired that the Mining depth should not exceed 1 m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- h) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised mining block area, revised surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- i) The project proponent has also obtained title verification from the concerned Tehsildar vide letter No. The/Karh/08/21/96 dt.31/08/2021 whereunder the Tehsildar has given title

verification for the entire area from Village Goigam to Pinjura Link road for 335 kanals and 15 Marlas (16.95 Ha) in which only 56kanals and 1Marla (2.83 Ha) is State Land and rest is under Gaascharai category. The PP presented NOC from the local panchayat stating that they have no objection to the mining activity in Gaascharai land.

- j) The NOCs of the stake holder depts. have been conveyed by the Dy. Commissioner vide letter No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/198-210 dated 04/05/2021.
- k) A certificate from the Irrigation Dept. to the effect that no uptake point of any irrigation kuhl exists within 200m from the boundary of the mining block.
- l) The conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- m) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- n) Since the haulge route passes through the nearby village road, the Committee desired that the PP should provide adequate budget to bituminize the road stretch passing through the village and the same be done before undertaking the mining operations.
- o) EMP/CER budget to be as per remarks column.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Condition that a certificate from the Irrigation Dept. to the effect that no uptake point of any irrigation kuhl exists within 200m from the boundary of the revised mining block with 4.9 Ha area, is submitted by the project proponent prior to grant of EC.
- c) Mining depth should not exceed 1 m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- d) Revision of the mining plan mine, closure plan, revised mining depth and area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- e) Revision of EMP/CER Budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP/CER table above. The PP shall bituminize the road stretch passing through the village and the same be done before undertaking the mining operations.
- f) Maximum targeted mineral production of 58800 MT.
- g) Condition that the revised geographical coordinates as per revised area of 4.9 Ha conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA Page30
- h) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.
- i) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- j) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations the authority upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Revalidation of Lol by the Geology and Mining Department.

- b) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- c) Condition that a certificate from the Irrigation Dept. to the effect that no intake point/ head works of any irrigation canal/ khul exist within 200m from the boundary of the revised mining block with 4.9 Ha area is submitted by the project proponent prior to grant of EC.
- d) Mining depth should not exceed 1 m in aggregate with maximum targeted mineral production of 58800 MT on the basis of bulk density of 2 in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its approval by the competent authority within a period of three months from the date of issuance of E.C.
- f) Revision of EMP/CER Budget as suggested by JKEAC.
- g) The PP shall bituminize the road stretch passing through the village and the same be done before undertaking the mining operations.
- h) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area (4.9ha) conveyed by G&M Dept.
- i) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.
- j) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- k) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Agenda Item No.06.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Mohd Altaf Dobhi S/O Shri Mohd Jamal Dobhi R/o Khrew Pulwama for Nalla Bed Mining, Block No. 07, Bani Bridge to Lalpora Bridge, D/stream of Ferozpora nalla, Village Bani, Tehsil – Tangmarg & District Baramulla JK UT (reduced area 4.5ha.) under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/231125/2021/, SIA/JK/MIN/66646/2021 &SIA/JK/MIN/55071/2020.

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B2 category for Nalla Bed Mining, Block No. 07, Bani Bridge to Lalpora Bridge, D/stream of Ferozpora nalla, Village Bani, Tehsil – Tangmarg & District Baramulla JK UT (reduced area 4.5ha.) LOI has been issued on 29-07-2021, which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 19-06-2020. The project was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 28-01-2021 and area of the mining project was reduced by Geology & Mining Department on 16-09-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report was not formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., Status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that Dy. Commissioner, Baramulla vide Ref No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/89- 101 dated 04-05-2021 has conveyed NOCs of stakeholders departments. The consultant informed that same Executive Engineer controls Irrigation, Flood Control and PHE sectors in the area.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

The project had earlier been discussed in the 57th meeting held on to 28/08/2021, during which the Committee had recommended as under:-

- a) Title verification of the resized mining block from the concerned Revenue authority.
- b) Report from Multidepartment District Level Committee w.r.t fixing of Responsibility of illegal mining and report that the PP is not involved in any such act.
- c) NOCs from all the stake holder departments including NOC from the Xen, Irrigation Dept., Xen PHE (Jalshakti) Dept. to the effect that sufficient replenishment has taken place during the rainy season and further mining in the designated mining block will not cause any adverse effect on the uptake points of irrigation and water supply schemes, if any.
- d) The project proponent, after getting the mining block resized, has now applied directly under B2 category as the resultant area of the mining block has been reduced to 4.5 Ha vide letter No. MSK/.DGM/Sgr/F-18/Bla/4959-61 dated 16/09/2021 issued by G&M Dept.
- e) A cluster certificate has been obtained by the project proponent from the joint Director, G&M Dept, Kashmir vide No. MSK/DGM/Bla/5030 dated 21/09/2021 where under it has been reported that there is no other mining block within 500m from the said mining block with resized area of 4.5 Ha.
- f) The project proponent has also obtained report from the Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Baramulla vide letter No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/390 dated 25/09/2021 on Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of Jun., 2021. However, the Committee observed that the NOC issued by the Irrigation & FC Dept. has made mention about the existence of three Kuhls in the area but the consultant could not identify the same on Google Earth Image and their exclusion from the block area as claimed by him. The Committee therefore, desired PP to submit a table Top Map / Image screen shot showing the location of the Kuhls vis-a-vis mining block boundaries with a categorical certificate from the Irrigation & FC Dept. and PRI that the mining activity shall not affect the availability of water in the Kuhls.
- g) The project proponent has also obtained title verification from the concerned Tehsildar vide letter No. TK/OQ/21/341 dated 11/08/2021 whereunder the Tehsildar has given title verification for the entire area from Village Bani Bridge to Lalpora Bridge Downstream for 438kanal and 9 Marlas (22.16 Ha) as State Land.
- h) The NOCs of the stake holder depts. have been conveyed by the Dy. Commissioner vide letter No. ADCB/Reader/2021-22/89-101 dated 04/05/2021. The Consultant informed that the FBI Division controls the Flood Control, Irrigation and the PHE(Jalshakti) sectors in the region.
- i) Revision of EMP/CER Budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP/CER table above.
- j) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- k) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee did not approve the project in the present form and desired the PP to submit a table Top Map /Google Image screen shot showing the location of the Kuhls vis-a-vis mining block boundaries with a categorical certificate from the Irrigation & FC Dept. and PRI that the mining activity shall not affect the availability of water in the Kuhls mentioned in the NOC.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations, JKEIAA upheld recommendations of JKEAC not to approve EC in the present form. However, PP may resubmit the case again after fulfilling the conditions and submission of revised documents as recommended by JKEAC along with revalidation of Lol.

Agenda Item No.07.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Build Well Mr. Arshid Ayoub S/O Shri Mohd Ayoub Kamad R/O: Dialgam, Anantnag, JK UT for Project “River Bed Mining” Minor Mineral at Block 9, ANG/BR/09 Brangi Nallah, Hillar Bridge Upstream, Area: 9.77ha. Village Hillar, Tehsil Kokernag, District Anantnag, JK UT under proposal No.[SIA/JK/MIN/66492/2021](#).

Brief Summary: This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for Project “River Bed Mining” Minor Mineral at Block 9, ANG/BR/09 Brangi Nallah, Hillar Bridge Upstream, Area: 9.77ha. LOI has been issued on 23-02-2021, which was later extended on 15-04-2021 and was valid up to 31-08-2021. Mining plan has been approved on 19-06-2021. As per summary of appraisal report, District Survey Report has not been formulated as per guidelines and needs to be revised for including replenishment data etc., status of NOCs in appraisal report shows that Dy. Commissioner Anantnag under single window clearance system vide No.DCA/SS/2021/05-08 dated 08-04-2021 has conveyed NOCs of stakeholders departments. However, the individual NOCs indicating conditions under which stakeholder departments have issued these NOC’s need to be submitted simultaneously.

Deliberations/specific observations of JKEAC:

- a) The mining block was observed on the Multidate Google Earth Images and it was observed that the mining block area bears a patch of cropland on different archive images and therefore, the Committee desired title verification of the mining block from concerned revenue authority.
- b) The Mining depth exceeding 1 m below the MSL cannot be agreed in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- c) The bulk density of 2.1 not agreed. The PP needs to adhere to a nominal bulk density of 2 in absence of actual field measurements
- d) Project cost need to be revised with cost bidding, EMP cost, CER cost, Consent and EC processing fee, equipment/surveillance cost etc.
- e) Flood protection works involved in the mining block and therefore need clarification from the concerned department.
- f) Features on satellite images indicate Irrigation Kuhls / canal emerging from the mining block although NOC has been issued by the Irrigation Dept. under Single Window System. Therefore, the Committee desired clarification on this count as well.

Recommendations of the JKEAC:

In view of the deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for grant of ToRs subject to:-

- a) Clarification from Irrigation Dept. w.r.t presence of irrigation kuhls/ canal emerging from the area.
- b) Clarification from the Flood Control Dept. w.r.t flood protection works located in the block.
- c) Consent of the local PRI for mining activity in the designated block. Title verification of the land under the said mining block stating its khasra Nos. and title.

Decision of JKEIAA:

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant terms of Reference to the project subject to following conditions:-

- a) Clarification from Irrigation Dept. w.r.t presence of irrigation kuhls/ canal emerging from the area.
- b) Clarification from the Flood Control Dept. w.r.t flood protection works located in the block.
- c) Consent of the local PRI for mining activity in the designated block.
- d) Title verification of the land under the said mining block stating its khasra Nos. and title.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair,

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