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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021  
AT 1100 HRS.**

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 PCCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/4333-46 dated 12-02-2021, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 1200 Hrs.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting:-

**AGENDA ITEM NO.1.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Baba -Farid- Ud-Din Bagdadi Minerals Pro.S. N.H. Kazmi Reg. Office: 338-Dalpatian, Jammu (J&K) for Barias Kothiyar Gypsum Mining Project at Vill. Barias, Tehsil & District Doda, Area 15.18 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/ MIN/59286/2019.**

**Deliberations:**

The above quoted case was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed power point presentation during which he informed that the proposed project of M/S Baba Farid-ud-din Bagdadi Minerals is for Barias, Gypsum Mining project which covers an area of 15.18ha. located at Villiage, Baria, Tehsil & District Doda, J&K. The lease of the project was granted in favour of M/S Baba Farid-ud-din Bagdadi Minerals, Mr. S.N.H. Kazmi by the Geology & Mining Department on 01-09-2005 for period of 20 years at an estimated project cost of 101.16 Lakhs under Khasra No.168, 479, 480 to 496 & 511. The project falls under B1 category as per standing orders of Hon'ble NGT and the subsequent OM issued by the MoEF&CC during December, 2018. The mining plan with progressive mine closure plan as approved by the Director Geology & Mining Department during 2017 vide letter No.DGM/F-435/AOMP/4860-67 dated 23-02-2017 wherein it is clearly mentioned that the approval has been granted with consultation of Fisheries, Forest, Irrigation & Flood Control Department. The Terms of Reference for preparation of EIA/EMP was granted by JKEIAA vide letter No.SEIAA/2017/27/151-54 dated 26-12-2019. The water requirement of the project is 6.2kld. The project involves both private and state land. The public hearing of the project has been conducted on 31-08-2020 during which the project was upheld especially by those who have contributed land to the mining activity. various decisions were arrived at between the project proponent, local public and the officials conducting the public hearing which are recorded in the public hearing report.

The Forest Department has already conveyed its NOC vide letter No.6439-41/CFC dated 20-12-2019. The highest production of the project per year will be 75351 tones which shall be achieved by the end of 5<sup>th</sup> year.

The mining site, examined on Google Earth platform in combination with territorial forest boundary, showed that the site is slopy and needs proper handling during the mining activity and rehabilitation of the slope and regressing after the mining activity. The EMP came under discussion and it was found that the consultant had not earmarked enough funds under raising of plantations and species proposed were also not appropriate. The Committee desired that the project proponent should involve local panchayat and Soil Conservation Department in slope stabilization and regressing/greening of the area pre- and post-every mining activity as required so.

The Committee subsequently observed that the lease was granted during 2005 and the mining activity commenced thereafter without obtaining environment clearance till 2016, when it was stopped by the Geology & Mining Department for want of E.C. Therefore, the Committee decided to treat the project under violation category in terms of MoEF&CC Notification No.804(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and subsequent Notification No.S.O 1030(E) dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The Committee recommended the project for grant of Environment clearance subject to condition that the Project proponent/consultant submits revised Environment Management with Remediation Plan and Natural & Community Resource Augmentation plan with appropriate budget under green belt development, slope stabilization (through soil and water conservation and pasture development with fodder yielding species) and maintenance of haulage road prior to issuance of formal E.C. and subject to standards and specific conditions.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for grant of Environment clearance subject to fulfilment of all conditions laid down by JKEAC and subject to standards and specific conditions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.2.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Ramesh Kapoor S/O Shri Ram Rakha Mal Kapoor R/O Min Bazar Samba for MINOR MINERAL (RIVER BED MATERIAL)" AT Block NO.2/1 Basantar River Downstream NH - 1ABridge, Village Chak Manga Gujran Tehsil & District Samba, J&K UT Area 9.99 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59534/2020**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The Secretary informed the forum that the office had received emailed complaint from some RP Gupta wherein it had been alleged that illegal mining activity is going on in the mining block No.2/1 Basantar which has created nuisance to the adjoining village. The consultant of the project gave detailed power point presentation during which he also demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform which revealed features indicate of recurring mining activity.

The Committee recommended to issue Terms of Reference enabling the project proponent to formulate the EIA/EMP reports and to conduct the public hearing subject

to condition that the Geology & Mining Department constitutes an inspection Committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Revenue Department, Soil Conservation Department and local police for ascertaining and identifying the persons responsible for the illegal mining activity and in case Lol holder is involved in any illegal activity the appropriate legal action including termination of contract may be taken. Accordingly, further action and issuance of ToR may proceed subject to condition that the irrigation & Flood Control Department issues prior NOC for allowing mining activity of the said block.

**Decision:**

The Committee upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference enabling the project proponent to formulate the EIA/EMP reports and to conduct the public hearing subject to condition that the Geology & Mining Department constitutes an inspection Committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Revenue Department, Soil Conservation Department and local police for ascertaining whether the Lol holder/PP is involved in illegal mining activity and if so, found, appropriate legal action including termination of contract may be taken. In view of the deliberations, the Authority decided to approve issuance of ToR subject to submission of prior NoC from I&FC department by the PP.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.3.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Reyaz Ahmad Mir S/o- Mr.Ali Mohammad Mir R/o: Pantha Chowk, Lasjan, District- Srinagar, State- J&K -191101 for Masonry Stone (Minor Mineral) Mine " Khasra No. 1072/1009 min, Area- 6.68 Hectare at Cluster Block, Near BSF Camp Zewan (Pantha Chowk) ,Tehsil- Pantha Chowk, District- Srinagar, State- J&K. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/49838/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed in the forum of JKEAC. The multirate Google images revealed that the mining activity is going on illegally even during September, 2020, number of tippers were visible on the image. The consultant presented the letter No.231/TPC/OQ/2018 dated 08-08-2018 issued by Tehsildar concerned reveals that quarry holders from serial 47 to 64 are in Khasra No.1072/1009Min. On the other hand, when the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wild Life Conservation Reserve, it was observed that part of the mining site falls within the conservation reserve. Since, the boundary has been digitized from maps available on small scale and on the other hand Revenue officials have defined it as state land instead of Wild life protected area, therefore the same needs to be verified by Joint demarcation Committee comprising of representatives of Revenue/Forest & the Wild Life Protection Department to be constituted by Govt., for the purpose. The Wild Life Department may also examine/clarify the status of these area as to whether these areas were ancestrally used for stone quarrying by locals and proviso of allowing wildlife conservation reserves for non-conservation use or its diversion under law and rules. It is also not clear as to how single Project proponent is representing an unknown bunch of proponents who have assumedly been allocated the State land declared by revenue authorities as 'Qabzza BSF'.

The Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference for the project as part of the stone quarry appears to fall within the Khanmoh Wild Life Conservation Reserve.

However, the Government may constitute Joint Committee of officers from the Revenue, Forest & Wild Life Conservation Department to ascertain the title of land under the said stone quarries especially with respect to the past mining activities in the area. The Geology & Mining Department may also be asked to clarify whether, the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one Project proponent is involved. If so, the list of Project proponent be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Nayeem Ahmad Bhat S/o-Shri Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/o: Zewan & Athwajan, District -Srinagar-191101, J&K. for "Masonry Stone (Minor Mineral) Mining" Area- 6.19 Hectare at Survey No. 1462, Salguf (Zewan) Block-A, Tehsil - Panthachowk, District - Srinagar, State - Jammu & Kashmir under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/49821/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The multirate Google images revealed that the mining activity is going on illegally even during September, 2020 as number of tippers were visible on the image. The consultant presented the letter No.270/TPC/OQ/2018 dated 08-09-2018 issued by Tehsildar concerned reveals that stone quarries are existing in Khasra No.1462 as Gair Mumkin Pahad. On the other hand, when the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve, it was observed that part of the mining site falls within the conservation reserve. The Committee observed that since, the boundary has been digitized from maps available on small scale and on the other hand Revenue officials have identified it as State land.

In view of above deliberations, the Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference to the project as part of the stone quarry appears to fall within the Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve. However, the Government may constitute joint Committee of officers from the Revenue, Forest & Wildlife Conservation Department to ascertain the title of land under the said stone quarries especially with respect to the past activities of mining in the area. The Geology & Mining Department may also be asked to clarify whether the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one Project proponent is involved. If so, the list of Project proponents be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.5.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mohd. Amin Bhat S/o Gh. Rasool Bhat R/O 42, Zewan, Pantha Chowk & Summer Bugh, Lasjan, District- Srinagar, J & K for Minor Mineral Quarry Cluster Block (Masonry Stone)" Shaliguf (Zewan) Block-B, Khasra No. 1462, Area-6.86 Ha, Tehsil-Panthachowk, District-Srinagar, J&K. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/49791/2020**

### **Deliberations:**

The project case discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The multirate Google images revealed that the mining activity is going on illegally even during September, 2020 as number of tippers were visible on the image. The consultant presented the letter No.270/TPC/OQ/2018 dated 08-09-2018 issued by Tehsildar concerned reveals that stone quarries are existing in Khasra No.1462 as Gair Mumkin Pahad. On the other hand, when the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve, it was observed that part of the mining site falls within the conservation reserve. The Committee observed that since, the boundary has been digitized from maps with small scale and on the other hand Revenue officials have identified it as State land.

In view of above deliberations, the Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference to the project as part of the stone quarry appears to fall within the Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve. However, the Government may constitute joint Committee of officers from the Revenue, Forest & Wildlife Conservation Department to ascertain the title of land under the said stone quarries especially with respect to the past activities of mining in the area. The Geology & Mining Department may also be asked to clarify whether the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one Project proponent is involved. If so, the list of Project proponents be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.

### **Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.6.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mr. Mohd Amin Wani S/o Gh. Mohd Wani R/o: – Village- Sempora, Lasjan, District- Srinagar, J&K. for Masonry Stone" Minor Mineral Quarry Cluster Block at Khasra-147, Area- 8.92 Ha, Village- Dakteng (Zewan), Tehsil- Panthachowk, District- Srinagar, State- J&K. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/54417/2020.**

### **Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant presented the letter No.271/TPC/OQ/2018 dated 08-09-2018 which reveals that stone quarries are existing in Khasra No.147. On the other hand, when the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve, it was observed that the mining site falls outside the conservation reserve. Besides, the Committee desired that the Geology & Mining Department may also be asked to clarify, whether the cluster is exclusively in the name

of the applicant or number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one Project proponent is involved. If so, the list of Project proponents be intimated.

In view of above deliberation, the Committee recommended grant of Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct the Public hearing through JKPCB besides other formalities after ascertaining the allotment/title of the least and lease holders thereof, their clustering, individual and joint responsibilities as per Rules and subject to submission of an authenticated list of quarry holders.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of general and specific conditions proposed and recommendations made by JKEAC.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.7.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Gh Ahmed Ahager S/o Ab Rajak Ahager R/o – Village- Khanmoh, Lasjan, Tehsil- South Srinagar District- Srinagar, J&K for Minor Mineral Quarry Cluster (Masonry Stone) Block at Khasra no.- 2610 Min, Area- 5.72 Ha. Village- Khanmoh, Tehsil- South Srinagar, District- Srinagar, J&K. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57354/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant presented the letter No.271/TPC/OQ/2018 dated 08-09-2018 which reveals that stone quarries are existing in Khasra No.2610. When the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve, it was observed that the mining site falls outside the conservation reserve. However, the Committee desired that the Geology & Mining Department may also be asked to clarify, whether the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one Project proponent is involved. If so, the list of Project proponents be intimated.

In view of above deliberation, the Committee recommended grant of Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct the Public hearing through JKPCB besides other formalities after ascertaining the allotment/title of the least and lease holders thereof, their clustering, individual and joint responsibilities as per Rules and subject to submission of an authenticated list of quarry holders.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of general and specific conditions and recommendations made by the JKEAC.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.8.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Gh. Hassan Wani S/o Gh. Nabi Wani R/o – Village - Mandakpal, Tehsil - Pampore, District - Pulwama, J&K for Minor Mineral Quarry (Masonry Grade Limestone), Block-A, Khasra-514, Area-6.56 Ha. Village - Mandakpal, Tehsil - Pampore, District - Pulwama, J & K. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/54255/2020.**

### **Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve on Google Earth and it was observed that the mining site falls outside the conservation reserve. The consultant also presented a copy of letter No. 20/KHR/136-38 dated 30/07/2015 from Range Officer concerned addressed to DMO concerned w.r.t non-involvement of the quarry site in wildlife area. However, the committee desired that the G&M Dept. may be asked to clarify whether, the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or a number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one PP is involved. If so, the list of PPs be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended grant of Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct the Public Hearing through JKPCB after ascertaining the allotment / title of the lease and lease holders thereof, their clustering, individual and joint responsibilities besides other formalities as per Rules.

### **Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the fulfilment of general and specific conditions and recommendations made by the JKEAC.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.9.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Gh. Nabi Wani S/o Gh. Mohudin Wani R/o – Village- Mandakpal, Tehsil- Pampore, District- Pulwama, J&K. for Minor Mineral Quarry (Masonry Grade Limestone) Block-B, Khasra-514, Area-6.22 Ha. Village- Mandakpal, Tehsil- Pampore, District-Pulwama, J & K. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54284/2020.

### **Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve on Google Earth and it was observed that the mining site falls outside the conservation reserve. The consultant also presented a copy of letter No. 20/KHR/136-38 dated 30/07/2015 from Range Officer concerned addressed to DMO concerned w.r.t non-involvement of the quarry site in wildlife area. However, the Committee desired that the G&M Dept. may also be asked to clarify whether, the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or a number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one PP is involved. If so, the list of PPs be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended grant of following Terms of Reference to the project for enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct the Public Hearing through JKPCB after ascertaining the allotment / title of the lease and lease holders thereof, their clustering, individual and joint responsibilities besides other formalities as per Rules.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the fulfilment of general and specific conditions and recommendations made by the JKEAC.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Ab Ahad Beigh & Manzoor Ahmad Bhat Zewan District – Srinagar for “Minor Mineral (Masonry Stone Mining), Area 9.93 Ha, Block – C-Khasra No.:528, Village - Zewan Bala, The. - Panthachowk, District- Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir, under proposal Number. **SIA/JK/MIN/49776/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The multirate Google images revealed that the mining activity is going on illegally even during September, 2020 as a number of tippers were visible on the image. The consultant presented the copy of revenue papers in support of stone quarries. However, when the stone quarry site was examined in combination with the digitized boundary of Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve, it was observed that part of the mining site falls within the conservation reserve. The Committee observed that since, the boundary has been digitized from maps available on small scale and on the other hand Revenue officials have cleared it as state land. Therefore, the same may be got verified by a joint demarcation committee comprising of representatives of Revenue, Forest Department and the Wildlife Protection Department to be constituted by Govt. for ascertaining the actual title of the land. Further, it was desired that the Wildlife Department may also issue necessary clarification as to whether or not areas ancestrally used for stone quarrying by locals within wildlife conservation reserves other than National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries can be allowed for non-conservation use under Rules. If yes, the existing Rules in vogue may be quoted with procedure to divert wildlife conservation areas in such a situation.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference to the project as part of the stone quarry appears to fall within the Khanmoh Wildlife Conservation Reserve. However, the Govt. may constitute a joint committee of officers from the Revenue, Forest and Wildlife Conservation Department to ascertain the title of land under the said stone quarries especially with respect to the past activities of mining in the area. The G&M Dept. may also be asked to clarify whether, the cluster is exclusively in the name of the applicant or a number of persons. Besides, it needs to be seen as to how responsibility of mining management can be fixed if more than one PP is involved. If so, the list of PPs be intimated as and when above matter is sorted out.



**Decisions:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.11.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Hindustan Construction Company District Reasi(J&K) Principal Employer-KRCL for STP of Minor Mineral Block at Kanjali Nallah, in Village Tanda, Tehsil & District Reasi, J&K UT covering an area 0.977 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/193982/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed power point presentation on the project during which the various aspects of the STP like mining depth, replenishment of the nallah bed, period of the STP etc. The consultant proposed a mining depth of 2 m and informed that Kanjili nallah witnesses a high degree of replenishment. One of the members, Engineer B.B. Sharma also upheld the views of Consultant and informed the Committee that Kanjili nallah is indeed characterized by a degree of replenishment and he has personally witnessed it during his service career. Considering the technical views of Engineer BB Sharma, Member, JKEAC, the Committee agreed to consider the mining depth of 2m in this particular case. The Consultant presented the copy of record note of the approval accorded by the Dy. Commissioner, Reasi to the mining plan of the STP on 12/01/2021 and the conditions laid down therein. The NOCs issued by the stake holder departments in favour of the STP also came under discussion. It was observed that the Tehsildar concerned had authenticated the title of the land as state land. Besides, the DFO concerned in his letter dated 05/12/2020 had also reported that no forest land is involved. The Committee examined the KML file by overlaying the STP boundaries over Google Earth platform and found the STP site fit for exploitation.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the STP as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO 391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020 and subject to general and specific conditions.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of Committee to grant Environment Clearance to STP in favour of the project proponent as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO 391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020 and subject to fulfillment of general and specific conditions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.12.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Hindustan Construction Company District Reasi (J&K) Principal Employer-KRCL for STP of Minor Mineral Block at Kanjali Nallah, in Village Tanda, Tehsil & District Reasi J&K UT covering an area 0.981 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/194008/2021.

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The Consultant gave a detailed power point presentation on the project during which the various aspects of the STP like mining depth, replenishment of the nallah bed, period of the

STP etc came under discussion. The consultant had proposed a mining depth of 2 m and informed that the nallah has a very high degree of replenishment. One of the members, Engineer B.B. Sharma also upheld the views of the consultant and informed the Committee that the nallah was indeed marked by a good replenishment and he had personally witnessed it during his service career. Considering the technical views of Engineer BB Sharma, the Committee agreed to consider the mining depth of 2m in this case as well. The consultant presented the copy of record note of the approval accorded by the Dy. Commissioner, Reasi to the mining plan of the STP on 12/01/2021 and the conditions laid down therein. The NOCs issued by the stake holder departments in favour of the STP also came under discussion with conditions laid therein. The DFO concerned, in his letter dated 05/12/2020, has reported that no forest land is involved. The Committee examined the KML file by overlaying the STP boundaries over Google Earth platform and found the STP site fit for exploitation. It was also observed that the blocks earmarked for grant of STP under agenda 11 and 12 have been located/identified very close to each other without any justification and technical reasoning.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the STP as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020 and subject to fulfillment of general & specific conditions.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment Clearance for STP in favour of the project proponent as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020 and subject to fulfillment of general & specific conditions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.13.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Hindustan Construction Company District Reasi(J&K) Principal Employer-KRCL for STP (River Bed Material Deposit) at Anji Nallah Village Ghayala, Tehsil & District Reasi JK UT covering an area of 0.976 ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/193884/2021.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed power point presentation on the project during which the various aspects of the STP like mining depth, replenishment of the nallah bed, period of the STP etc. The NOCs issued by the stake holder departments in favour of the STP also came under discussion with conditions laid therein. The DFO concerned, in his letter dated 30/12/2020, has reported that no forest land is involved. The Committee examined the KML file by overlaying the STP boundaries over Google Earth platform and found that the STP area partly falls over a flood protection structure near the bank of the nalla. The Committee questioned the selection of the site and asked the consultant to give clarification on the same. However, the consultant did not give any satisfactory explanation on the subject and the Committee opined that the STP needs to be relocated to an appropriate site free of any encumbrances.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that the project proponent be asked to get the STP relocated to an appropriate site as the area identified for it encompasses a flood protection structure near the bank of the nallah.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for relocation of STP to an alternate site and submission of the new case for the appraisal.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.14.**

Grant of Terms of reference in favour of Shri Mohd. Altaf Dhobi S/O Shri Mohd. Jamal Dhobi R/O Khrew Pampore District Pulwama for Nallah Bed Mining, Block No.07, Bani Bridge to Lalpora Bridge, Downstream of Ferozpora Nalla, Village Bani, Tehsil – Tangmarg District Baramulla JK UT over an area of 9.90 ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/55071/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation during which he informed that the Lol was granted Vide Letter No. 395/MCC/DGM/E-A/B-7/19/1552-56 dated 29.07.2019 with extension Vide Order No. 01-MNG of 2021 Dated 08.01.2021. He further informed that the mining plan was approved Vide Letter no. DDK/DGM/MPA/BLA/F-04/152-156 dated 19.06.2020. The Committee examined the mining block on the Google Earth platform and found that excessive illegal mining has already devastated the area under the block with a number of stone crushers operating on its bank near the mining block. It was further noticed that the mining block has been coarsely laid covering presumably proprietary land bearing plantations. The Committee desired that the people involved in the illegal mining need to be identified by the District Administration and the Geology & Mining Department and appropriate action taken under rules.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for rejection of ToRs as intensive illegal mining has rendered the block unfit for further mining that may lead to environmental degradation of the site.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of ToRs to the project proponent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.15.**

Grant of Terms of reference in favour of Shri Mohd. Altaf Dhobi S/O Shri Mohd. Jamal Dhobi R/O Khrew Pampore District Pulwama for Nalla Bed Mining Block No.18, Goigam Bridge to Pinjura link Road, Upstream of Ferozpora Nalla, District Baramulla covering an area of 6.78 ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/55078/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave a detailed Power Point presentation during which he informed that the Lol was granted Vide Letter No.396/MCC/DGM/E-A/B-18/19/1557-61 dated 29-07-2019 and the Extension Order of Gov. J&K Order vide Letter No. 01-MNG of 2021 Dated 08.01.2021. The Mining Plan has been approved by Department of Geology & Mining Govt. of J & K

and Vide Letter no. DDK/DGM/MPA/BLA/F-04/62-66 dated 19-06-2020. The mining block was examined on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that a bridge existed at a distance of 292 mts from the mining block. The committee desired that prior title verification of the land under the block be obtained by the project proponent and the mining block be got reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from the bridge in the downstream.

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended to grant terms of reference to the project subject to reduction of mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from the bridge and prior title verification of the land by the concerned revenue authorities before grant of formal ToRs.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of Committee to grant terms of reference to the project subject to reduction of mining block to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from the bridge. Prior title verification of the land by the concerned revenue authorities be submitted by the project proponent before grant of formal ToRs

**AGENDA ITEM NO.16.**

Grant of Terms of reference in favour of Shri Firdous Ahmad Kumar S/O Shri Mohd. Ramzan Kumar Village Kralpora, Tehsil Magam, District Baramulla for Minor Mineral Block No.17, Pandit Stone Crusher to Pinjura link Road, Downstream, Ferozpora Nallah, Tangmarg, District Baramulla covering an area of 7.73 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/56958/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The Consultant gave a detailed Power Point presentation during which he informed that the Lol was granted Vide Letter 626/MCC/DGM/EAB/20/3130-36 dated 27.03.2020 and the Extension Order of Govt., of J&K Order vide Letter 01-MNG of 2021 Dated 08.01.2021. The Mining Plan has been approved by Department of Geology & Mining Govt. of J & K and Vide Letter no. DDK/DGM/MPA/BLA/F-04/183-187 dated 06.10.2020. The mining block was examined on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that the boundaries of the mining block had been coarsely laid and there is apprehension that the neighboring proprietary land may be involved. Therefore, the Committee desired that prior title verification of the land under the block be obtained by the project proponent from the Revenue authorities.

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended grant of terms of reference for the project subject to prior title verification of land by the concerned revenue authorities before grant of formal ToRs.

**Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee to grant of terms of reference for the project subject to prior title verification of land by the concerned revenue authorities and its submission to the authority.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.17.**

Grant of Terms of reference in favour of Shri Bashir Ahmad Dar S/O Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar Pahoo R/O Pahoo, Tehsil-Kakapora, District Pulwama JK UT fo Minor Mineral Block No.53, Wanpora Bridge o Kalampora Bridge Downstream Nallah Sasara, Kalampora, Keegam, Shopian J&K over an area of 7.60 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59259/2020.

### **Deliberations:**

The project case was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The Consultant gave a detailed Power Point presentation during which he informed that the Lol was granted vide Letter 885/MCC/DGM/B-53/Shp/20/2147-54 dated 20-07-2020 and the Extension Order of Gov. of J&K Order vide Letter 01-MNG of 2021 Dated 08.01.2021. The Mining Plan has been approved by Department of Geology & Mining Govt. of J & K and Vide Letter no. 5-MPA/DGM/MPA/SHP/440-444 dated 03-10-2020. The mining block was examined on the Google Earth platform and it was observed that while a bridge exists at a distance of 246 mts from the mining block on the downstream end, another bridge exists at a distance of 252 mts from the edge of the mining block on the upstream end. The Committee desired Project Proponent to consider reducing the size of the mining block to maintain a safe distance from the bridges. This action may render the mining block less than 5 ha and if this be the case, the Consultant may get the project appraised under B2 category. Committee also desired that Project Proponent to get the title of land under the block duly verified for its title by the concerned revenue authorities.

In view of the above deliberations and taking a holistic view of the environmental factors, the Committee recommended that the mining block be reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from each of the bridges. While doing so, if the area of the mining block is rendered less than 5ha, the applicant may directly apply for EC under B2 category after securing requisite approval to changes in the Lol and mining plan from the competent authorities.

### **Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee that the mining block be reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from each of the bridges. While doing so, if the area of the mining block is rendered less than 5ha, the applicant may directly apply for EC under B2 category after securing requisite approval to changes in the Lol and mining plan from the competent authorities.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.18**

To consider the date of Meeting of erstwhile District Authority Baramulla as Date of issuance of Environment clearance issued to:-

1. M/S Kohinoor Gypsum Mining project Area 4.2ha. at Village Begna Tehsil Boniyar District Baramulla.
2. M/S Neelam Valley Gypsum Mining project, Area 4.67h. at Village Dechna SImabad Tehsil Boniyar District Baramulla.
3. M/S Tower Chemicals Gypsum Mining Project, Area 4.0128ha. at Village Begna Tehsil Boniyar District Baramulla.

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### **Deliberations:**

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### **Decision:**

The JKEIAA accepts the recommendations of the Committee that the mining block be reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from each of the bridges. While doing so, if the area of the mining block is rendered less than 5ha, the applicant may directly apply for EC under B2 category after securing requisite approval to changes in the Lol and mining plan from the competent authorities.

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**Decision:**

The JKEIAA discussed the issue threadbare and agreed to authorize the Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla to issue corrigendum on the subject that date of meeting of erstwhile District Authority of Baramulla i.e., 28-11-2018 wherein aforesaid Gypsum mining projects were cleared for grant of E.C. be treated as date of issuance of E.C. on these projects. The change of date is agreed subject to the condition that E.C. granted by erstwhile DEIAA is not in violation of any existing laws, rules, acts or any judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Court and/or NGT. The record of the meeting be kept in the concerned files for future references.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-

Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director,  
Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

Sd/-

Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)  
Member, JKEIAA

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Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)  
Chairman, JKEIAA

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