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**MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021  
THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING**

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of JK Expert Appraisal Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 and 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No. EAC/JK/20/8811-822 Dated:23.08.2021, and EAC/JK/20/8908-920 Dated:25.08.2021 respectively, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 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,<br>EE&RS, J&K. | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

Following are the deliberations & decisions of the meeting:-

**AGENDA ITEM NO.1**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.79 ha., Block- 30, Chenab River, Upstream Baradari Bridge at Village Nambal (Plan no. II), District-Reasi, J&K in favor of Shri Aditiya Mahajan S/O S.K Gupta under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60321/2021**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 9.79 ha., Block- 30, Chenab River, Upstream Baradari Bridge at Village Nambal (Plan no. II), District-Reasi, J&K. LOI has been issued on 05.08.2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14.01.2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 15/02/2021. The Deputy Commissioner, Reasi has conveyed NOCs of stakeholder departments vide Ref No. /DC/Rsi/160/1589-91 dated 16/12/2020. NOC of PHE dept does not mention block No and therefore revised certificate needs to be obtained and submitted. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOC's conditionally.

**Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26th meeting of JKEAC held on 15.02.2021 during which the committee found the mining block in the form of an island surrounded by water channel all-around and therefore, it was

opined that the ToRs may be granted subjected to condition that the consultant provides a detailed chapter on haulage route in the prefeasibility report/ EIA report. However, as per the PFR/EIA a comprehensive chapter on the same is missing and the PP /Consultant has not provided any solution for haulage of the material across the huge perineal active water channel. The PP has proposed a bridge across the active water channel for haulage of material without establishing technical feasibility thereof.

- b) Area workable only from Nov to Feb because in rest of the seasons the mining block remains inside water as revealed by multirate Google images
- c) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc., cost involved in transportation across the active water channel and therefore needs to be revised.
- d) EMP budget is insufficient and needs to be revised with appropriate budget.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC.
- f) Mining depth be restricted to 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for grant of Environmental Clearance in the present form. However, the PP may resubmit the case with a detailed techno-feasibility report for the haulage route / mechanism for haulage of mined out material across the active water channel with due clearances from the various stake holder departments viz. PWD(R&B), Salal Dam Authority and Irrigation and Flood Control Department with proper safety auditing.

#### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on the observations made by JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the Committee to reject the case in the present form. The JKEIAA also agree with other recommendation of JKEAC to give an opportunity to project proponent to resubmit the case after complying with the observations along with additional documents for reconsideration as a fresh case.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.2**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.02 ha., Block- 03, Anji Khad, Upstream Sula Park Bridge (Plan no. III), District-Reasi, J&K in favour of Shri Harish Kumar S/o Shri Madan Mohan. under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60789/2021.**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 9.02 ha., Block- 03, Anji Khad, Upstream Sula Park Bridge (Plan no. III), District-Reasi, J&K. LOI has been issued on 20/07/2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining

plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. The aforesaid case was processed in pursuance to G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 25/02/2021. The Deputy Commissioner, concerned has conveyed the NOCs of stakeholder department vide communication dated 19/06/2019 and 16/12/2020. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOC's conditionally

**Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 27<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25.02.2021 during which the committee granted TORs to the project subject to title verification of the mining block. Title verification has been reported as per communication from the concerned Dy. Commissioner.
- b) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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.
- c) The conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- d) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- e) Budget for surveillance equipment has been provided but is inadequate and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.
- f) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- h) 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.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Submission of NOCs from all stake holder depts. including Revenue Dept. w.r.t title verification prior to grant of formal EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- d) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 and revision of Project cost, EMP and CER budget as detailed herein above, before grant of formal EC.
- g) Revision of Project cost, EMP and Surveillance budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.

- e) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, I&FC Dept. and PHE Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- h) Maximum targeted mineral production of 100600 MT.
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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 THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 100600 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- h) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- i) EC is valid only for 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.3**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 8.25 ha. (Reduced to 5.04 ha), Block-05, Anji Khad, Downstream Kayala Bridge (Plan No. V), District-Reasi, J&K in favor of Shri Amritveer Sharma S/o Shri Naresh Sharma under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60515/2021.**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 8.25 ha (Reduced to 5.04 ha),, Block-05, Anji Khad, Downstream Kayala Bridge (Plan No. V), District-Reasi, J&K. LOI has been issued on 20/07/2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 16/02/2021. The Deputy Commissioner, concerned has conveyed the NOCs of stakeholder department vide communication dated 19/06/2019 and 16/12//2020. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. have issued NOCs conditionally.

#### **Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 27th meeting held on 25.02.2021 during which the committee granted TORs to the project subject to title verification of the mining block which has been cleared in joint inspection by the stake holder depts in 2017 as per copy of minutes submitted by the PP
- b) Google image shows a bridge at a distance of 250mts from the mining block and the Committee desired the block to be reduced to maintain safe distance of 500m to the same thereby reducing the mining block area to 5.04 ha. approx. instead of 8.25ha which was agreed by the representative of the PP during deliberations.
- c) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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 or as decided by JKEIAA.
- d) The conditions of NOC of stockholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- e) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- f) Budget for surveillance equipment has been provided but is inadequate and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.
- 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 data 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 G&M Dept.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- c) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 and revision of Project cost, EMP and CER budget as detailed herein above, before grant of formal EC.
- d) Revision of Project cost, EMP and Surveillance budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- e) Mining depth of max1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, I&FC Dept. and PHE Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- h) Maximum targeted mineral production of 56200 MT.
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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 THE AUTHORITY

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 56200 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti)

Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.

- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- h) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- i) EC is valid only for 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.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.60 ha., Block- 7, at Anji Khad, Downstream Sula, Park Bridge (Plan NO VIII) District-Reasi in favor of Shri Sumit Gupta S/o Shri Ashok Gupta under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/66603/2021 and SIA/JK/MIN/60138/2021**

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 9.60 ha., Block- 7, at Anji Khad, Downstream Sula, Park Bridge (Plan NO VIII) District-Reasi, J&K. LOI has been issued on 20.07.2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. The aforesaid case was processed in pursuance to G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 15/02/2021. The Deputy Commissioner, Reasi vide Ref No. /DC/Rsi/21-22/NSQ/987-95 dated 03/08/2021 had conveyed NOCs of stake holders depts. The Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOC's conditionally.

#### **Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26th JKEAC meeting held on 15.02.2021 during which the committee detected illegal mining activity in the mining block and desired that the Multidepartment District level committee to forward its report and to fix responsibility for the illegal mining. Besides, The Committee had desired title verification of the mining block from the revenue authority which has been cleared during the joint inspection conducted in 2017.
- b) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on Google image of Dec., 2020. However, the Dy. Commissioner concerned vide letter dated 26/06/2021 has reported that the PP has not been involved in the illegal mining activity in the designated mining block.
- c) The conditions of NOC of stockholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- d) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- e) Budget for surveillance equipment has not been adequately provided and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.

- f) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, area targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- h) 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.
- i) The Committee observed that the PP has proposed two haulage routes from the upstream and downstream. However, the Committee observed that the route proposed from upstream passes through a sloppy land which may contribute to soil erosion. Therefore, the route proposed from the downstream was only agreed to.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- c) Revision of Project cost, EMP and Surveillance budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- d) Mining depth of max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- e) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE and I&FC which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- f) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- g) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 and revision of Project cost, EMP and CER budget as detailed herein above, before grant of formal EC.
- h) Single haulage route proposed from the downstream side near pillar B with utmost care to prevent soil erosion and dust pollution.
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of 107100 MT.
- j) Condition the geographical coordinates as per Lol are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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

### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:



- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 107100 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- h) Single haulage route shall be adopted from the downstream side near pillar B with utmost care to prevent soil erosion and dust pollution.
- i) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- j) EC is valid only for 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.

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

**Grant of Environment Clearance for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 38 (5/13), (Area- 8.69 ha.), Khatharwalli Khad Upstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village- Manoa, Tehsil- Akhnoor, District- Jammu, UT- J&K favouring M/S Sushil Kumar S/O Shri Surinder Singh R/O Sh. Tarsem Lal R/o Flat No. B-13, Sector No. 1, Dream Line Society Trikuta Nagar, Jammu under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/56340/2019**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project Grant of Environment Clearance for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 38 (5/13), (Area- 8.69 ha.), Khatharwalli Khad Upstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village- Manoa, Tehsil- Akhnoor, District- Jammu, UT- J&K. LOI has been issued on 21/07/2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 12/04/2018. The aforesaid case was processed in pursuance to G.O 76 JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2020. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 05/10/2020, 15/05/2021 and 24/07/2021. The Irrigation department, Fisheries Dept, issued NOCs conditionally. The NOC from Flood Control dept, PHE Dept, Revenue Dept have not been submitted.

**Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project is being considered in pursuance to Govt. order No.76 FST of 2020 relating to transfer cases where part of the formalities had been completed by the previous PP.
- b) The Case was discussed in 16<sup>th</sup> JKEAC meeting held on 5/10/2020 during which mining block was found traversing forest boundary on one hand while as the DFO concerned had issued NOC on the other hand. Under these circumstances, JKEAC had sought clarification from PCCF Office. The consultant again uploaded the case under a different proposal No. and the case was again deliberated by JKEAC on 15/05/2021 during which the Committee rejected the case and desired PP to Obtain a fresh NOC from the designated authorized officer of Forest Department clearly mentioning the geographical coordinates of the forest boundary pillar w.r.t the nearest pillar coordinate of the mining block, also mentioning the distance between the two so that there is no ambiguity in the matter. But this time the NOC issued by the DFO concerned again did not mention the coordinates and the Committee desired the clarification as sought earlier. However, now, the PP has submitted fresh NOC from the DFO concerned vide letter No. DFO/J2240-41 dated 13/08/2021 whereunder it has been stated that the area falling under the mining block is non-forest and the same is 110m away from the nearest forest boundary pillar with coordinates as 33° 02.515' N and 74° 44.284' E.
- c) Mining depth mentioned as 3 mts even in revised EIA document while as in PFR and approved mining plan, it is mentioned as 0.50m
- d) Few NOCs from stake holder departments have not been submitted as discussed herein above which need to be submitted prior to grant of Environmental Clearance and the conditions of all NOCs need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- e) While conducting fresh Public Hearing and updating the EIA report as required for transfer cases in accordance with Minutes of Meeting of JKEIAA dated 8/08/2020, the compliance shall be made strictly as per updated ToRs as per Annexure-A within time frame as allowed by JKEIAA.
- f) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) 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.

- c) Conduct of Public Hearing and updation of EIA report with compliance to updated ToRs as per Annexure-A within time frame as allowed by JKEIAA w.r.t transfer cases.
- d) Revision of Project cost by including cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. before grant of EC.
- e) Mining depth of max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- f) Submission of pending NOCs of stake holder depts. as indicated herein above and strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- h) Maximum targeted mineral production of 104200 MT.
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- j) Valid period of only two years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA, JKPCB in accordance with Minutes of Meeting of JKEIAA issued vide No. JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-33 dated 08/08/2020 during which time fresh Public Hearing shall have to be got conducted by the PP.

#### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 2 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 104200 MT.
- f) Submission of NOCs from Revenue Department within 15 days of grant of EC.
- g) Submission of NOCs pending from I&FC, PHE and Revenue Department besides strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- i) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.

- j) Conduct of Public Hearing and updation of EIA report with compliance to updated ToRs as per Annexure-A within time frame as allowed by JKEIAA w.r.t transfer cases.
- k) Valid period of only two years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA, JKPCB in accordance with Minutes of Meeting of JKEIAA issued vide No. JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-33 dated 08/08/2020 during which time fresh Public Hearing shall have to be got conducted by the PP.

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

**Grant of Environmental clearance for “Minor Mineral block no -1/1, Area (8.61) Ha River Bed Material (Sand, Bajri & Boulder)” Mining in Nowshera Tawi River, Up Stream Muradpur Bridge (Plan-I), Tehsil & District- Rajouri, State- Jammu & Kashmir (UT) in favour of Shri Wasim Dar S/O Abdul Qayoom Dar, under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/59906/2021.**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for Minor Mineral block no -1/1, Area (8.61) Ha River Bed Material (Sand, Bajri & Boulder)” Mining in Nowshera Tawi River, Up Stream Muradpur Bridge (Plan-I), Tehsil & District- Rajouri, State- Jammu & Kashmir (UT). LOI has been issued on 18/08/2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 05/01/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 16/02/2021. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PCB, issued NOCs conditionally. The Forest Department has not issued the NOC and NOC by PHE is ambiguous.

#### **Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16.02.2021 during which the committee recommended TORs to the project subject to title verification and submission of report w.r.t fixing of responsibility for illegal mining.
- b) The concerned Revenue Authority has given title verification of the mining block. Besides, with respect to fixing of responsibility for illegal mining activity in the designated mining block, the consultant submitted letter No. DCR/2020-21/Acct/237 dated 26/06/2020 whereunder it has been reported that the concerned project proponent is not involved in the illegal mining activity. Therefore, the project was considered under non-violation category.
- c) The specific NOC from PHE (Jalshakti) has not be submitted and same need to be furnished prior to grant of formal EC.
- d) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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) The conditions of NOC of stockholder 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 EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ 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 G&M Dept.
- j) An emailed complaint dated 24/08/2021 has been received against the said mining block relating to short comings in NOCs and other submitted documents. The Committee desired that the complaint should be forwarded to the project proponent and consultant for fulfilling the shortcomings and to submit the updated documents prior to grant of EC. The Project proponent and the consultant assured that compliance shall be done at the earliest.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) 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.
- c) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 before grant of formal EC.
- d) Revision of Project cost by including cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. before grant of EC.
- e) Revision of EMP, CER and surveillance budget as recommended by the committee herein above.
- f) Mining depth of max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- g) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of 96000 MT.
- j) Condition, the complaint received against the project is forwarded to the project proponent and the consultant who in turn shall fulfil the shortcomings pinpointed therein by submitting updated version of the documents to JKEIAA prior to grant of formal Environmental Clearance.
- k) Condition the geographical coordinates as per Lol issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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 JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

## **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 96000 MT.
- f) Fresh and clear NOC from PHE (Jalshakti) mentioning Block No. needs to be furnished prior to grant of formal EC.
- g) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- i) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- j) EC is valid only for 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.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.7**

**Grant of Environmental clearance for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 8.42 ha. Block-01, at Tanda Seri Khad Near Village Tanda (Plan – 1), Tehsil & District Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir, (U.T) in favour of Shri Sahil Arora S/O Shri Sunil Arora under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60136/2021.**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 8.42 ha. Block-01, at Tanda Seri Khad Near Village Tanda (Plan - 1), Tehsil & District Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir, (U.T). LOI has been issued on 20/07/2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 15.02.2021. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOCs conditionally

**Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.02.2021 during which the committee granted TORs to the project.
- b) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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.
- c) The conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- d) Water creeks have been observed within and outside the mining block. Therefore, transportation of mineral shall be undertaken by laying Hume pipes to leave the water channels undisturbed.
- e) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- f) Budget for surveillance equipment has been provided but is inadequate and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.
- 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 G&M Dept.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) 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.
- c) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 before grant of formal EC.
- d) Revision of Project cost by including cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. before grant of EC.
- e) Revision of EMP and Surveillance budget as recommended herein above.
- f) Mining depth of max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- g) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of 93900 MT.

- j) Condition the geographical coordinates as per Lol issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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

### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 93900 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- h) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- i) In view of presence of water creeks within and outside the mining block the transportation of the minerals be undertaken by laying hume pipes.
- j) EC is valid only for 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.8**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 6.94 ha., Block- 28, at Chenab River Downstream Kanthan Bridge District, Reasi (J.K.) in favor of M/S Sumit Gupta S/o Shr Ashok Gupta R/o: - H.No. 21/6, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60566/2021**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 6.94 ha., Block- 28, at Chenab River Downstream Kanthan Bridge District, Reasi (J.K.) in favor of M/S Sumit Gupta S/o Shr Ashok Gupta R/o: - H.No. 21/6, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu J&K. LOI has been issued on



09.09.2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 25/02/2021. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOCs conditionally. The NOC from Revenue Dept has not been submitted.

**Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 27<sup>th</sup> meeting held on to 25/02/2021 during which the committee granted TORs to the project subject to condition the PP obtains report from the Multidepartment District Level Committee (MDLTF) w.r.t fixing of responsibility for illegal mining activity in the mining block. The same has been obtained from the MDLTF Cell headed by the Dy. Commissioner vide letter dated 26/06/2021 and the Committee has reported that the PP is not involved in any illegal mining. As such the project was appraised under non-violation category.
- b) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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.
- c) The NOCs have been submitted under Single Window Clearance System and the conditions of NOCs of stockholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- d) EMP needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- h) Since the mining block is situated in main river Chenab it should be ensured that no in-stream mining takes place and no heavy machinery should be used.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) 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.
- c) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 and revision of Project cost, EMP and CER budget as detailed herein above, before grant of formal EC.

- d) Revision of Project cost by including cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. before grant of EC.
- e) Revision of EMP and CER budget as suggested in the remark's columns herein above.
- f) Mining depth of max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- g) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of 77400 MT.
- j) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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

### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 77400 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) Submission of NOCs from Revenue Department within 15 days of grant of EC.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.
- i) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- j) EC is valid only for 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.9**

**Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 8.49 ha., Block-34, At Tanda, Seri Khad Village Tanda, Reasi Jammu & Kashmir (U.T) in favor of Shri Mangal Singh S/o Shri Om Prakash. under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/60315/2021**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Environment Clearance under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for an Area of 8.49 ha., Block-34, At Tanda, Seri Khad Village Tanda, Reasi Jammu & Kashmir (U.T). LOI has been issued on 2.07.2020, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 14/01/2021. As per summary of appraisal report Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report, EIA/EMP/CER needs revision. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 15/02/2021. The Irrigation department, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOCs conditionally.

### **Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.02.2021 during which the committee granted TORs to the project.
- b) The compliance to specific ToR condition No.19 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.
- c) The conditions of NOC of stakeholder department need to be adhered to in letter and spirit.
- d) Water creeks observed within and outside the mining block and transportation of mineral shall be undertaken by laying Hume pipes to leave the water channels undisturbed.
- e) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- f) Budget for surveillance equipment has been provided but is inadequate and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.
- 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 G&M Dept.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to these Minutes of Meeting.

- b) 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.
- c) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 before grant of formal EC.
- d) Revision of Project cost by including cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. before grant of EC.
- e) Revision of EMP and Surveillance budget as suggested in the remark's column herein above.
- f) Mining depth of 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- g) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of 94700 MT.
- j) Condition the geographical coordinates as per Lol issued by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- k) In view of presence of water creeks within and outside the mining block the transportation of the minerals be undertaken by laying hume pipes.
- 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 JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data

### **DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

After due deliberations on observations of JKEAC, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Full compliance of Standard and Specific Conditions as per Annexure B to the Minutes of JKEAC Meeting.
- b) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19 besides revision of project cost and EMP, CER and Budget for surveillance equipment as per remarks / recommendation made by the committee before grant of EC.
- c) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment data and its approval by the competent authority to be submitted within 3 months of issue of conditional E.C.
- d) Mining depth not to exceed 1m below NSL in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Department.
- e) Bulk density of 1.86 shall be adopted for calculation subject to Maximum mineral production of 94700 MT.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms & conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments especially conditions laid by the Fisheries Department, PHE (Jalshakti) Dept and I&FC Dept. which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers shall be used in mining.

- h) While issuing EC, Member Secretary shall specifically mention revised geographical coordinates for revised area conveyed by G&M Dept.
- i) EC is valid only for 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.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.10**

**Grant of Terms of Reference for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) in favour of M/S Mohd Altaf Dhobi S/o Shri. Sh. Mohd Jamal Dhobi for Block -18, Revised Area-5.61 Ha. Goigam Bridge to Pinjura link Road, U/stream of Ferozpora Nallah, Village Goigam, Tehsil –Tangmarg & District, Baramulla J&K. (UT). under proposal No SIA/JK/MIN/66648/2021 and SIA/JK/MIN/55078/2020**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This case pertains to grant of Terms of Reference under B1 category for proposed RBM (River Bed Mineral) Mining project for Block -18, Revised Area-5.61 Ha. Goigam Bridge to Pinjura link Road, U/stream of Ferozpora Nallah, Village Goigam, Tehsil – Tangmarg & District, Baramulla J&K. (UT). LOI has been issued on 29/07/2019, which was later extended on 15.04.2021 and is valid up to 31.08.2021. Mining plan has been approved on 19/06/2020. As per summary of appraisal report, PFR, Approved Mine Plan, District Survey Report needs revision. The Deputy Commissioner, concerned under single window clearance system has conveyed the NOCs of stakeholder departments vide No: ADCB/Reader/2021-22/198-210 dated 04/05/2021 which need to be submitted at the time of applying for EC. The Irrigation department, Flood Control dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOCs conditionally. The instant case was earlier discussed by JKEAC on 15/02/2021. The Revenue Dept, Fisheries Dept, PHE Dept. issued NOCs conditionally.

#### **Further, the JKEAC has made the following specific observations:**

- a) The case was discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 25th JKEAC Meeting under agenda 15 during which the Committee had recommended resizing of the mining block to maintain safe distance of 500m from the bridge besides title verification prior to grant of ToRs. Accordingly, the G&M Dept has recommended resizing of the mining block from 6.78ha to 5.61ha vide letter dated 24/04/2021 issued by Joint Director, G&M Dept., Kashmir.
- b) The title verification submitted from the concerned Tehsildar was not found to be clear enough to identify the block and to clear its title and therefore the Committee desired that the PP should obtain fresh categorical title verification from the Revenue Department in favour of the designated mining block.
- c) The KML file representing the resized mining block with area 5.61ha was observed on Google Earth platform and it was found that there are still some residual land parcels indicative of cropland near the boundary pillar F to G of the mining block which may be excluded if same is not found to be state land. Besides, illegal mining activity was also observed on the Google image of May, 2021.
- d) the Mining depth exceeding 1 m below the MSL cannot be agreed in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- e) EMP cost needs to be revised while applying for EC in future.
- f) Revised surface plan not approved by competent authority

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference as per Annexure A to these minutes of meeting for preparation of EIA/EMP 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) Condition that the Mining depth does not exceed 1 m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data.
- e) 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.

## DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY

Upon perusal of case summary and appraisal report, the JKEIAA agree with the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant Terms of Reference to the project subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- a) Fresh title verification from the Revenue Department categorically stating that the mining block falls in State land.
- b) The MDLTF Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner submits a report to the effect that PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity.
- c) 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) Mining depth shall not exceed 1 m below the NSL in view of non-availability of replenishment data
- e) Mining plan to be revised for area, depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and closure plan etc while submitting for grant of EC.

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)  
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