STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), ASSAM. 3RD FLOOR, POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ASSAM. BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI- 781021

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held at 11-00 a.m. on 23rd July, 2020 at the Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21.

List of the members present in the meeting:

Sl no.	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Sri S K Seal Sarma,	Chairman, SEAC	Sd/-
2	Dr. B P Duara	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
3	Sri Sarat Phukan	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
4	Prof. P K Saikia	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
5	Dr. D C Sharma.	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
6	Sri Ratul Mahanta	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
7	Dr. D N Das.	Secretary, SEAC	Sd/-

- 1. At the outset of the meeting Sri S K Seal Sarma, Chairman, State Expert Appraisal Committee, (SEAC), Assam welcome all the members present in the meeting. A brief self introduction is made by each individual member being the 1st meeting of the reconstituted Committee to know each other before proceeding to the business.
- 2. The Chairman, SEAC addressed the members about the objectives and agenda items of the meeting. The Chairman impressed on the present status of the project proponents remain pending due to non existence of the SEAC for quite a long time as well as prevailing lockdown imposed by the Govt. following pandemic Covid 19. The Chairman SEAC expressed that the Govt. is pressing hard to examine and dispose the pending project proponents expeditiously holding meeting at regular interval so that activities gear up in the field enhancing Revenue generation in the State Exchequer and boosting Economic activities during this pandemic situation.
- 3. The Chairman, SEAC also requested individual involvement and cooperation among the members in disposing the pending issues for which the Committee may have to sit frequently. The Honourable Forest Minister, Assam as well as Principal Secretary, Env. & Forest deptt., Assam have also requested while addressing the Committee in the forenoon session to take immediate necessary measures to settle the pending project proponents by 31st Aug. 2020.

The meeting opened for discussion on the agenda items:

Agenda item- 1.

Discussion of projects under category B 2.

1. <u>Proposal for collection of brick earth from Khamarpara Islamari Laiapara Sreegram Pt. VI</u> Brick earth MPA under Dhubri Forest Division by M/S Sabal Brick Industry.

Resolution 1/1:

The committee after due scrutiny, deliberation and considering the ecological & environment perspective has *recommended* for issuance of EC for extraction of 8000 (eight thousand) Cu.M. of brick earth for 2 (two) years strictly following the statutory conditions laid down by the Director, Geology and Mining, Assam with regards to the project.

Agenda item- 2.

2. <u>Discussion the proposal for collection of brick earth from Charuabakhra Jungle Block under</u> Dhubri Division by M/S Assam Brick Factory:

Resolution 1/2:

Considering the ecological & environment aspect, and after due scrutiny and deliberation, the Committee has **recommended** for issuance of EC for extraction of 8000 (eight thousand) Cu.M. of brick earth for 2 (two) years strictly following the statutory conditions laid down by the Director, Geology & Mines, Assam for the project. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhubri Division is requested to get a fresh agreement between the 1st and 2nd Party as the existing agreement is executed during Oct. 2019 for two years, which will remain effective from the date of its execution, failing which the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhubri Division will close the project on expiry of the current agreement with intimation to this end.

Agenda item- 3.

3. <u>Discussion on collection of brick earth from Malipather gaon brick earth quarry under Dibrugarh Forest Division by Thakur Breick Field:</u>

Resolution 1/3:

On scrutiny it is seen that the proposed site of the project is abandoned agricultural land and distance of the site from the nearest Wildlife Sanctuary is not mentioned. Report be called in support of land classification and land use pattern issued by the concerned Revenue Authority. Similarly, report stating the distance between the proposed site and nearest Wildlife Sanctuary issued by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer be called for placing in the next meeting for consideration.

Agenda item- 4.

4. <u>Discussion for issuance of EC for collection of brick earth from Charuabakhra Jungle Block, earth MPA by M/S Shreeguru Bricks under Dhubri Forest Division.</u>

Resolution 1/4:

The SEAC after scrutiny it is reveal that the nearest habitat is situated at 0.25 k.m. as per map & satellite images furnished. However, it is claimed as 2-5 k.m.. Whether the brick kiln is situated at the proposed site or not is not cleared. Hence, the committee opined to call

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clarification from the DFO, Dhubri Forest Division on the above points for placing the project proposal in the next meeting for consideration.

Agenda item. 5.

<u>Discussion on collectionof stone from Rangamati Baghmara Stone Quarry under Dhubri</u> <u>Forest Division proposed by Sri Jaydeep Roy.</u>

Resolution 1/5:

The SEAC after deliberation on the project proponent it is noticed that explosive will be used in operating the project. SEAC desire that a certificate of uses explosive without hampering the neighbourhood be furnished from the competent authority. The party be informed accordingly for placing in the next SEAC meeting for consideration.

Agenda item. 6.

Issuance of EC for stone from Borjuri PP land N0.3 Stone MAC under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Vinod Kr. Kobra.

Resolution 1/6:

EASC after due deliberation sought for clarification from the Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division to the effect that the site in question does not fall within the primary Forest land as the satellite images furnished herewith indicates that the site falls within primary forest whereas in the project proposal it is shown as non agriculture land. The party be informed accordingly for placing the project proponent in the next meeting of SEAC for consideration.

Agenda. 7.

<u>Issuance of EC for collection of 21,850 Cu M ordinary clay for two years from 3 no. Rangpur ordinary clay MPA under Kamrup West Forest Division proposed by Nirmal Kalita.</u>

Resolution 1/7:

The committee after due deliberation and examining the documents has **recommended** for collection of 21,850 cu m of ordinary clay within 2 years time and for issuance of EC to the project proponents strictly following the statutory conditions laid down the Director, Geology & Mines, Assam.

Agenda item. 8.

<u>Issuance of EC for collection of sand from Jhanji river sand MPA under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Sumesh Tanti.</u>

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Agenda item. 9.

<u>Issuance of EC for collection of sand from Sand & Ordinary clay MPA of 2019-21 at Nawjan Area</u> under Dibrugarh Forest Division proposed by Sri Satyajit Deori.

Agenda item. 10.

<u>Issuance of EC for collection of brick earth from Naharkatia Jagun gaon Brick earth quarry under Dibrugarh Forest Division proposed by M/s IIC Brick Field.</u>

Resolution 1/7:

Due to want of time the above agenda no. 8, 9 and 10 could not be taken up for discussion by the SEAC and ask to place the same in the next meeting for deliberation.

The 1st meeting of the SEAC is ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

Chairman SEAC, Assam

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Dated Guwahati, the 24th July, 2020.

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