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J&K ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY**(at) DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND REMOTE SENSING**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2020
AT 1200 HRS. VIA VIDEO COFERENCING**

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 17th November, 2020 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/3199-3212 dated 23-11-2029, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 26th November, 2020 at 1200 Hrs.

The deliberations of the meeting and decisions taken are as under:-

Agenda Item No.1

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Khursheed Ahmad Mir S/O Shri Ghulam Mohammad Mir R/O Dougham, Kakapora, District Pulwama, J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No,19, S-Kulgam, Downstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Kulgam Tehsil & District Kulgam over an area 9.52 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57250/2020.**

Deliberations:

This case has been appraised by the JKEIC on the basis of detailed power point presentation given by consultant of the project. After thorough examination of the project, JKEAC has concluded that the block qualifies for grant of Terms of Reference and recommended for issue of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

Decision: -

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the issue and upheld the recommendations of the Committee for issue of Terms of Reference to the project proponent enabling him to get the EIA/EMP conducted and complete other formalities.

Agenda Item No.2

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Abdul Rashid Bhat S/O Shri Abdul Ahmad Bhat R/O Chatripora, District Shopian, J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Block No.-20, T-Brazlo Bridge Upstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Brazlo, Tehsil & Distirct Kulgam J&K U.T. over an area of 9.09 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57321/2020.**

Agenda Item No.08

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Showket Ahmad Ganie S/O Shri Gh. Ahmad Ganie R/O Jama Masjid, Ambripora, Devsar, Bona Devsar, District Kulgam for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.-21, U, Brazlo Bridge Upstream,Veshaw Nallah, Village-Brazlo, Tehsil & District Kulgam J&K U.T. over an area of 4.15 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57505/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project, the Committee has observed and pointed out that peculiar feature running downstream from Pillar C of the mining block No.20 indicating an irrigation canal headway but the consultant of the project assured that all such aspects shall be taken into consideration during the EIA study and true picture shall be presented in the EIA report. Mining block No.21 listed under Agenda 08 was found to be at a distance of only 299 mtrs. from the bridge and therefore Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference for mining block No.21 or alternatively, resizing/relocating it on the request of the project proponent. In case Geology & Mining Department decides to relocate/resize mining block No.21/cluster to ensure minimum distance of 500mts. from the bridge, then Terms of Reference recommended for mining block No.20 may also be considered as granted to entire cluster including mining block No.21. The Committee has further observed that in view of wrongful identification of mining blocks by the Geology & Mining Department and subsequent recommendations made from time to time on various cases during appraisal by JKEAC/JKEIAA for resizing/relocating the same, it would be appropriate if the JKEIAA advised the Geology & Mining Department to issue corrigendum to the mining plans/letter of intents in all such cases w.r.t geographical co-ordinates, mining depth, targeted minerals for exploitation by the lessee etc., so that Environmental clearance issues could be dealt with in right earnest. With these observations, the Committee has unanimously recommended to issue Terms of Reference to mining block No.20 subject to the condition that there is no irrigation canal headway taking off near the block.

Decision:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the observations of JKEAC and upheld its recommendation to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent of mining block No.20 enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and to conduct the public hearing besides other formalities subject to the condition, there is no irrigation canal headway taking off from near mining Block No.20. With respect to Block No.21, the grant of ToR is rejected in the present form. However, the Geology and Mining Department can consider relocation / resizing on the request of project proponent, ensuring a minimum distance of 500m from the bridge. In such case, the ToR recommended for the mining block No.20, may also be considered as granted to entire cluster including mining Block No. 21.

The JKEIAA also agreed to the recommendations of JKEAC to advise the Director Geology and Mining to issue corrigendum to the mining plans/letter of intents in all such cases w.r.t geographical co-ordinates, mining depth, targeted minerals for exploitation by the lessee etc., so that Environmental clearance issues could be dealt with in right earnest.

Agenda Item No.3

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mohammad Yaseen Parray S/O Shri Mohammad Yaqoob Parray R/O Near Masjid Faisal Chowk, Chakpora, Ban Dora, Ashmuji, District Anantnag J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.-23, W-Ashmuji Bridge, Upstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Ashmuji, Tehsil & District Anantnag over an area of 9.09 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57330/2020**.

Deliberations:

This case has been appraised by the JKEIC on the basis of detailed power point presentation given by consultant of the project. After thorough examination of the project, JKEAC has concluded that the block qualifies for grant of Terms of Reference and recommended for issue of Terms of Reference to the project proponent.

Decision: -

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the issue and upheld the recommendations of the Committee for issue of Terms of Reference to the project proponent to enabling him to get the EIA/EMP conducted and complete other formalities.

Agenda Item No.4

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Gulam Mohammad Pinchoo S/O Shri Mohmmad Rajab Pinchoo R/O Faisal Colony Jawbrara, Awantipora, Distict Pulwama for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.27, Mah Village Upstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Ashmuji, Tehsil & Distrcr Kulgam over an area of 9.21 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57331/2020.**

Deliberations

During the appraisal of the case by the JKEAC, on the basis of detailed power point presentation of the project on Google image using KML file, it has been observed that the mining block though less than 5 Ha, forms cluster with mining block 16 and therefore change in membership of category to B1. Committee has observed, it would be more appropriate technically if the block is relocated to exclude green area containing vegetation and to tap material south of the Pillar-C of the mining block to train the nallah in better way. With these observations, committee has recommended grant of Terms of Reference to the project proponent enabling the Consultant of the project prepare EIA/EMP and undertake other formalities subject to the condition that the mining block is relocated to exclude green area and to tap materials south of the Pillar-C of the mining block to appropriately train the nallah.

Decisions:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the issue and upheld recommendations of the Committee to issue Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to fulfillment of conditions recommended by the JKEAC. Secretary may inform PP accordingly.

Agenda Item No.5

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Khurshid Ahmad Mir S/O Shri Ghulam Mohammad Mir R/O Dougham, Kakapora District Pulwama, J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.26, Z-Ashmuji Bridge, Downstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Ashmuji, Tehsil & District Kulgam over an area of 4.24 Ha. under proposal No. No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57499/2020.**

Agenda Item No.6.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Shabir Ahmad Sheikh S/O Shri Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Sheikh R/O Near Airtel Tower, Bhan Kulgam, J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.25 Y-Ashmuji Bridge Downstream, Veshaw Nallah, Village Ashmuji Tehsil & District Kulgam J&K U.T. over are area of 4.60 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57482/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case JKEC has observed that the mining Block No.25 is only 188 mtrs. away from the bridge and it was also noticed that reducing the length of block to maintain min. distance of 500 mtrs. would leave very small portion of the block to be exploited economically. Therefore, the Committee recommended rejection of Terms of Reference for mining Block No.25 or alternatively, resizing/relocating it on the request of the project proponent. However, the mining block No.26 was found to be fit for mining and therefore it could be considered directly under B2 category in isolation if so desired by the concerned project proponent and with fresh cluster certificate from the Geology & Mining Department

indicating after rejection of mining block No.25, it no longer forms a cluster. Accordingly, Committee has recommended mining cluster for rejection of Terms of Reference, in the present form (in view of close proximity of block No.25 to bridge) However, the project proponent of mining block No.26 may apply directly for EC under B2 Category after obtaining fresh cluster certificate from the Geology & Mining Department certifying no mining block exists within 500mts. In the event, the Geology & Mining Department relocates/resizes the mining blocks of the cluster on the request of the concerned project proponents to ensure 500 mtrs. Distance from the mining block NO.25 to the bridge, the cluster cases can be submitted for reconsideration for grant of Terms of Reference.

Decision:

After due deliberations on the points raised by JKEAC, JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee for issue rejection letters to the project proponents of aforesaid projects and advising the project proponents to apply afresh as per the recommendations of the Committee.

Agenda Item No.07

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday S/O Shri Lal-ud-din Khanday R/O Near Masjid Shareef Bhan District Kulgam J&K U.T. for River Bed Mining project situated at Minor Mineral Block-17, Q-Kulgam Bridge Upstream Veshaw Nallah, Village Kulgam, Tehsil & District Kulgam over an area of 4.08 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57493/2020**

Deliberations:

During appraisal of the case JKEAC, has observed that although mine size is less than 5 Ha but forms Cluster with mining Block No.16, thereby categorized under B1 category. In such a case, it is mandatory to appraise the entire cluster rather than mining blocks individually falling within a cluster, because such an approach would be against the spirit of the guidelines issued by the MoEFF&CC. JKEAC has also observed that the mining block No.17 is only 275 mtrs from the bridge. In view of above, Committee has recommended mining block for rejection of Terms of Reference, in the present form. Alternatively, if the Geology & Mining Department relocates/resizes the mining blocks of the cluster on the request of the concerned project proponents to ensure 500 mts. distance of mining Block No.17 from the bridge, the cases w.r.t cluster may be resubmitted for reconsideration for grant of Terms of Reference.

Decision:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of case in present form. Member Secretary may inform the Project Proponent accordingly.

Agenda Item No.09.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Raman Kumar S/O Shri Krishan Dutt R/O Arnas District Reasi for Minor Mineral Block at River Ans, Downstream Narloo Bridge, Block-14 (Plan No.V) Tehsil Thakarkote, District Reasi J&K U.T. over an Area of -9.51 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57161/2020.**

Agenda Item No.10.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Vikesh Kumar S/O Shri Agya Pal R/O Arnas, District Reasi J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral at River Ans, Downstream Narloo Bridge Block-11 (Plan No.II) Tehsil Mahore, District Reasi J&K U.T. over an area of 9.90 Ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/57162/MIN/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case JKEAC, has observed that projects with mine size less than 5 Ha. in each case were forming Cluster. The consultant informed that there is enough material at site which can be tapped economically and scientifically without endangering the environmental setting. The Committee observed that the cluster qualifies for grant of Terms of Reference provided the consultant plans and maps out the extraction route judiciously in the EIA/Pre-feasibility report and recommended the cluster for grant of Terms of Reference so that the consultant prepares the EIA/EMP and undertakes other formalities.

Decision:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee provided the consultant plans and maps out the extraction route judiciously in the EIA/Pre-feasibility reports to the satisfaction of JKEIAA/JKEAC.

Agenda Item No.11

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of Shri Vipin Kumar S/O Shri Sat Pal Mehta, R/O Dhangri, Rajouri J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No. 28(5/3), Chenab River Downstream Old Bridge, Akhnoor, Malpur, Bhalwal, Jammu over an area of 9.94 Ha. under Proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/56634/2019.**

Agenda Item No.12

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of Shri Rameshwar Singh S/O Shri Gian Singh, R/O H.No.03, Lane No.1, Sharika Vihar, Talab Tiloo, Jammu J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material at Block No.29(5/4), Chenab River Downstream Old Chenab Bridge, Akhnoor, Malpur, Bhalwal, Jammu over an area of 9.32 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/56635/2019.**

Agenda Item No.13.

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of M/S Zaheer Choudhary S/O Shri Gulam Mohammad R/O Lane No.3-Madina Hills, Near Boys Madarasa, Bathindi, Jammu J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No.27(5/2) Chenab River Downstream Old Bridge Akhnoor, Malpur, Bhalwal, Jammu J&K U.T. over an area of 9.16 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/56651/2019.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project by the JKEAC, it has been observed that the project was processed in pursuance to Government Order No.767-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29-07-2020. The secretary of the JKEAC presented brief of the projects under the cluster and informed the forum that the project proponent of aforesaid projects produced requisite NOC from Irrigation & Flood Control Department. After threadbare discussion on the aforesaid projects, the Committee recommended the cluster of mining blocks for grant of Environmental clearance subject to the specific and general conditions as laid down by the Committee in its Minutes of the Meeting including those mentioned by the Executive Engineer concerned in the NOC and also subject to prior submission of videographic evidence of public hearing. Accordingly, the JKEAC recommended mining block No.s 5/23, 5/3 & 5/4 in the cluster for grant of Environmental clearance.

Decision:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the issue and upheld recommendations of the Committee to accord Environmental clearance to the aforesaid project proponents subject to the fulfillment of standard and specific conditions stipulated by the Committee in its Minutes of the meeting including those mentioned by the Executive

Engineer concerned in the NOC's and also subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of public hearing and fulfilment of specific condition No.2.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and members.

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Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)
Member, JKEIAA

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