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

Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held in the Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 at 11-00 a.m. on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

# List of the members present in the meeting:

SI no.	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Sri S. K. Seal Sarma,	Chairman, SEAC	Sd-
2	Prof. S Phukan	Member, SEAC	Sd'-
3	Prof. B.P Duarah	Member, SEAC	Sd-
4	Prof. P.K Saikia	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
5	Dr. G. C. Sarma	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
6	Sri N.N. Deka.	Member, SEAC	Sd-
7	Dr. Karabi. B. Saikia	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
8	Prof. R. Mahanta	Member, SEAC	Sel -
9	Dr. S.K Dutta	Secretary, SEAC	Sd'-

The **49**<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 11-00 a.m. onward in the Conference Hall of the State Pollution Control Board, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. At the outset the Chairman Sri S K Seal Sarma welcomed all the members of the Committee present and called the meeting in order. The Chairman initiated the discussion as per the agenda circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by mail.

#### Points to be discussed:

- (a) Agenda of the 48<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022 is to be approved.
- (b) Altogether 16 nos. of proposals are to be deliberated for consideration including presentation on three proposals.

# Agenda item- 1. Confirmation of the resolutions adopted the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC, Assam. *Resolution 49/1:*

The 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 11-00 a.m. onward in the Conference Hall of the State Pollution Control Board, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 and the draft minutes placed before the Hon"ble Members for perusal and discussion. The minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting is approved unanimously after a brief discussion.

# Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal of EC for mining of Stone from "Beldenga Stone Mahal" at Modartoli village in Hojai District under Nagaon Forest Division proposed by Sri Bishnuram Bordoloi. (SEIAA.1785/2021,(SIA/AS/MIN/ 245934/2021). Resolution 49/2:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone from "Beldenga Stone Mahal" at Modartoli village in Hojai District under Nagaon Forest Division proposed by Sri Bishnuram Bordoloi is placed before he SEAC for appraisal, review and deliberation. Area of project is 5.0 hect and falls within Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Forest Division. The proposal was placed earlier in the 34th SEAC meeting and subsequently in 42 SEAC meeting and detailed deliberation held. Replies submitted on both EDS and ADS were discussed thoroughly. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 8th Dec 2021 and report of the concerned DFO dated 25th Oct. 2021 have been discussed. The DFO, Nagaon Forest Division reported that since past few years no movement of wild elephant is reported over the area vide letter No. FNGT/B/74 (Part)/Beldnga Stone Mahal/2022/7923 dated 1st Nov. 2022. The report of the DFO is deliberated in the meeting. The committee after thorough deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to extract 250000 cu.m stone from the proposed mine site within a period of 5 (Five) years subject to the condition that (a) the proponent shall have to pass the information immediately to the concerned Range Officer /DFO, Nagaon if movement of wild elephant is noticed over the area of Doboka RF (Part). (b) The proponent will temporarily suspend mining operation till the elephant moves back from the locality and (c) on receipt of such information of presence of elephant the concerned DFO shall have to take immediate measures in preventing harm to both the wild elephant as well as workers engaged in the mining site. The proponent is permitted to extract 50000 cu.m stone (rock) from the proposed mine site annually strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

Further, Forest Clearance Certificate from the competent Authority shall have to be furnished by the proponent before actual mining operation as the proposed site falls within the limit of Doboka Reserved Forest.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC. Last but not the least; the DFO will take immediate requisite measures to avoid man animal conflict on receipt of information, if any relating to movement of elephant on the said part of the Reserved Forest.

#### Agenda item- 2.

2. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand Gravel from "Joypur Sand Gravel Mahal under Parbatjhora Division, BTAD proposed by Sri Manoj Narzary. SEIAA. 3102/2022, (SIA/AS/MIS/288616/2022).

# Resolution 49/3:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand and gravel from "Joypur Sand Gravel Mahal" under Parbatjhora Forest Division, BTAD proposed by Sri Manoj Narzary is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Area of the project is 4.96 hect and falls under B<sub>2</sub> category. Contract period is seven years whereas mining plan approved for five years by the DGM, Assam vide letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2022. The proposal was deliberated in the previous SEAC meeting and certain additional information sought. The reply on ADS is deliberated in detailed and the committee recommended the project proposal approving to extract 68500 cu.m sand—gravel from the proposed mining site within a period of five years with the condition that the maximum mining depth is permitted up to two (2) meters. Thus the proponent is allowed to extract 3900 cu.m gravel and 9800 c.m sand (altogether 13700 cu,m sand-gravel) per year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the operational period,

The Divisional Forest Officer, Parbatjora Forest Division under BTAD is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

# Agenda item- 2.

3. Proposal of EC for mining of sand gravel from "Gitibari Sand Gravel Mahal No 2" under Dahansiri Forest Division proposed by Sri Khargeswar Boro. SEIAA. 3169/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/402648/2022).

#### Resolution 49/4:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Gitibari Sand Gravel Mahal No 2" under Dahansiri Forest Division proposed by Sri Khargeswar Boro is laced before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized and appraised. Area of the project is 4.4 hect. and falls under B<sub>2</sub> Category. Necessary LOI issued by the DFO vide letter dated BTC/Forest.38/2016/65 sated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed in detailed. Contract period is seven years and mining plan recommended for five years. Due deliberation is held and the committee *recommended* the proposal approving to extract 60000 cu.m sand and gravel from the proposed mine site within a period of five(5) years with the condition that the maximum mining depth is approved two (2) meters from the unmined ground surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 12000 cu.m sand & gravel from the approved site annually strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Udalguri Forest Division under BTAD is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

# Agenda item- 2

4. Proposal of EC for mining of stone from "Sonacherra Minor Mineral Unit (Stone)" under Cachar Forest Division proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar. (SEIAA. 3171/2022), (SIA/AS/MIN/ 404085/2022)

# Resolution 49/5:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of river bed stone from the "Sonacherra Minor Mineral Unit (Stone)" under Cachar Forest Division proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Area of the project is 1.5 hect. and falls under B<sub>2</sub> category. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2022 and recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division dated 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 is discussed in detailed. The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to excavate 17740 cu.m river bed stone from the proposed mining site within a period of 2(two) years with the condition that the maximum mining depth is allowed up to 2 (two) meters from the unmined ground surface. The proponent is allowed to excavate 8870 cu.m river bed stone per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Forest Division, Silchar is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO, Cachar is also requested to ensure compliance all the terms and condition laid down in the EC in course of mining operation.

#### Agenda item- 2.

5. Proposal of EC for construction of Group Housing Project "Uttarayan Harmony" proposed by Uttarayan Builders & Developers. SEIAA.3089/2022, (SIA/AS/MIS/284651/2022).

#### Resolution 49/6:

Harmony" at Satgaon under Kamrup Metro District, Guwahati proposed by Uttarayan Builders & Developers is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Requisite documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal and replies on EDS are scrutinized. A subcommittee of the SEAC, Assam physically inspected the project site on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022. Plot size is 8280.73 Sq.m and built up area 30151.29 Sq.m that comes under category 8(a) B<sub>2</sub>. The proponent was also invited to give presentation before the SEAC and accordingly presentation is given on the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022. The proponent has also participated in the discussion following presentation. Detailed deliberation is held in presence of the proponent and his consultant in the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting. The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to issue necessary EC with the following condition.

- (i) Necessary correction of the map legends should be made as discussed and should be submitted to SEIAA within seven days time.
- (ii) Rooftop rain water only be used to recharge the aquifer layers.

  In addition to the above, all other terms, condition and measures mentioned in the DPR are strictly to be followed.

# Agenda item- 2.

6. Proposal of E.C for construction of "New Medical College at Bongaigaon, Assam" proposed by the Director of Medical Education, Assam (a unit of Directorate Medical Education, Assam). SEIAA. 3134/2022, (SIA/AS/INFRA2/401705/2022).

#### Resolution 48/7:

The project proposal requesting EC for construction of "New Medical College at Bongaigaon, Assam" proposed by the Director of Medical Education, Assam (a unit of Directorate Medical Education, Assam) is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. The land area of the proposed project is 188167 Sq. and built up area 89497 Sq.m and the project comes under category B2 8(a). Necessary documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal is scrutinized and appraised. The proponent was earlier invited to give detail presentation before the committee in the 48<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022. The proponent had given presentation before the committee and participated in the deliberation. After due deliberation, the proponent is requested to furnish certain additional information/ documents for consideration of the proposal. The proponent has furnished the additional information and again requested to give presentation in the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting. Accordingly, with the assistance of their consultant the proponent had given presentation and participated in the subsequent deliberation. Due deliberation is held and the committee *recommended* the project proposal approving to issue necessary EC subject to submission of the following information to the SEIAA, Assam within seven days time.

- (i) Detail Development Plan for the water channel, Hatimutra that intersects the project site. Copy of the Joint Verification Report conducted with the Water Resources Department pertaining to the said water channel is required.
- (ii) Detail Plan of Rain Water Harvesting.
- (iii) Detail Plan of internal drainage.

#### Agenda item- 2.

7. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Lower Dikrong Sand and Gravel Mining Contract Area under Lakhumpur Division proposed by Sri Ajit Baruah. SEIAA.2012/2022, (SIA/AS/MIS/ 405145/2022).

#### Resolution 49/8:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Lower Dikrong Sand and Gravel Mining Contract Area" under Lakhumpur Forest Division proposed by Sri Ajit Baruah is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. Area of the project is 6.0 hect that falls under category B<sub>1</sub>. Necessary TOR was issued on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Public hearing conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 and report along with EIA report submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022. Necessary scrutiny is done and appraised. The proponent was invited to give presentation before the SEAC and accordingly detail activity proposed therein given though presentation. The proponent has also participated in the following deliberation. After due deliberation the committee recommended the project proposal for issuance of EC for mining of 190000 cu.m sand & gravel from the proposed mining area within a period of 5 (five) years. The proponent is allowed to extract 38000 cu.m (i.e. 15000 cu.m sand and 23000 cu.m gravel) per year from the mining site strictly following all the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

# Agenda item- 2.

8. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Sand & Gravel Mahal at Basugaon Champa Bridge to Bhutiapara Area under Chirang Forest Division, Kajalgaon proposed by Sri Jayanta Brahma. SEIAA. 3185/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 405111/2022).

# Resolution 49/9:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand & gravel from "Sand & Gravel Mahal at Basugaon Champa Bridge to Bhutiapara Area" under Chirang Forest Division, Kajalgaon proposed by Sri Jayanta Brahma is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the proposal along with documents furnished thereon. Area of the project is 3.65 hect. It is seen that the mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022 estimated larger quantity of minable materials whereas recommended comparatively less quantity for extraction. Recommendation of the concerned DFO is discussed. Contract period is mentioned seven years and mining plan recommended for five years for such low quantity of minable materials. Thorough deliberation is held on the above issues. Considering the above and after due discussion the committee recommended the proposal approving to extract 11400 cu.m sand and gravel for two years from the proposed mining site. The proponent is allowed to extract 3700 cu.m sand and 2000 cu.m gravel (total 3700 cu.m sand + 2000 cu.m gravel = 5700 cu.m sand/gravel) from the proposed location per year with the condition that (i) at least 500 meters distance from the Champa Bridge has to be kept as non mining zone and (ii) maximum mining depth is permitted two meters from the unmined surface. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Forest Division, Kajalgaon, BTAD is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC. The validity of the EC is allowed for two years and the proponent shall have to extract the approved minable materials with the same validity period.

## Agenda item- 2.

9. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand & Stone from "Upper Subansiri Sonapur Govt. Permit Area" under Dhemaji Forest Division proposed by Shivam Bhartia JV. SEIAA. 3190/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/405870/2022)

#### Resolution 49/10:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand & Stone from "Upper Subansiri Sonapur Govt. Permit Area" under Dhemaji Forest Division proposed by Shivam Bhartia JV is placed

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before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. The project area is 3.0 hect and falls under B<sub>2</sub> category. Necessary documents are scrutinized and appraised accordingly. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2022 and concerned DFO recommendation dated 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.2022 is discussed in detailed. Due deliberation is held. The committee after thread bare discussion recommended the project proposal approving to extract 36000 cu.m Sand and 10000 cu.m. river bad stone from the proposed mining site within a period of two (2) years. The proponent is permitted to extract 18000 cu.m sand and 5000 cu.m river bed stone annually strictly following at the terms and condition laid down in the approved Mining Plan with the condition that the maximum mining depth is approved two (2) meters from the unmined ground surface.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhemaji Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

## Agenda item- 2.

 Proposal of EC for mining of Sand Gravel from "Kalanadi Sand Gravel Mahal No.2 under Dhansiri Forest Division, BTAD proposed by Sri Kamal Basumatary. SEIAA. 3182/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/403205/2022)

#### Resolution 49/11:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand- gravel from the "Kalanadi Sand Gravel Mahal No.2" under Dhansiri Forest Division of Udalguri District proposed by Sri Kamal Basumatary is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the records and appraised accordingly. Project area is 3.30 hect and comes under B<sub>2</sub> category. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 and concerned DFO's recommendation dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 is discussed in detailed. Due deliberation is held. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the proposal approving to extract 50000 cu.m. Sand-gravel from the proposed location within a period of 5 (five) years with the condition that the maximum mining depth is allowed up to two (2) meters from the unmined ground surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 10000 cu.m. Sand-gravel per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhansiri Forest Division under BTAD is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

# Agenda item- 2.

11. Proposal of E.C for collection of Ordinary Clay from "Moura (Kalag) Village Patta Land Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Forest Division proposed by Sri Karuna Kalita. SEIAA. 3151/2022, (SIA/AS/INFR2/401138/2022)

# Resolution 49/12:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary clay from "Moura (Kalag) Village Patta Land Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Forest Division proposed by Sri Karuna Kalita is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished along with the proposal and appraised. Project area is estimated 1.1 hect. in patta land. The project area shown in the KML file includes a part of the river and other part on the bank. The project proposal has been forwarded by the Deputy Commissioner, Nalbari vide latter dated 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2022 has also been discussed in detail. Due deliberation is held and the committee after detail deliberation resolved to get the opinion of the appropriate authority in the Water Resource Department regarding vulnerability of river bank erosion if mining is considered over the said project area.

The proponent is requested to furnish the report of the concerned Water Resource Department being additional information for taking requisite action at this end.

# Agenda item- 2.

12. Proposal of E.C for mining of ordinary earth from "Sila P.P. Land Earth Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Forest Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Raben Boro. SEIAA. 3152/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/400300/2022)

#### Resolution 49/13:

The project proposal asking ECV for mining of ordinary earth from "Sila P.P. Land Earth Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Forest Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Raben Boro is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. Project area estimated 0.19 hect. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and recommendation of the DFO, North Kamrup Forest Division is discussed in detailed. Due deliberation is held. The committee after necessary deliberation recommended the proposal approving to extract 20000 cu.m ordinary earth from the proposed mining site within a period of two years with the following conditions. (1) required guard walls shall have to construct wherever necessary to arrest soil erosion & (ii) nearby public road should not be disturbed.

The proponent is permitted to extract 10000 cu.m. Ordinary earth from the proposed mining site per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

#### Agenda item- 2.

13. Proposal of E.C for collection Earth from "Pamohi Maghopara Village Patta Land Earth and Stone Mining Permit Area under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Utpal Das. SEIAA. 3083/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/285360/2022)

# Resolution 49/14:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone and ordinary earth from the patta land at "Pamohi Maghopara Village Patta Land Earth and Stone Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Utpal Das is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. Project area estimated 1.0 hect. The approved mining plan is discussed. Recommendation the DFO, Kamrup East Division communicated vide latter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022 and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 along with report of JVR 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are discussed in detailed. The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to extract 6000 cu.m stone and 450 cu.m. ordinary earth from the proposed location within a period of two years subject to the condition that the maximum mining depth is permitted up to two meters from the unmined surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 3000 cu.m. stone and 225 cu.m ordinary earth annually strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

#### Agenda item- 2.

14. Proposal of E.C for mining of Sand from "Jhanji Simaluguri Mining Permit Area for Sand" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Samar Gogoi. SEIAA. 3203/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/406617/2022)

# Resolution 49/15:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from "Jhanji Simaluguri Mining Permit Area for Sand" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Samar Gogoi is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The project area is 0.65 hect. Scrutinized the documents furnished along with the proposal. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam has also been deliberated. The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to extract 5000 cu,m sand from the proposed mining site within a period of two years with the condition that mining depth is approved up to two meters from the unmined ground surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 2500 cu.m sand annually from the approved location.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

#### Agenda item- 2.

15. Proposal asking EC for mining of Ordinary Earth & Stone from "2 No. Odalbakra Village Patta Land Ordinary Earth and Stone Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup East Forest Division proposed by Sri Dilip Ch. Goswami. SEIAA.3086/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/283676/2022).

# Resolution 49/16:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth and stone from the "2 No. Odalbakra Village Patta Land Ordinary Earth and Stone Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup East Forest Division proposed by Sri Dilip Ch. Goswami is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Proposed area of the project is 0.30 heet. The proposal has already been deliberated in the 44<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2022. The committee after due deliberation decided for physical field inspection through the subcommittee of the SEAC. Accordingly the subcommittee of SEAC, Assam visited the site on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022 and submitted report on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.2022. The proposal and filed inspection report is deliberated and resolved to ask the following additional information relating to the proposal for further consideration.

- (i) The plot of land is horizontal and flat in one part, and the other part is hilly with some bushes & trees. The soil cover in the hill area is thin with exposed mass.
- (ii) The Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining's letter to the DFO, Kamrup East Division, Basistha mentioned the Mining Permit area as 0.30 hect and it mentioned extraction of 1000 cu.m. Ordinary earth and 500 cu.m. Granitic rock.
- (iii) The Joint Verification Report motioned mining area as 0.13 hect; and also mentioned about extraction of 1000 cu.m. Ordinary earth and 500 cu.m. of stone.
- (iv) The mining plan indicated 0.3 hect and 0.13 hect as mine plan area. The report also mentioned 1000 cu.m. and 500 cu.m. of ordinary earth and stone respectively. But the reserve estimation indicates only 500 cu.m stone.
- (v) The contour map of the area and mine plan contours not submitted.
- (vi) The trace map of the plot of land is required.

Due deliberation is held and the committee resolved the above points from Sl. No. 1 to 6 need to be clarified and fresh Mining Plan is submitted.

#### Agenda item- 2.

16. Proposal asking EC for mining of Earth/Silt from "Jahirpur P.P. Land Earth/Silt Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup West Division proposed by Sri Haren Kalita. SEIAA.2075/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/257901/2021).

#### Resolution 49/17:

The project proposal requesting EC for mining of earth/silt from "Jahirpur P.P. Land Earth/Silt Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup West Division proposed by Sri Haren Kalita is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and detail discussion. Project area proposed 0.99 heet. Scrutinized the records and appraised. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM. Assam dated 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2022 and concerned DFO's recommendation dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2022 and JVR dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2021 is discussed in detailed. Due deliberation is held. The committee after thorough discussion recommended the proposal approving to extract 17000 cu.m. earth/silt from the proposed location within a period of two years. The proponent is also allowed to extract 8500 cu.m. earth/silt per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup West Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO is also requested to ensure to mark the approved mining site on the ground fixing required pillars before allowing actual mining operation as mining is allowed within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC.

The meeting is ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

Chairman SEAC, Assam

Memo No. SEIAA.33/2013/Pt.-1 -A

Dated Guwahati, the 28th Nov.2022.

Copy to:

- 1) The Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Assam for favor of kind information.
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- 4) The Secretary, SEAC, Assam for favor of kind information.
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Chairman

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