

# STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA)

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON 16th September, 2021, AT 1:00 PM,

VENUE: OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Members present in the Meeting:	***************************************
1. Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS (Retd.)	Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. H.J. Syiemlieh, Professor, Dept. of Geography, NEHU	Member, SEIAA
3. Shri W.S. Manner, IFS, CCF, SF & E	Member Secy.
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#### Proceedings:

The Meeting was chaired by Shri T.T.C. Marak, Chairman, SEIAA. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and then invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

**Agenda 1:** Action taken Report - The Member Secretary informed about the action of the decisions taken in the last SEIAA's meeting held on 8th September, 2021 and circulated the Minutes of the said meeting. The meeting approved the actions taken and confirmed the proceedings.

## Agenda 3: Grant of Term of Reference (TOR)

## 2.1 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65781/2021 submitted by Shri. Methos Marwein

The Project Proponent, Shri. Methos Marwein submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65781/2021 for Term of Reference for Sohnarain Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 1.77 hectares.

The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Sohnarain, Wahlong, Wahlong Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

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Pillar No	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 11′ 21.51″N	91° 42′ 32.90″E
2	25° 11′ 22.44″N	91° 42′ 33.45″E
3	25° 11′ 22.95″N	91° 42′ 33.40″E
4	25° 11′ 23.09′′N	91° 42′ 34.10″ E
5	25° 11′ 22.84″N	91° 42′ 35.57″E
6	25° 11′ 24.09″N	91° 42′ 35.92″E
7	25° 11′ 22.86″N	91° 42′ 38.62″E
8	25° 11′ 22.30″N	91° 42′ 40.32″E
9	25° 11′ 21.25″N	91° 42′ 40.49″E
10	25° 11'19.90"N	91° 42′ 39.46″E
11	25° 11′ 19.96″N	91° 42′ 38.94″E
12	25° 11′ 19.09″N	91° 42′ 38.51″E
13	25° 11′ 19.01′′N	91° 42′ 38.11″E
14	25° 11′ 19.20″N	91° 42′ 37.06″E
15	25° 11′ 20.70″N	91° 42′ 35.81″E

The proposed mining area is on lease for 25 years vide Lease Agreement made on the 28th January, 2021 certified by Notary Public, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, vide letter No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/6062, dated Shillong, the 24th March 2020 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/6110, dated Shillong, the 25th March, 2021 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/199/2021/06 dated Shillong, the 12th July 2021 which states that there are four (4) approved mining plans lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of five mines is summed up to 8.7511 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/119/2021/02 dated Shillong, the 17th June 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 57650 MTPA with a project cost of Rs.16.50 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserves of limestone are of the order of 910200 MT. The production in the period of the mining plan will be around 288250 MT in 5 years. Therefore, the balance reserves will be (910200 - 288250) = 621950 MT. If the production target is 57650 MT, the balance reserve will be sufficient for (621950 / 57650) = 10.78years. Thus, the total life of the mine is 5+10.78=15.78 or say 16years.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grants Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.
- 3. The distance between the boundary of Shri. Methos Marwein, project proponent with adjoining approved mining plan of Smti. Iasuklang War shown as "7"(seven) metres in the Cluster Certificate, issued vide no DMR/MM/199/2021/06; dated Shillong, the 12th July 2021. Accordingly, as per provisions of Section 111[(2)] of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 no working is permitted within a distance of minimum 7.5 metres from the boundary of adjoining mine. This aspect should be highlighted in the EIA/EMP report, public consultation report etc, seeking for EC.
- 4. Since the distance between the proposed mine and adjoining mine(s) in the said cluster is 7 (Seven) metre and (7.5 metre after maintaining minimum 7.5 metres from adjoining mine as mentioned in clause 3 above) and nature of Over Burden (OB) is not known, as a precautionary measure, height of the 1st Bench is to be kept low, preferably within 1-3 metre maximum while maintaining width of the bench at 06 -7.5 metre.



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Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

# 2.2 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65784/2021 submitted by Shri. Symper Nongtraw

The Project Proponent, Shri. Symper Nongtraw submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65784/2021 for Term of Reference for Mawlyndiar Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 0.58 hectare.

The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Mawlyndiar, Elaka Wahlong Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

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Pillar No	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 10′ 57.70′N	91° 42′ 15.50″E
2	25° 10′ 59.20″N	91° 42′ 17.70″E
3	25° 10′ 58.60″N	91° 42′ 18.30″E
4	25° 10′ 57.10″N	91° 42′ 18.20″ E
5	25° 10′ 55.27″N	91° 42′ 16.46′′E
6	25° 10′ 55.80″N	91° 42′ 15.40″E
7	25° 10′ 56.80″N	91° 42′ 16.00″E

The proposed mining area is on lease for 20 years vide lease agreement made on the  $2^{nd}$  day of November 2020.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & RiBhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, vide letter No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/4355, dated Shillong, the 15th December 2020 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/4368, dated Shillong, the 15th December, 2020 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/106/2021/12 dated Shillong, the 3<sup>rd</sup>June 2021 which states that there are five (5) approved mining plans lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of six mines is summed up to 12.3011 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/106/2021/06 dated Shillong, the 26th March 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 31320 MTPA with a project cost of Rs.13.00 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserves of limestone are of the order of 185600 MT. The production in the period of the mining plan will be around 156580 MT in 5 years. Therefore, the balance reserves will be (185600 - 156580) = 29020 MT. If the production target is 31320 MT, the balance reserve will be sufficient for (29020/31320) = 0.93 years. Thus, the total life of the mine is 5+0.93=5.93 or say 6 years.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.



Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAA and as part Terms of Reference to its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for  $N_{Qh}$ . Coal mining sector issued vide Ministry OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired. resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

- The distance between the boundary of Shri. Symper Nongtraw, project proponent with adjoining approved mining plan of Smti. Jelika Khongrymmai shown as "0" (Zero) metres in the Cluster Certificate, issued vide no DMR/MM/106/2021/12; dated Shillong, the 3rd June 2021. Accordingly, as per provisions of Section 111[(2)] of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 no working is permitted within a distance of minimum 7.5 metres from the common boundary of both. This aspect should be highlighted in the EIA/EMP report, public consultation report etc, seeking for EC.
- 4. Since the distance between the proposed mine and adjoining mine(s) in the said cluster is 0 (Zero) meter and (7.5 meter after maintaining minimum 7.5 meters from adjoining mine as mentioned in clause 3 above) and nature of Over Burden(OB) is not known, as a precautionary measure, height of the 1st Bench is to be kept low, preferably within 1-3 meter maximum while maintaining width of the bench at 06 -7.5 meter.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

## 2.3 Proposal No. SIA/ML/MIN/65704/2021 submitted by Shri. Bontonlang Wanswett

The Project Proponent, Shri. Bontonlang Wanswett submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65704/2021 for Term of Reference for Marih Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 4.11 hectares.



The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for manufacturing of lime used as building materials. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Marih, Tlongumsong, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 12′ 05.7″N	91° 41′ 12.8′′E
2	25° 11′ 59.72″N	91° 41′ 11.13″E
3	25° 11′ 59.25″N	91° 41′ 13.26″E
4	25° 12′ 04.92″N	91° 41′ 14.80″E

The proposed mining area belongs to the project proponent as per Gift deed certified by Notary Public, East Khasi Hills on the 25th of September 2019 as well as Lease deed on the 29th June 2020.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & RiBhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, vide letter

No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/5739, dated Shillong, the 9th March 2021 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/5738, dated Shillong, the 9th March, 2020 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/100/2020/11 dated Shillong, the12th July 2021 which states that there are two (2) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of three mines is summed up to 7.43 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/100/2020/07 dated Shillong, the 4th May 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 2,36,250 TPA with a project cost of Rs.24 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserves of limestone are of the order of 1470000 MT. The production in the period of the mining plan will be around 1181250 MT in 5 years. Therefore, the balance reserves will be (1470000 - 1181250) or 288750 MT. If the production target is 236250 MT, the balance reserve will be sufficient for (288750 /236250) = 1.22 years. Thus, the total life of the mine is 5+1.22=6.22 or say 6 years.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

## 2.4 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65871/2021 submitted by Shri Challenge Rajee

The Project Proponent, Shri. Challenge Rajee submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65871/2021 for Term of Reference for Tyngwai Limestone Mine for an area of 2.00 hectares.

The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Tyngwai area, Tyngwai Bah, Sohbar Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

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Pillar No	Latitude	Longitude	
1	25° 10'36.54"N	91° 43′30.92″E	
2	25° 10'34.42"N	91° 43′27.94″E	



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3	25° 10′45.09″N	91° 43′28.83″E
4	25° 10'45.09"N	91° 43′28.60″E
5	25° 10′44.03″N	91° 43′29.50″E
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The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 30 years vide Deed of Lease Agreement made on the 20th September 2019 certified by Sub-Registrar, Sohra.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi, Territorial Division, Shillong vide letter Memo.No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt IV/ dated Shillong, the \_\_\_ February, 2021 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/5244, dated Shillong, the 10th February, 2021 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/112/2021/07 dated Shillong, the 15th July 2021 which states that there are four (4) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of five mines is summed up to 6.0592 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/112/2021/03 dated Shillong, the 4th May 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 80,325 TPA with a project cost of Rs.22.00 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

As per the mining plan, the mineable reserve is of the order of 2150000 MT and the production in the period of the mining plan will be around 401625 in 5 years. The balance reserves will be (2150000 - 401625) or 1748375 MT. If the annual production is 80325 MT, the balance reserves will sufficient for 1748375/80325 = 21.76 years. Thus total life of the mine is 5+21.76 = 26.75 or say 27 years.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on  $16^{\text{th}}$  September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has been expired
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

## 3.5 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65631/2021 submitted by Shri. Michael Myrchiang

The Project Proponent, Shri Michael Myrchiang submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/65631/2021 for Term of Reference for Amsyndui



Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 3.54 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes.

The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Amsyndui, Elaka Nongtalang, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.83C/4 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
-	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 13'29.76"N	92° 5′14.67″E
2	25° 13'31.37"N	92° 5′12.07″E
3	25° 13'31.00"N	92° 5′9.13″E
4	25° 13'27.89"N	92° 5′5.96″E
5	25° 13'23.93"N	92° 5′2.25″E
6	25° 13'23.06"N	92° 5′4.63″E
7	25° 13'26.24"N	92° 5′8.93″E
8	25° 13'26.70"N	92° 5′11.49″E

The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 20 years vide Deed of Lease Agreement made on the 16th May 2018 certified by Sub-Registrar, Amlarem.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai vide letter No.JH/S.Quarry/2009-10/476/B/1179 dated Jowai, the 1st October, 2018 and letter of Intent vide letter No.JH/MMMCR-2016/2016-17/869/B/1272, dated Jowai, the 25th October, 2018 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Divisional Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Jowai vide letter No.DMO-J/7/MM/Mining Plan/2019/14 dated Jowai, the 27th June 2019 which states that there are six (6) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of seven mines is summed up to 21.7725 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Divisional Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Jowai vide letter No.DMO-J/7/MM/Mining Plan/2019/03 dated Jowai, the 29th April 2019. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 3,50,320 TPA with a project cost of Rs.23.5 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

As per the mining plan, the mineable reserve is of the order of 33, 99,980 Tonnes and the production in the period of the mining plan will be around 1408710 Tonnes in 5 years. The balance reserves will be (3399980 - 1408710) = 1991270 Tonnes. If the annual production is 350320 Tonnes, the balance reserves will sufficient for 1991270/350320 = 5.68 years. Thus total life of the mine is 5+5.68 = 10.68 or say 11 years.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired.

2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

The Meeting

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment

# $2.6\ \ Proposal\ No. SIA/ML/MIN/66391/2021\ submitted\ by\ Shri\ Boris\ Khyllep.$

The Project Proponent, Shri. Boris Khyllep submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66391/2021 for Term of Reference for Temsuwai Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 0.31 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Temsuwai, Wahlong Village, Elaka Wahlong Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coor	dinates
1	Latitude	Longitude
2	25° 11′5.74″N	91° 42′17.16″E
3	25° 11′4.17″N	91° 42′16.24″E
4	25° 11′4.10″N 25° 11′3.38″N	91° 42′16.80″E
5	25° 11′4.45″N	91° 42′18.35″E
6	25° 11′5.18″N	91° 42′18.76″E
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The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 20 years vide Deed of Lease Agreement made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 certified by Notary Public, East Khasi Hills District,

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Hills & Ri Bhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/6036, dated Shillong, the 24th March 2020 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/6109, dated Shillong, the 25th

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/117/2021/08 dated Shillong, the 4th August 2021 which states that there are six (6) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of seven mines is summed up to 10.6311 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/117/2021/04 dated Shillong, the 2nd July 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 8775 TPA with a project cost of Rs.11.00 lakhs an the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

As per the mining plan, the mineable reserve is of the order of 60,000 MT and the production in the period of the mining plan will be around 43875 MT in 5 years. The balan reserves will be (60000 - 43875) = 116125 MT. If the annual production is 8775 MT, balance reserves will sufficient for 16125/8775 = 1.83 years. Thus total life of the mine 5+1.83 = 6.83 or say 7 years.



## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.
  - 3. The distance between the boundary of Shri. Boris Khyllep, project proponent with adjoining approved mining plan of Smti. Jelika Khongrymmai shown as "0"(Zero) metres in the Cluster Certificate, issued vide no DMR/MM/117/2021/08; dated Shillong, the 4th August 2021. Accordingly, as per provisions of Section 111[(2)] of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 no working is permitted within a distance of minimum 7.5 metres from the common boundary of both. This aspect should be highlighted in the EIA/EMP report, public consultation report etc, seeking for EC.
  - 4. Since the distance between the proposed mine and adjoining mine(s) in the said cluster is 0 (Zero) metre and (7.5 metre after maintaining minimum 7.5 metres from adjoining mine as mentioned in clause 3 above) and nature of Over Burden(OB) is not known, as a precautionary measure, height of the 1st Bench is to be kept low, preferably within 1-3 metre maximum while maintaining width of the bench at 06 -7.5 metre.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

## 2.7 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66191/2021 submitted by Smt. Maria Ryngnga.

The Project Proponent, Smt. Maria Ryngnga submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66191/2021 for Term of Reference for Sohmluh Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 0.693 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes.

The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Ka Sohmluh, Tyngwai Area, Sohbar Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.78 O/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

	GPS Coordinates	
Pillar No	Latitude Longitude	Longitude
1	25° 10'38.22"N	91° 43′18.42″E
2	25° 10'44.76"N	91° 43′19.68″E
3	25° 10'44.82"N	91° 43′18.36″E
4	25° 10′38.22″N	91° 43′17.28″F



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The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 20 years vide Lease Agreement made on the 24th June 2020 certified by Notary Public, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & RiBhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, vide letter No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/PtIV/2277, dated Shillong, the 8th September 2020 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/2785, dated Shillong, the 15th September, 2020 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/89/2020/09 dated Shillong, the 4th June 2021 which states that there are four (4) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of five mines is summed up to 8.5592 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/89/2020/02 dated Shillong, the 26th November 2020. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 45129 TPA with a project cost of Rs.22.00 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserve would be 225645 Tonnes with an average annual production of 45129 (225645/5=45129) Tonnes. The average annual production of limestone may be different from annual production of five years plan period. Thus 225619 Tonnes of the total mineable reserve will be worked out in first 5 years and the rest quantity of mineable reserve i.e. (225645-225619) =26 Tonnes would be mining loss. Therefore, the life of the mine will be 5 years (five years in plan period).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

## 2.8 Proposal No. SIA/ML/MIN/66248/2021 submitted by Shri. Hamarbabiang Khongsni

The Project Proponent, Shri. Hamarbabiang Khongsni submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No: SIA/ML/MIN/66248/2021 for Term of Reference for Hamar Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 1.36 hectares.

The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for building and construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Ri Laingut, Lynti Dkhar Area, Sohbar Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills



District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.78 O/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 11' 12.284"N	91° 44′ 58.611″E
2	25° 11′ 14.631″N	91° 44′ 58.611″E
2	25° 11' 14.599"N	91° 44′ 57.968″E
3		91° 44′ 58.162″ E
4	25° 11' 15.936"N	91° 44′ 55.02″E
5	25° 11' 16.84"N	91° 44′ 53.38″E
6	25° 11′ 14.989″N	91° 44′ 54.874″E
7	25° 11′ 13.874″N	91° 44′ 54.264″E
8	25° 11′ 13.582″N	
9	25° 11′ 12.853″N	91° 44′ 54.268″E
10	25° 11'12.61"N	91° 44′ 57.839″E
11	25° 11′ 12.284″N	91° 44′ 57.89″E

The proposed mining area belongs to the project proponent vide Deed of Declaration made on the 28th September 2020 certified by Sub-Registrar, Sohra.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & RiBhoi Territorial Division, Shillong, vide letter No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/5622, dated Shillong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and letter of No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/5622, dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup>March, 2020 Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/4701, dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup>March, 2020 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/113/2021/07 dated Shillong, the 29th June 2021 which states that there are nine (9) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of ten mines is summed up to 22.3115 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/113/2021/02 dated Shillong, the 24th April 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 60000 TPA with a project cost of Rs.28.00 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mine has a Total Mineable Reserves excluding safety barrier of 1125579 MT but after leaving residual benches, the Extractable Mineable Reserves comes to 664378 MT.As the mine is targeted to produce 60000MT of limestone per annum and taking 300 days as the average number of working days per annum, the anticipated life of mine will be 11.07 years, say 12 years.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has been expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names



and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

3. The distance between the boundary of Shri. Hamarbabiang Khongsni, project proponent with adjoining approved mining plan of Smti. Dron Dohling and Shri. Marbat Dohkrut shown as "4"(Four) metres in the Cluster Certificate, issued vide no DMR/MM/113/2021/07; dated Shillong, the 29th June 2021. Accordingly, as per provisions of Section 111[(2)] of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 no working is permitted within a distance of minimum 7.5 meters from the boundary of adjoining mine. This aspect should be highlighted in the EIA/EMP report, public consultation report etc, seeking for EC.

4. Since the distance between the proposed mine and adjoining mine(s) in the said cluster is 4 (Four) meter and (7.5 meter after maintaining minimum 7.5 meters from adjoining mine as mentioned in clause 3 above) and nature of Over Burden(OB) is not known, as a precautionary measure, height of the 1st Bench is to be kept low, preferably within 1-3 meter maximum while maintaining width of the bench at 06-7.5 meter.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

# 2.9 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66187/2021 submitted by Shri. Royal A. Sangma

The Project Proponent, Shri Royal A. Sangma submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66187/2021 for Term of Reference for Bagli of lime stone for mining of Lime stone for an area of 1.00 hectares. The proposal is for mining The project Construction purposes.

The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Bagli, Khonjowai, South West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/4 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 12′27.15″N	91° 04′12.95″E
2	25° 12′24.66′′N	91° 04′12.11″E
3	25° 12′28.91′′N	91° 04′06.62″E
4	25° 12′30.38″N	91° 04′08.58′′E
5	25° 12′27.70″N	91° 04′10.23″E

The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 10 years vide Deed of Lease made on the 7thOctober 2016 certified by District Registrar, South Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, SF & Territorial Division, West and South West Khasi Hills, vide letter No.T/W&SW/20/NOC(L)/538, dated Nongstoin, the 27th August 2020 and letter of Intent vide letter NoT/W&SW/20-21/LS/ML/142/162, dated Nongstoin, the 9th February, 2021 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/125/2021/07 dated Shillong, the 15th July 2021 which states that there are seven (7) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of eight mines is summed up to 18.21 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide



letter No.DMR/MM/125/2021/02 dated Shillong, the 29th June 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 54474 TPA with a project cost of Rs.28.5 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserve would be 272371 tonnes with an average annual production of 54474 (272371/5=54474) Tonnes. The average annual production of limestone may be different from annual production of five years plan period. Thus 272363 Tonnes of the total mineable reserve will be worked out in first 5 years and the rest quantity of mineable reserve i.e. (272371-272363) =8 Tonnes would be mining loss. Therefore, the life of the mine will be 5 years (five years in plan period+ 5 years in conceptual period).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on  $16^{\text{th}}$  September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with

1. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment

# 2.10 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66436/2021 submitted by Shri. Iasuklang War.

The Project Proponent, Shri. Iasuklang War submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66436/2021 for Term of Reference for Sohnarain Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 2.12 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Sohnarain, Wahlong Village, Elaka Wahlong Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
1	25° 11′13.77″N	91° 42′31.04″E
2	25° 11′13.80″N	91° 42′34.10″E
3	25° 11′14.42″N	91° 42′35.21″E
4	25° 11′16.66″N	91° 42′37.22″E
5	25° 11′17.89″N	91° 42'35.91"E
6	25° 11'19.02"N	91° 42′36.79′′E
7	25° 11′20.45″N	91° 42′35.80″E
8	25° 11′20.91″N	91° 42′34.24′′E

The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 20 years vide Lease Agreement made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 certified by Notary, East Khasi Hills, District, Meghalaya.



The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by Shillong vide letter of Officer. Fast Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi Territorial Division, Shillong 2021 and letter of Officer. Fast Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi Territorial Division, Shillong 2021 and letter of No KH/B/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/5430, dated Shillong, the 19th February, 2021 Intent vide letter No KH/B/ML/Limestone/68/5563 dated Shillong, the Mining Engineer, teamer tively

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/118/2021/08 dated Shillong, the 3rd August 2021 which states that there are seven (7) approved mining plan dated Shillong, the 3rd August 2021 which states that there are seven (7) approved mining area falls bying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of eight mines is summed up to 14.2011 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No DMR/MM/118/2021/04 dated Shillong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. The Mining Plan has been brepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 50350 TPA with a project cost of Rs. 19.50 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserve of Limestone would be 1328710 MT. The production period of the mining plan would be around 251175 MT in 5 years. The balance reserves is 1328710 – 251175 = 1027535 MT. The yearly production target is 50225 MT. The balance reserves will sufficient for 1077535/50,225 = 21.45 years. Thus, the total life of the mine is 21.45 + 5 = 26.45 or say 27 years.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on 16th September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by
  resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names
  and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection
  including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA
  report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.
- 2. The distance between the boundary of Shri. Iasuklang War, project proponent with adjoining approved mining plan of Shri. Methos Marwein shown as "6"(Six) metres in the Cluster Certificate, issued vide no DMR/MM/118/2021/08; dated Shillong, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021. Accordingly, as per provisions of Section 111[(2)] of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 no working is permitted within a distance of minimum 7.5 metres from the boundary of adjoining mine. This aspect should be highlighted in the EIA/EMP report, public consultation report etc, seeking for EC.
- 3. Since the distance between the proposed mine and adjoining mine(s) in the said cluster is 6 (Six) meter and (7.5 meter after maintaining minimum 7.5 meters from adjoining mine as mentioned in clause 2 above) and nature of Over Burden(OB) is not known, as a precautionary measure, height of the 1st Bench is to be kept low, preferably within 1-3 meter maximum while maintaining width of the bench at 06-7.5 meter.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.



# 2.11 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66635/2021 submitted by Smti. Arbina M. Sangma

The Project Proponent, Smti. Arbina M. Sangma submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66635/2021 for Term of Reference for Bagli Limestone Quarry for mining of Lime stone for an area of 1.00 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes. The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Bagli, South West Khasi Hills, District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of India No.780/4 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates		
	Latitude	Longitude	
1	25° 12'34.0"N	91° 04′22.0″E	
2	25° 12'36.0"N	91° 04′21.0″E	
3	25° 12'38.19"N	91° 04′23.48″E	
4	25° 12'35.43"N	91° 04′24.49″E	

The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 10 years vide Deed of Lease Agreement execute on the \_\_ day of November 2017 certified by District Registrar, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Territorial Division, West & South West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin vide letter No.T/W&SW/20/NOC(L)/170 dated Nongstoin, the 7th February 2018 and letter of Intent vide letter No.T/WSW/ML/LS/A.M Sangma(1ha)/217 dated Nongstoin, the 21st February, 2019 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/26/2019/10 dated Shillong, the 4th August 2021 which states that there are seven (7) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of eight mines is summed up to 17.2 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/26/2019/45 dated Shillong, the  $17^{th}$  April 2019. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 83960 TPA with a project cost of Rs. 28.5 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserve would be 419799 Tonnes with an average annual production of 83960 (419799/5=83960) Tonnes. The average annual production of limestone may be different from annual production of five years plan period. Thus the total mineable reserve will be worked out in 5 years. Therefore, the life of the mine will be 5 years (five years in plan period).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on  $16^{th}$  September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has been expired.
- 2. Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names

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and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance

## 2.12 Proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66822/2021 submitted by Shri. Ïainehskhem Gallong

The Project Proponent, Shri lainehskhem Gallong submitted online application for Term of Reference vide proposal No.SIA/ML/MIN/66822/2021 for Term of Reference for Temmaw Limestone Mine for mining of Lime stone for an area of 4.45 hectares. The proposal is for mining of lime stone to be used in kilns for construction purposes.

The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of category B2 of EIA Notification 2006. The mining lease area is located at Temmaw, Elaka Wahlong Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills, District, Meghalaya and toposheet Survey of IndiaNo.78 0/12 within the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar No	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	
1	25° 10′49.44″N	Longitude
2	25° 10′57.35″N	91° 42′58.44″E
3		91° 42′58.60″E
1	25° 10′56.47"N	91° 43'05.18"E
T	25° 10′50.73″N	91° 43′06.76″E

The proposed mining area is on lease for a period of 30 years vide Lease Agreement made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020 certified by Notary, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

The applied area is a Non Forest Land which was confirmed by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi (T) Division vide letter No.KH/8/NOC/Limestone/41/Pt.IV/5476 dated Shillong, the 22nd February 2021 and letter of Intent vide letter No.KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/5526 dated Shillong, the 23rd February, 2020 respectively.

The project proponent obtained a cluster certificate from the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/116/2021/10 dated Shillong, the 3rdAugust 2021 which states that there are six (6) approved mining plan lying within 500 metres from the applied mining lease area. Hence the applied mining area falls under cluster category since the total area of seven mines is summed up to 19.3672 hectares.

The project proponent submitted the Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan approved by the Mining Engineer, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.DMR/MM/116/2021/06 dated Shillong, the  $30^{th}$  June 2021. The Mining Plan has been prepared to extract lime stone at the rate of 265804 TPA with a project cost of Rs. 29.5 lakhs and the operations will be open cast, semi-mechanized method of mining.

The mineable reserve would be 3987063 Tonnes with an average annual production of 265804 (39870063/15=265804) Tonnes. The average annual production of limestone may be different from annual production of five years plan period. Thus 1328074 tonnes of the total mineable reserves will be worked out in first 5 years and the rest quantity of mineable reserve i.e.(3987063-1328074)=2658989 tonnes would be exhausted in further 10 years with an average production of 265899 tonnes/annum. Therefore, the life of the mine will be 15 years (five years in plan period +10 years of conceptual working period).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Meghalaya, in the meeting held on  $16^{\rm th}$  September 2021 noted the recommendation in the above said SEAC's Minutes relating to



this project and accepted the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously resolved to grant Terms of Reference to this project.

Accordingly, on recommendation of the SEAC and as per the EIA Notification- 2006 and its subsequent amendments, the SEIAA in the meeting unanimously grant Terms of Reference to this project, with the terms and conditions as stipulated in "Standard TOR Conditions for Non-Coal mining sector" issued vide Ministry' OM No.22-24/2018-IA-III dtd. 08.01.2019 and with the following conditions:

- 1. LOI ought to be renewed as the validity has been expired.
- Site photographs together with photographs and other related details of site visits by resource persons of NABET accredited consultant of project proponent, with their names and profession/designation, together with date(s) of visit, date(s) of data collection including names of instrument/machine actually used in the field, during preparation of EIA report, is to be clearly highlighted in the EIA/EMP report.

Member Secretary shall prepare the draft Term of Reference for this project and circulate the same to all Members of the Authority for views/comments/corrections, if any, and then after approval of the Chairman, the Member Secretary shall issue the final Environment Clearance.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chairman.

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