

## **ACTIVITY 4(f)- LEATHER/SKIN/HIDE PROCESSING INDUSTRY**

### **STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR LEATHER/SKIN/HIDE PROCESSING INDUSTRY AND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT**

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS-**

##### **1. Introduction**

- i. Background about the project
- ii. Need of the project
- iii. Purpose of the EIA study
- iv. Scope of the EIA study

##### **2. Project description**

###### **A. Site Details**

- i. Location of the project site covering village, Taluka/Tehsil, District and State.
- ii. Site accessibility
- iii. A digital toposheet in pdf or shape file compatible to google earth of the study area of radius of 10km and site location preferably on 1:50,000 scale. (including all eco-sensitive areas and environmentally sensitive places).
- iv. Latest High-resolution satellite image data having 1m-5m spatial resolution like quickbird, Ikonos, IRS P-6 pan sharpened etc., along with delineation of plant boundary co-ordinates. Area must include at least 100m all around the project location.
- v. Environment settings of the site and its surrounding along with map.
- vi. A list of major industries with name, products and distance from plant site within study area (10km radius) and the location of the industries shall be depicted in the study area map.
- vii. In case if the project site is in vicinity of the water body, 50 meters from the edge of the water body towards the site shall be treated as no development/construction zone. If it's near the wetland, Guidelines for implementing Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 may be followed.
- viii. In case if the project site is in vicinity of the river, the industry shall not be located within the river flood plain corresponding to one in 25 years flood, as certified by concerned District Magistrate/Executive Engineer from State Water Resources Department (or) any other officer authorized by the State Government for this purpose as per the provisions contained in the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum dated 14/02/2022.
- ix. Type of land, land use of the project site.
- x. Status of acquisition of land. If acquisition is not complete, stage of the acquisition process as per the MoEF&CC O.M. dated 7/10/2014 shall be furnished.
- xi. Engineering layout of the area with dimensions depicting existing unit as well as proposed unit indicating storage area, plant area, greenbelt area, utilities etc. If located within an Industrial area/Estate/Complex, layout of Industrial Area indicating location of unit within the Industrial area/Estate.

###### **B. Forest and wildlife related issues (if applicable):**

- i. Status of Forest Clearance for the use of forest land shall be submitted.
- ii. Copy of application submitted for clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, to the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife if the project site located within notified Eco-Sensitive Zone, 10km radius of national park/sanctuary wherein final ESZ notification is not in place as per MoEF&CC Office Memorandum dated 8/8/2019.
- iii. The projects to be located within 10 km of the National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Migratory Corridors of Wild Animals, Eco-sensitive Zone and Eco-sensitive areas, the project proponent shall submit the map duly authenticated by Divisional Forest Officer showing the distance between the project site and the said areas.
- iv. Wildlife Conservation Plan duly authenticated by the Competent Authority of the State Government for conservation of Schedule I fauna, if any exists in the study area.

**C. Salient features of the project**

- i. Products with capacities in **Tons per Annum** for the proposed project.
- ii. If expansion project, status of implementation of existing project, details of existing/proposed products with production capacities in Tons per Annum.
- iii. Site preparatory activities.
- iv. List of raw materials required and their source along with mode of transportation.
- v. Other than raw materials, other chemicals and materials required with quantities and storage capacities.
- vi. Manufacturing process details along with process flow diagram of proposed units.
- vii. Consolidated materials and energy balance for the project.
- viii. Total requirement of surface/ ground water and power with their respective sources, status of approval.
- ix. Water balance diagram
- x. Details of Emission, effluents, hazardous waste generation and mode of disposal during construction as well as operation phase.
- xi. Man-power requirement.
- xii. Cost of project and scheduled time of completion.
- xiii. Brief on present status of compliance (Expansion/modernization proposals)
  - a. Cumulative Environment Impact Assessment for the existing as well as the proposed expansion/modernization shall be carried out.
  - b. In case of ground water drawl for the existing unit, action plan for phasing out of ground water abstraction in next three years except for domestic purposes and shall switch over to 100 % use of surface water from nearby source.
  - c. Copy of all the Environment Clearance(s) including Amendments thereto obtained for the project from MoEF&CC/SEIAA shall be attached as an Annexure. A certified copy of the latest Monitoring Report of the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests as per circular dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 on the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in all the existing environment clearances including amendments shall be provided.
  - d. In case the existing project has not obtained Environment Clearance, reasons for not taking EC under the provisions of the EIA Notification 1994 and/or EIA Notification 2006 shall be provided. Copies of Consent to Establish/No Objection Certificate and Consent to Operate (in case of units operating prior to EIA Notification 2006, CTE and CTO of FY 2005-2006) obtained from the SPCB shall be submitted. Further, compliance report to the conditions of consents from the Regional Office of the SPCB shall be submitted.

**3. Description of the Environment**

i. Study period

ii. Approach and methodology for data collection as furnished below.

Attributes	Sampling		Remarks
	Network	Frequency	
<b>A. Air Environment</b>			
<b>Micro-Meteorological</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind speed (Hourly)</li> <li>• Wind direction</li> <li>• Dry bulb temperature</li> <li>• Wet bulb temperature</li> <li>• Relative humidity</li> <li>• Rainfall</li> <li>• Solar radiation</li> <li>• Cloud cover</li> <li>• Environmental Lapse Rate</li> </ul>	Minimum 1 site in the project impact area	1 hourly continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IS 5182 Part 1-20</li> <li>• Site specific primary data is essential</li> <li>• Secondary data from IMD, New Delhi</li> <li>• CPCB guidelines to be considered.</li> </ul>
<b>Pollutants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM<sub>2.5</sub></li> </ul>	At least 8-12 locations	As per National Ambient Air Quality Standards, CPCB Notification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampling as per CPCB guidelines</li> <li>• Collection of AAQ data (except in monsoon season)</li> <li>• Locations of various stations for different parameters should be related to the characteristic properties of the parameters.</li> <li>• The monitoring stations shall be based on the NAAQM standards as per GSR 826(E) dated 16/11/2009 and take into account the predominant wind direction, population zone and sensitive receptors including reserved forests,</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM<sub>10</sub></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SO<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO<sub>x</sub></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HC</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other parameters relevant to the project and topography of the area</li> </ul>			

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	Network	Frequency	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raw data of all AAQ measurement for 12 weeks of all stations as per frequency given in the NAAQM Notification of 16/11/2009 along with min., max., average and 98% values for each of the AAQ parameters from data of all AAQ stations should be provided as an annexure to the EIA Report.</li> </ul>
<b>B. Noise</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hourly equivalent noise levels</li> </ul>	At least 8-12 locations	As per CPCB norms	-
<b>C. Water</b>			
<b>Parameters for water quality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pH, temp, turbidity, magnesium hardness, total alkalinity, chloride, sulphate, nitrate, fluoride, sodium, potassium, salinity</li> <li>Total nitrogen, total phosphorus, DO, BOD, COD, Phenol</li> <li>Heavy metals</li> <li>Total coliforms, faecal coliforms</li> <li>Phyto plankton</li> <li>Zoo plankton</li> </ul>	Samples for water quality should be collected and analyzed as per: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IS: 2488 (Part 1-5) methods for sampling and testing of Industrial effluents</li> <li>Standard methods for examination of water and wastewater analysis published by American Public Health Association.</li> </ul>		
<b>For River Bodies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Carbon</li> <li>pH</li> <li>Dissolved Oxygen</li> <li>Biological Oxygen Demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface water quality of the nearest River</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yield of water sources to be measured during critical season</li> <li>Standard methodology for collection of surface water (BIS standards)</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free NH4</li> <li>• Boron</li> <li>• Sodium Absorption Ratio</li> <li>• Electrical Conductivity</li> </ul>	(60m upstream and downstream) and other surface water bodies		
<b>For Ground Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground water monitoring data should be collected at minimum of 8 locations (from existing wells /tube wells/existing current records) from the study area and shall be included.</li> </ul>		
<b>D. Traffic Study</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of vehicles</li> <li>• Frequency of vehicles for transportation of materials</li> <li>• Additional traffic due to proposed project</li> <li>• Parking arrangement</li> </ul>	-		
<b>E. Land Environment</b>			
<b>Soil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Particle size distribution</li> <li>• Texture</li> <li>• pH</li> <li>• Electrical conductivity</li> <li>• Cation exchange capacity</li> <li>• Alkali metals</li> <li>• Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR)</li> <li>• Permeability</li> <li>• Water holding capacity</li> <li>• Porosity</li> </ul>	Soil samples be collected as per BIS specifications		
<b>Land use/Landscape</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location code</li> </ul>	-		

Attributes	Sampling		Remarks
	Network	Frequency	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project area</li> <li>• Topography</li> <li>• Drainage (natural)</li> <li>• Cultivated, forest, plantations, water bodies, roads and settlements</li> </ul>			
<b>E. Biological Environment</b>			
<p><b>Aquatic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary productivity</li> <li>• Aquatic weeds</li> <li>• Enumeration of phyto plankton, zoo plankton and benthos</li> <li>• Fisheries</li> <li>• Diversity indices</li> <li>• Trophic levels</li> <li>• Rare and endangered species</li> <li>• Marine Parks/ Sanctuaries/ closed areas /coastal regulation zone (CRZ)</li> </ul> <p><b>Terrestrial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation-species list, economic importance, forest produce, medicinal value</li> <li>• Importance value index (IVI) of trees</li> <li>• Fauna</li> <li>• Avi fauna</li> <li>• Rare and endangered species</li> <li>• Sanctuaries / National park / Biosphere reserve</li> <li>• Migratory routes</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed description of flora and fauna (terrestrial and aquatic) existing in the study area shall be given with special reference to rare, endemic and endangered species. Indicator species which indicate ecological and environment degradation should be identified and included to clearly state whether the proposed project would result in to any adverse effect on any species.</li> <li>• Samples to collect from upstream and downstream of discharge point, nearby tributaries at downstream, and also from dug wells close to activity site.</li> <li>• For forest studies, direction of wind should be considered while selecting forests.</li> <li>• Secondary data to collect from Government offices, NGOs, published literature.</li> </ul>

Attributes	Sampling		Remarks
	Network	Frequency	
<b>F. socio-economic</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographic structure</li> <li>• Infrastructure resource base</li> <li>• Economic resource base</li> <li>• Health status: Morbidity pattern</li> <li>• Cultural and aesthetic attributes</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio-economic survey is based on proportionate, stratified and random sampling method.</li> <li>• Primary data collection through questionnaire</li> <li>• Secondary data from census records, statistical hard books, topo sheets, health records and relevant official records available with Govt. agencies</li> </ul>		

iii. Interpretation of each environment attribute shall be enumerated and summarized as given below:

- Ambient air quality
- Ambient Noise quality
- Surface water quality
- Ground water quality
- Soil quality
- Biological Environment
- Land use
- Socio-economic environment

**4. Anticipated Environment Impacts and mitigation measures (In case of expansion, cumulative impact assessment shall be carried out)**

i. Identification of potential impacts in the form of a **matrix** for the construction and operation phase for all the environment components

Activity	Environment	Ecological	Socio-economic
Construction phase			
Operation phase			

ii. Impact on ambient air quality (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)

a. Construction phase

b. Operation phase

- Details of stack emissions from the existing as well as proposed activity.
- Assessment of ground level concentration of pollutants from the stack emission based on AQIP Modelling The air quality contours shall be plotted on a location map showing the location of project site, habitation nearby, sensitive receptors, if any along with wind rose map for respective period
- Impact on ground level concentration, under normal, abnormal and emergency conditions. Measures to handle emergency situations in the event of uncontrolled release of emissions.

- iii. Impact on ambient noise quality (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- iv. Impact on traffic (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- v. Impact on soil quality (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- vi. Impact on land use (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- vii. Impact on surface water resource and quality (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- viii. Impact on ground water resource and quality (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- ix. Impact on terrestrial and aquatic habitat (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- x. Impact on socio-economic environment (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase
- xi. Impact on occupational health and safety (Sources; Embedded control measures; Assessment; Mitigation measures; Residual impact)
  - a. Construction phase
  - b. Operation phase

**5. Analysis of Alternatives (Technology & Site)**

- i. No project scenario
- ii. Site alternative
- iii. Technical and social concerns
- iv. Conclusion

**6. Environmental Monitoring Program**

- i. Details of the Environment Management Cell
- ii. Performance monitoring schedule for all pollution control devices shall be furnished.



- iii. Corporate Environment Policy
  - a. Does the company have a well laid down Environment Policy approved by its Board of Directors? If so, it may be detailed in the EIA report.
  - b. Does the Environment Policy prescribe for standard operating process / procedures to bring into focus any infringement / deviation / violation of the environment or forest norms / conditions? If so, it may be detailed in the EIA.
  - c. What is the hierarchical system or Administrative order of the company to deal with the environment issues and for ensuring compliance with the environment clearance conditions? Details of this system may be given.
  - d. Does the company have system of reporting of non compliances / violations of environment norms to the Board of Directors of the company and / or shareholders or stakeholders at large? This reporting mechanism shall be detailed in the EIA report
- iv. Action plan for **post-project environment monitoring matrix**:

Activity	Aspect	Monitoring Parameter	Location	Frequency	Responsibility
Construction phase					
Operation phase					

**7. Additional Studies**

- i. Public consultation details (Entire proceedings as separate annexure along with authenticated English Translation of Public Consultation proceedings).
- ii. Summary of issues raised during public consultation along with action plan to address the same as per MoEF&CC O.M. dated 30/09/2020

	Physical activity and action plan		Year of implementation (Budget in INR)			Total Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)
	Name of the Activity	Physical Targets	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	

- iii. Risk assessment
  - Methodology
  - Hazard identification
  - Frequency analysis
  - Consequence analysis
  - Risk assessment outcome
- iv. Emergency response and preparedness plan

**8. Project Benefits**

- i. Environment benefits
- ii. Social infrastructure
- iii. Employment and business opportunity
- iv. Other tangible benefits

## **9. Environment Cost Benefit Analysis**

- i. Net present value
- ii. Internal rate of return
- iii. Benefit cost ratio
- iv. Cost effectiveness analysis

## **10. Environment Management Plan (Construction and Operation phase)**

- i. Air quality management plan
- ii. Noise quality management plan
- iii. Solid and hazardous waste management plan
- iv. Effluent management plan
- v. Storm water management plan
- vi. Rain water harvesting plan
- vii. Occupational health and safety management plan
- viii. Green belt development plan
- ix. Socio-economic management plan
- x. Wildlife conservation plan (In case of presence of schedule I species)
- xi. Total capital cost and recurring cost/annum for environment pollution control measures shall be included.

## **11. Conclusion of the EIA study**

12. In addition to the above, any litigation pending against the project and/or any direction/order passed by any Court of Law against the project, if so, details thereof shall also be included. Has the unit received any notice under the Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or relevant Sections of Air and Water Acts? If so, details thereof and compliance/ATR to the notice(s) and present status of the case.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS-**

1. Justification for engaging a particular type of process (raw hide/skin into semi finishing or finished leather, semi-finished leather to finished leather, dry finishing operations, chrome/vegetable tanning, etc.).
2. Details regarding complete leather/ skin/ hide processing including the usage of sulphides, nitrogen compounds, chromium or other tanning agents, post-tanning chemicals, biocides, etc., along with the material balance shall be provided.
3. In case of chrome tanning, details of the chrome recovery plant, management of shavings/solid waste including safe disposal.
4. Details on reuse of soak liquor / saline stream from membrane system, if applicable, to the extent possible in pickling activity after required treatment. Also, mention the salt recovery measures.