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**FOR NERUR NORTH (MALLAMPALAYAM) SAND QUARRY
AS PER SAND MINING GUIDELINES, 2020**



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in S.No 2596/A (P) in Cauvery River, Nerur North (Mallampalayam) Village,
Manmangalam Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project is for quarrying Sand, Minor minerals over an area of 4.94.0 Hectares in SF. No. 2596/A (P), a part of Cauvery river in Nerur North (Mallampalayam) Village, Manmangalam Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. The quantity to be Quarried shall be 1,00,697 m³ as permitted by the Dept. of Geology and Mining, Karur for a lease period of Two Years vide precise area letter No. Rc No. **559/Mineral/2020 dated 07.12.2020**, granted under Rule 12 of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and amended up to date. Mining Plan is prepared under the provisions of Rule 41 of TNMMCR, 1959 and approved by Assistant Director of Dept of Geology and Mining, Karur vide letter No. Rc No. 559/Mineral/2020 Dated. 26.12.2020. The Geological Resources and Mineable reserves are estimated as per the requirement of Sand Mining Guidelines, 2020 with grid levels taken 10m x 10m interval and plans and sections has been prepared with 0.25m contour interval. The Environment Clearance is required under Rule 42 of TNMMCR, 1959 under category B2 for a fresh quarry lease for Sand from Cauvery River.

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and its subsequent amendments and supreme court order of February 27, 2012 the proposed quarry project fall under category B2 which required Environmental Clearance from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Chennai region.

The lease land\river basin was maintained by Executive Engineer, PWD/WRO Dept, MMD and they are removing such Sand, containing fine and coarse materials for clearing the obstacles of river flow. This project is more beneficial to the public for water supply around the flow direction of the river.

The Executive Engineer, PWD/WRO, MMD has applied to the District Collector, Karur to obtain permission for removal of sand and seeking Environmental clearance from SEIAA, Chennai for grant of fresh Quarry Lease.

2.1 Identification of project and project proponent. In case of Mining project, a copy of Mining lease/letter of intent should be given.

The Executive Engineer, PWD/WRO, Mining and monitoring Division is a Govt. project.

Owner name and address (address for correspondence):

The Executive Engineer,

PWD/ WRO, MMD,

Tiruchirappalli District.

A copy of Mining lease letter issued by the District Collector (R.C.No. 559/Mineral/2020 dated 07.12.2020 is enclosed in Approved Mining plan's Annexure.

2.2 Brief description of nature of project:

The area is represented by Geological Survey of India Topo sheet No. 581/4 and falls between Latitude of N11°01'26.76413"to N11°01'38.13292"and Longitude of E78°08'40.16862" to E78°08'52.42012"..

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| 4 | N11°01'26.76413" | E78°08'47.64708" | 188245.34 | 1220129.27 | 105.544 |

| District & State | Taluk | Village | S.F.No | Area (Ha) |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Karur, TamilNadu | Manmangalam | Nerur North (Mallampalayam) | 2596/A (P) | 4.94.0Ha |

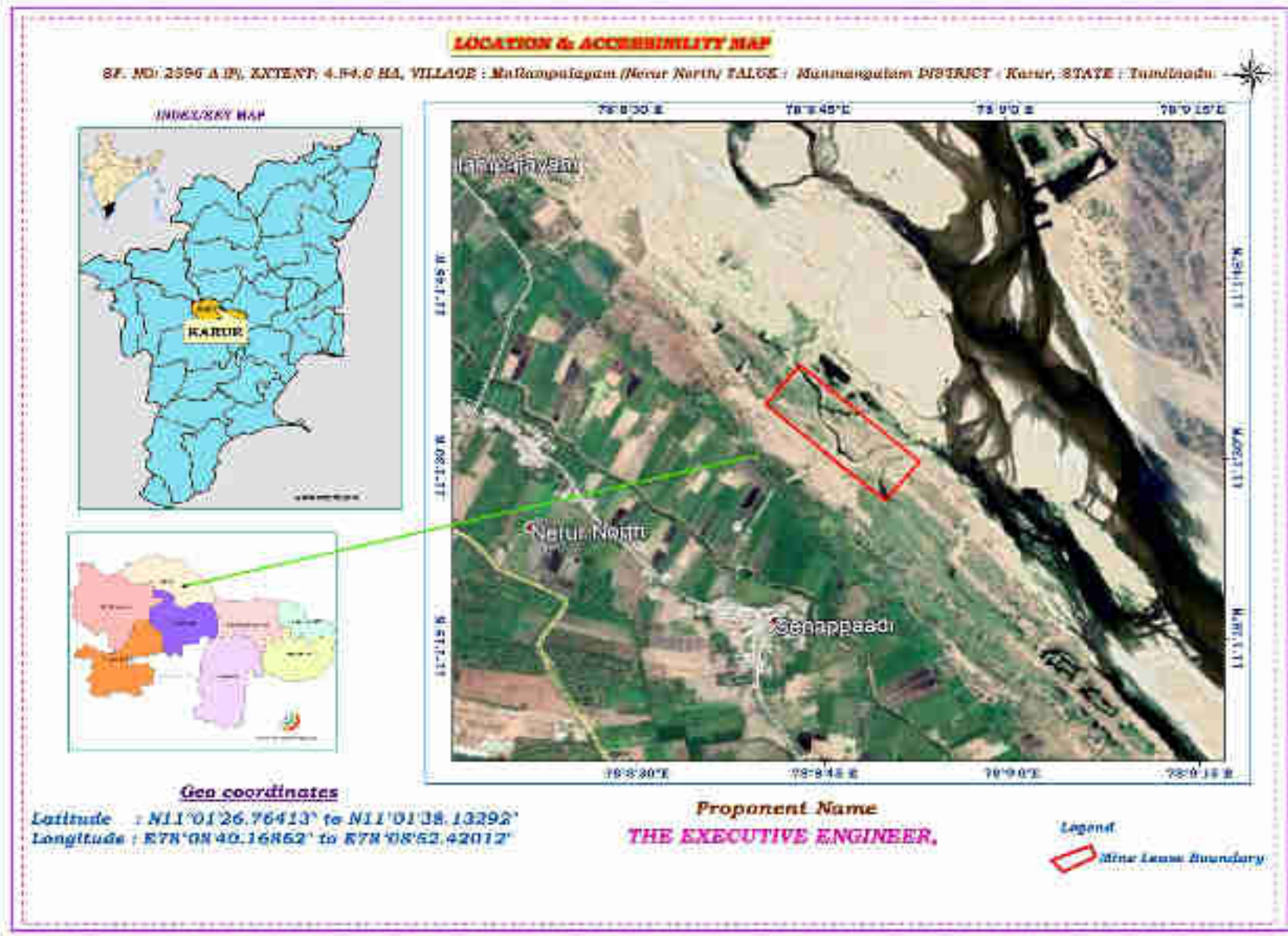


Fig.1.1 Location Map of the proposed sand quarry

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The name of mineral intends to quarry is sand containing fine and coarse materials. No toxic elements or hazardous materials are reported from this river bed. The applicant has received necessary clearance from all concerned authorities for removal of such Sand from the Cauvery River. The proposed area for quarry lease is river poramboke land, not a forest land.

Type of Mining: Manual opencast quarrying. The sand shall be excavated to a depth of 1.0m below the theoretical bed level. All shall be loaded directly into the Bullock carts.

Period of Mining: Two Years from the date of execution of quarry lease.

2.3 Need for the project and its importance to the country and or region:

- i) The Cauvery River should be desilted often during off season of rainy period so as to remove obstacles of flowing of water in the river, failing which the rain water will be flooded into down line stream and cause damage of paddy fields and other agricultural lands.
- ii) Water demand and supply can be met during summer season and avoid water scarcity in this area.
- iii) The sand is a non-sticky material which is useful for construction and other civil purposes. Therefore this project is beneficial to the society as well as to the applicant to get some income out of this work.
- iv) No damage of land, no reclamation or back filling is required. Pollution out of this project is absolutely negligible.

2.4. Demand-Supply Gap

Demand of sand required for civil and other construction purposes is very high in this district.

2.5. Export Possibility

It is a low cost product and therefore the Lessee would like to sale out the sand in domestic market through bullock cart on royalty basis as per the order of state Govt.

2.6 Domestic Export / Markets

Lessee will like to sale out in domestic market as per requirement. No export is proposed.

2.7 Employment generation (direct and indirect) due to the project.

For the purpose of Mines safety under the provisions of MMR, 1961 under the Mines Act, 1952 the workers are employed more than 10, it is preferred to have a qualified Mining Mate to keep all the production workers directly under his control and supervision.

A mines clerk shall also be appointed to keep the registers and record of the mine and make necessary entries for the persons employed in the mines.

| Skilled | | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| S.No | Designation | Nos |
| 1 | PWD Assistant Engineer | 1 |
| 2 | Technical Assistant | 1 |
| Total | | 2 |

| Semi skilled & Unskilled Labours | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---|
| S.No | Designation | Nos | Cumulative | |
| 3 | Bullock Cart persons | 12 | 34 | |
| 4 | Permit Slip issuer | 2 | | |
| 5 | Traffic Regulator | Entrance | | - |
| | | Exist | | - |
| | | Quarrying Site | | 2 |
| 6 | Manual loader | 12 | | |
| 7 | Office Helper | 4 | | |
| 8 | Track Maintainer | - | | |
| 9 | Watchman(Two Shift) | 2 | | |
| Grand Total | | | 36 | |

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1 Type of project interlinked and interdependent projects, if any.

This project is located in Nerur North (Mallampalayam) village, Manmangalam taluk, Karur District. It is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for all mining project of minor minerals irrespective of mining area as per the order of the Honorable Supreme Court of India in I.A.No. 12-/13/2011 in S.L.P.No. 19628-19629 of 2009 etc., dated 27.02.2012, the Ministry of Environmental and Forest Office Memorandum dated 18.05.2012 clearance has to be obtained from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Tamil Nadu.

As per above order all projects less than 5 hectares falls in 'B2' Category of Schedule 1 (a). The extent of this lease area is 4.94.0 hectares, and falls in 'B2' Category of Schedule 1 (a).

3.2 Location (Map showing general location, specific location, and project boundary & project site layout) with coordinates.

The area is represented by Geological Survey of India Topo sheet No. 58I/4 and falls between Latitude of N11°01'26.76413"to N11°01'38.13292"and Longitude of E78°08'40.16862" to E78°08'52.42012"..

Table no. 3.1 Latitude and longitude

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The area is accessible from Karur to reach Nerur South by 9.5km via Karur vengal Road then 3Km to reach Nerur North Further 0.7Km to reach the site. A Village road is available nearby the site. The PWD make temporary road which connects the village road for transportation of Materials. The PWD make temporary road which connects the village road for transportation of Materials,

Table No.3.2. Details of infrastructures and communication

| S.No. | Description | Place | Distance (km) | Direction |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Railway | Mokanur | 4.7 | NW |
| 3 | Post office | North Mokanur | 3.2 | NW |
| 4 | Airport | Tiruchirapalli | 68 | SE |
| 5 | Police station | Mokanur | 4 | NW |
| 6 | Fire service | Karur | 10.5 | S |
| 7 | Primary Health centre | North Mokanur | 3.2 | NW |
| 8 | DSP Office | Karur | 10 | S |
| 9 | School | Periyakaalipalayam | 1.4 | S |
| 10 | Town | Karur | 10 | S |
| 11 | Villages | | | |
| i) | Nerur North | | 0.57 | SW |
| ii) | Mallampalayam | | 1.04 | W |
| iii) | Senappadi | | 0.4 | S |
| iv) | Oruvandur | | 1.7 | NE |

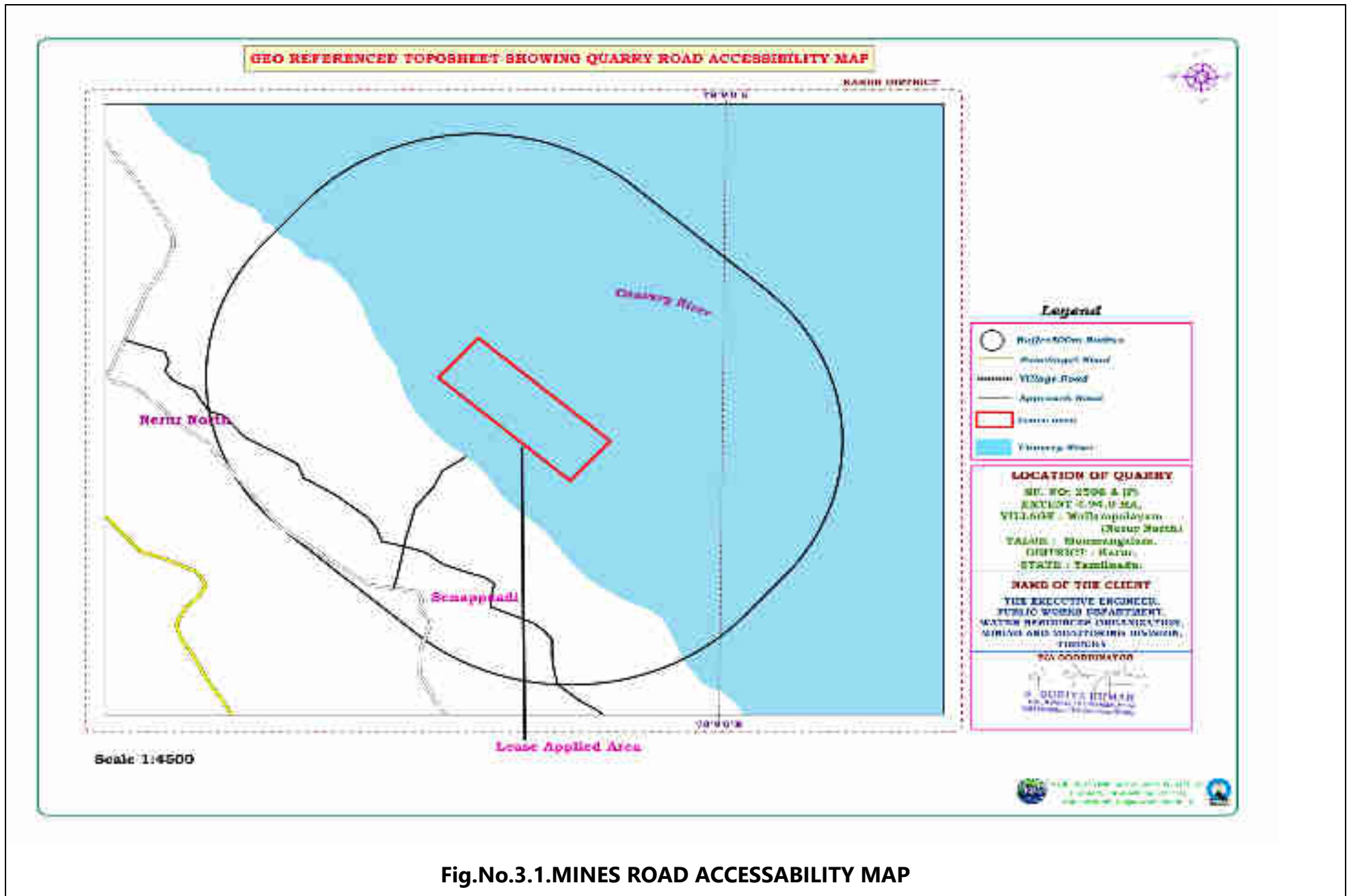


Fig.No.3.1.MINES ROAD ACCESSABILITY MAP

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3.3 Details of alternate sites considered and the basis of selecting the proposed site.

This is a mining project, which is site specific due to availability of sand. Hence the site cannot be shifted. The opencast mining is proposed in the area for excavation of minerals and overburden.

3.4 Size or Magnitude of operation

Targeted production of Sand removal will be 1,00,697m³ by open cast mining.

3.5 Project description with Process Details

Mining Process Details



Fig.3. 2 DGPS survey for Ground control Points (GCP) and Drone for Aerial surveying

- 1) Fixing boundaries of lease area covering an extent of 4.94.0Hectares using DGPS and Drone Technology as per the requirement of Sand Mining guidelines, 2020. Reduced levels (RL) were taken at 10mx 10m interval with cm accuracy. Contour lines were made at 0.25m interval.
- 2) Loading of sand into Bullock Carts.
- 3) Transport of sand to the Consumer Construction site.
- 4) Mined out land shall be used for refilling of same type of sand by natural replenishing.

Proposed Method of Mining:

Being loose sand, it is proposed to remove the materials by Bullock Carts and loading directly into the Consumer Construction Site shall be connected by proper approach roads. The Layout of infrastructure such as workings and its sections are shown in the approved Mining Plan.

Removal of over burden

No overburden is proposed in the approved Mining plan.

Extent of Mining

a) Mining

As the Sand is loose gritty material and it does not require any drilling or blasting. Sand shall be loaded directly into the Bullock Carts to the Consumer Construction Site.

b) Loading equipment

Loading of sand shall be done by Bullock carts into Manual Loading.

c) Transportation

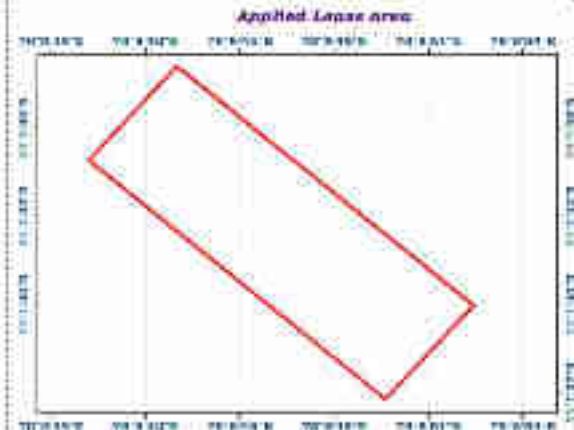
Haulage of minerals will be done by Bullock carts directly carry from mining site to the Consumer Construction Site.

Table No.3.3 Production detail

| Year | Over Burden/Shareal portion (m ³) | ROM of sand (m ³) | Saleable sand (m ³) | Sub grade ore / mineral | Mineral Rejects | Ore to overburden ratio |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st | 25648 | 24700 | 50348 | 0 | 0 | 1:0 |
| 2 nd | 25649 | 24700 | 50349 | 0 | 0 | 1:0 |
| Total | 51,297 | 49,400 | 1,00,697 | 0 | 0 | 1:0 |

GIS BASED BUFFER OF 300M AND 500M RADII OVER THE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE WITH COORDINATES OF PILLARS

(For Sand Quarry)



GEO COORDINATES OF PILLARS

| Pillar No | Latitude(Local) | Longitude(Local) |
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- Buffer Zone 500m Radius
- Buffer Zone 300m Radius
- Mine Lease Area

LOCATION OF QUARRY
 SP. NO- 3895 II (P)
 EXTENT 4.94.0 GA.
 VILLAGE - Mallampalapuram
 (Nerur North)
 TALUK - Nannampalam
 DISTRICT - Karaikal
 STATE - Tamil Nadu.

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
 THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
 WATER RESOURCES ORGANIZATION,
 MINING AND MONITORING DIVISION,
 TIRUCHY

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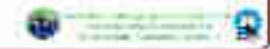


Fig.3.3: Google earth Image showing 300m/500m radius from the sand quarry lease boundary

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3.6 Raw Material required along with estimated quantity, likely source, Marketing area of final product/s, Mode of transport of raw Material and finished products.

This is a mining project for mining of sand, therefore no need of raw material except water for drinking and utilities. The Product is natural river sand; it will be transported to the Stock point directly. No stocking is permitted any where inside the lease area the area of lease.

3.7. Resource optimization/recycling and reuse envisaged in the project.

Removal of sand is made for the purpose of clearing the obstacles of the river for free flowing of water. The sand will be replenished being a natural resource and therefore recycling is not possible for this project.

3.8. Availability of water its source, energy/power requirement and source.

Whole some drinking water shall be provided as per the Mines Rules, 1955. Quantity for Drinking and utilities is 2.0KLD. Dust suppression and Green belt of water is 3.0KLD. Minimum quantity of **5.0KLD** has to be maintained as per the Rule. Drinking water is obtained by Mineral water industries by water canes. Dust suppression and green belt is obtained from the open wells of proponent site. Water will be drawn from the adjacent open well in The Cauvery river itself. No separate arrangements shall be made to bring water from external sources or by pumping. No electricity or fuel is required for this project.

3.9. Water balance chart:

Water balance chart on per day basis is given as under:

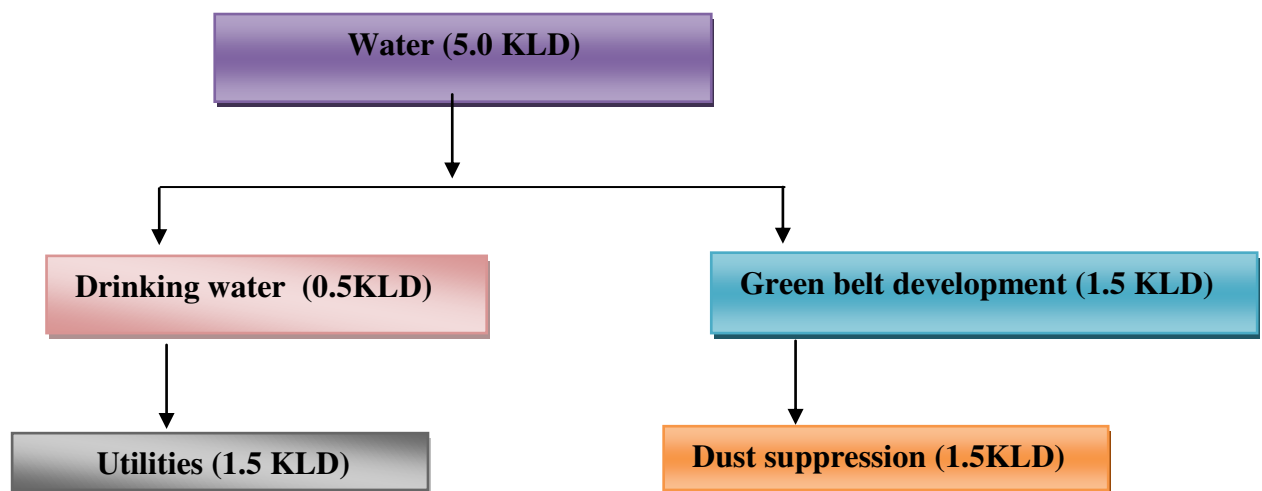


Fig. 3.4 Water Balance Chart

3.9 Quantity of waste to be generated (liquid and solid) and scheme for their Management/disposal.

There is no waste material to be removed from this river basin.

3.10 Schematic representations of the feasibility drawing which give information of EIA purpose.

As per the order of the Honorable Supreme Court of India in I.A.No. 12-/13/2011 in S.L.P.No. 19628-19629 of 2009 etc., dated:27.02.2012, the Ministry of Environmental and Forest Office Memorandum dated:18.05.2012 clearance has to be obtained for Minor Minerals from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Tamil Nadu. Form I and Pre-Feasibility report is required to get Environmental Clearance for the project from SEAC. EIA Report identifies all of the issues and technical requirements of a proposed operation, with particular attention to potential Environmental, Health and Safety, Social and Economic Impacts.

The purpose of EIA is to ensure the protection and conservation of the environment and natural resources including human health aspects against uncontrolled development. The long-term objective is to ensure a sustainable economic development that meets present needs without compromising future generation ability to meet their own needs. EIA is an important tool in the integrated environmental management approach.

The aim of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to enable the approving authority, the public, local and central government and the developer to properly consider the potential environmental consequences of a proposal, and to make recommendations to reduce the environmental consequences if necessary. It is important to provide sufficient information for the approving authority to make a decision on whether to approve a proposal and if so, under what conditions. The EIA provides the basis for sound ongoing environmental management.

4. SITE ANALYSIS

4.1 Location and Connectivity:

The area is accessible from Karur to reach Nerur South by 9.5km via Karur vungal Road then 3Km to reach Nerur North Further 0.7Km to reach the site. A Village road is available nearby the site. The PWD make temporary road which connects the village road for transportation of Materials.

4.2. Land form, land use and land ownership.

Table No.4.1 Land ownership details

| District & State | Tehsil | village | Area in Hect. | Type of land |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Karur District, Tamilnadu | Manmangalam | Nerur North (Mallampalayam) | 4.94.0 | Cauvery river |

4.3. Topography (along with Map):

The elevation of the area in Cauvery river is 103.299m (minimum) – 106.387m (Maximum)AMSL with a gentle slope due East. It is represented in the Geological Survey of India 58l/4. The applied Lease area lies between Latitude N11°01'26.76413"to N11°01'38.13292"and Longitude of E78°08'40.16862" to E78°08'52.42012".

This is a river bed with huge amount of sand deposit. The area receives only scanty rainfall mostly during the northeast monsoon period of October to December. There is no wild life sanctuary, national monument etc nearer to the area around 10kms.

4.4 Existing land use pattern (agriculture, non-agriculture, forest, water bodies (including area under CRZ), shortest distances from the periphery of the project to periphery of the forest, national park, wild life sanctuary, eco sensitive areas, water bodies(distance from the HFL of the river), CRZ. In case of notified industrial area, a copy of the gazette notification should be given.

The lands applied for removal of sand is a part of Cauvery River which carries rain and flood water to the sea during rainy season. It should be deepened or the silted area should be removed periodically for free flow of water without any obstacles.

Table No.4.2 LAND USE PATTERN

| S. No. | Description | Area of Land Use (In Hec.) | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | As at Present | At the end of Two years |
| 1. | Mining | 0.0 | 4.94.00 |
| 2. | Waste Dump | 0.0 | 0.00.0 |
| 3. | Infrastructure | 0.0 | 0.00.0 |
| 4. | Safety zone & Plantation | Nil | 0.00.0 |
| 5. | Mine Roads | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Undisturbed area | 4.94.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 4.94.00 | 4.94.00 |

4.5. BASELINE ENVIRONMENT

4.5.1. Land environment

In the proposed Mining activity there will not be much impact on the land environment due to the following reasons.

- There is no removal of vegetation such as plants, bushes in the reach area
- No effluent generation as any further processing of mineral is proposed. Hence no ground water contamination due to the proposed mining activity.

However, the quarrying activity will result in disturbance of the land use pattern of the quarry lease area. The land degradation is unavoidable during mining activities like excavation, overburden dumping, etc. Land requirement for the project has been assessed considering functional needs.

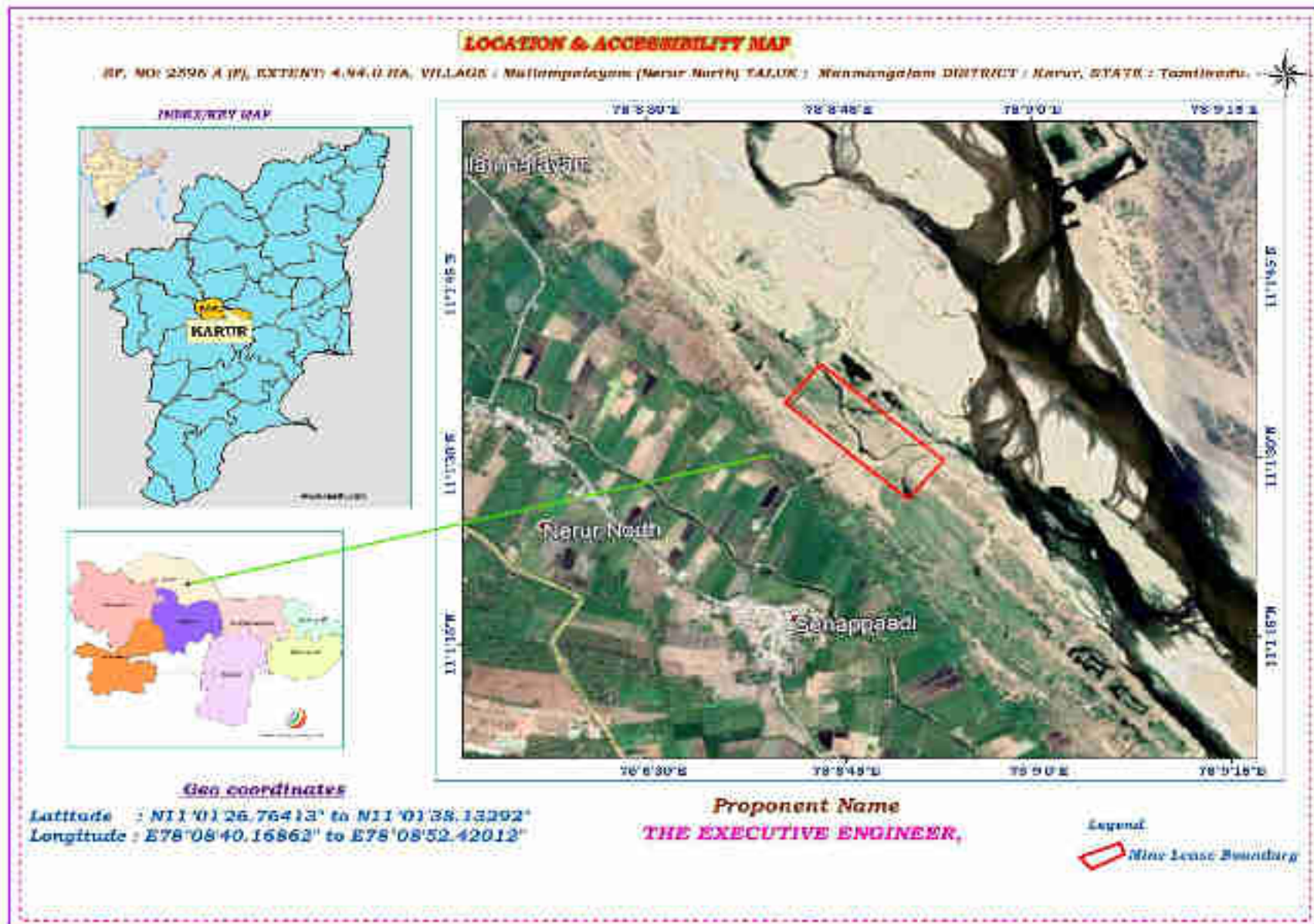


Fig.4.1: Satellite image showing lease boundary of Sand quarry in Cauvery River

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4.5.2. Sources of Air Pollution

Table No.4.3 Sources of Air Pollution

| S.No | Activities in Mines | Air Pollutants |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Drilling | Nil |
| 2. | Blasting | Nil |
| 3. | Loading & Unloading | SPM |
| 4. | Haul Road | SPM |
| 5. | Transportation | PM, SO ₂ , NO _x |
| 6. | Waste / Top soil handling | Nil |

4.5.3 Air Pollution Control Measures

Some of the air pollution control measures are mentioned below. The APC system requirement should be assessed based on the mining activity and location aspects.

Table No.4.4 Air Pollution Control Measures

| Potential sources of air pollution | Magnitude of air pollution | Control Measures |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Drilling | High Dust Generation Risk of occupational hazard | No drilling |
| Blasting | Air emission | No blasting |
| Loading of material on dumper | Air emission | Closed Air conditioned cabin for loading operator and provide mask and ear muffs in addition to helmet for persons working nearby. |
| Transportation | High dust potential | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water spraying over haul road using sprinklers.• Development of Green belt with the native species of trees having leaves and dense growth to control spreading of dust to villages and minimize noise level from vehicles operation. |
| Storage | High dust emission | No storage applicable for this project |

4.5.4. Mine Drainage

The natural flow of water will not be affected any way and drainage will improve by proper gradient.

4.5.5. Noise Levels

Noise level has to be studied prior to mining and after opening the quarry for production. Ambient noise level on threshold is 36.2dB.

4.5.6. Vibration Levels

It is a manual mining. Hence, no vibration is anticipated.

4.5.7. Measures for Ground Vibrations Due to Blasting: Not applicable

4.5.8. Solid waste Management:

Solid Waste Generated: No solid waste removal

Disposal of waste

Overburden waste Management: No overburden shall be removed or dumped elsewhere.

Top soil Management: No top soil removal

Other wastes: The removed bushes on the site clearings are conveyed and dumped along the bank of the river.

4.5.9 Power requirement & supply/source. No power requirement. Manual quarrying method shall be adopted for sand excavation.

4.5.10 Water quality

- The quality of ground water is fairly good. There is no liquid waste discharge from quarrying activity, which is likely to pollute water.
- Drinking water will be utilized from the Mineral water Industries.

Table No.4.5 Water quality test report

| S.no | Parameters | Unit | Results (Bore water) | As per IS 10500: 2012 | |
|------|------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Requirement (Acceptable limit) | Permissible limit in the absence of alternate source |
| 1 | pH value at 25°C | - | 7.78 | 6.5 – 8.5 | 6.5 – 8.5 |
| 2 | Turbidity | NTU | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | Electrical | Microm | 1442 | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|------|
| | conductivity at 25°C | hos/cm | | | |
| 4 | Total Suspended Solids | mg/l | 6 | - | - |
| 5 | Total Dissolved Solids | mg/l | 722 | 500 | 2000 |
| 6 | Total Hardness as CaCO ₃ | mg/l | 594.75 | 200 | 600 |
| 7 | Chlorides as Cl | mg/l | 415.82 | 250 | 1000 |
| 8 | Sulphates as SO ₄ | mg/l | 67.728 | 200 | 400 |
| 9 | Total Iron as Fe | mg/l | - | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 10 | Silica (Reactive) as SiO ₂ | mg/l | - | - | - |

MICROBIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

| S.NO | Parameters (MPN / 100 MI) | Results Bore water | Requirement as per IS 10500: 2012 Second revision (Acceptable Limit) |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Total Coliforms | Absent | Shall not be detectable in any 100 ml |
| 2 | E.Coli | Absent | Shall not be detectable in any 100 ml |

4.5.11 Air Quality

Drilling and blasting operations are source of fugitive dust emission but its effect is more or less localized. The major part of the dust generated during such operations usually gets settle down and thus the effect of such operation will be localized phenomenon. The generation of dust is controlled and suppressed at source by sprinkling of water on haul roads, loading points at regular intervals.

Table No.4.6 Air Quality test report





| S.No | Parameters (µg/m ³) | Measured Value | NAAQS |
|------|---|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5}) | 21 | 60 |
| 2 | Respirable Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀) | 34 | 100 |
| 3 | Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂) | 9 | 80 |
| 4 | Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) | 12 | 80 |
| 5 | Ozone (O ₃) | 16 | 180 |
| 6 | Lead (Pb) | BDL (DL = 0.1) | 1 |
| 7 | Carbon Monoxide (CO) 1 hour | BDL (DL = 1.15) | 4 |

| | | | |
|--|--|----------------|-----|
| 8 | Ammonia (NH ₃) | 19 | 400 |
| 9 | Arsenic (As) | BDL (DL = 1.0) | 6 |
| 10 | Nickel (Ni) | BDL (DL = 0.1) | 20 |
| 11 | Benzene (C ₆ H ₆) | BDL (DL = 0.1) | 5 |
| 12 | Benzo (a) Pyrene | BDL (DL = 0.1) | 1 |
| BDL = Below Detectable Limit, DL = Detection Limit NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standards | | | |


4.5.12 Flora and Fauna

a) Flora



Table No.4.7. A. List of Flora of the lease area

| S. No. | Tamil /English Name | Botanical Name | Number of Trees | Photograph |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Vivasaaya mullu Maram | <i>Acasia bushes</i> | Innumerable |  |
| 2. | Pungai Maram (Avenue tree) | <i>Ponga Miagiabro</i> | Innumerable |  |
| 3. | Poovarasa maram | <i>Thespesia Populnea</i> | Innumerable |  |
| 4. | Thennai maram | <i>Coconut Tree</i> | Innumerable |  |


b) Climbers:**Table No.4.7.B List of Climbers of the lease area**

| S.No. | Tamil/English Name | Botanical Name | Number of Trees | Photograph |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Oonangodi | Fragor Monstrum | Innumerable |  |

c) HERBS:**Table No.4.7.C. List of Herbs of the lease area**

| S.No. | Tamil Name | Botanical Name | Number of Plants | Photograph |
|-------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1. | Erukku Chedi | <i>Calotropis Gigantea</i> | Innumerable |  |
| 2. | Parangi | <i>Cucurbita digitata</i> | Innumerable |  |

c) Shrubs:

| S.No. | Tamil/English Name | Botanical Name | Number of Trees | Photograph |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. | korai pul | <i>Cyperus rotundus</i> | Innumerable |  |

2. Fauna:

The fauna species may be found around the project site is given below,

a) Mammals:**Table No.4.8.A. List of Mammals of the lease area**

| S.No. | Tamil & English Name | Zoological Name |
|-------|--|----------------------------|
| 1. | Keeri(<i>Common Mongoose</i>) | <i>Herpestes edwardsii</i> |
| 2. | Anil (<i>Three Striped Squirrel</i>) | <i>Funambulus palmarum</i> |
| 3. | Thavalai (Frog) | Cane toad |

b) Avian Fauna:

Table No.4.8.B. List of Avian Fauna of the lease area

| S.No. | Tamil & English Name | Zoological Name |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Kalugu (Black kite) | Milvis migrans |
| 2. | Myna (Black drogue) | Dicrurus macrocercus |
| 3. | Kakka (House crow) | Corvus splendens |
| 4. | Chittukuruvi (Indian Robin) | Saxicoloides fulicatus |
| 5. | Parunthu (Brahminy Kite) | Haliastur indus |
| 6. | Chinna Neer Kagam(Little Cormorant) | Microcarboniger |
| 7. | Karungkarichan (Black Drongo) | Dicrurusmacrocercus |
| 8. | VellaNarai (white stork) | Ciconia ciconia |

c) Butterfly/Insects:

Table No.4.8.C List of Butterfly/Insects of the lease area

| S.No. | Tamil & English Name | Zoological Name |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Theil (Scorpion) | Scorpiones |
| 2. | Vannthupoochi (Millipedes) | Diplopoda |

4.6. OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURES

4.6.1 Habitations / Village:

Table No.4.9. Habitation details

| Direction | Name of Village | Distance from Mines in Km (Approx) | Population |
|------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| South | Nerur South | 4.4 | 4996 |
| West | Nerur North | 1.06 | 5705 |
| West | Kuppuchipalayam | 6.5 | 8087 |
| North West | Vangal | 5.74 | 698 |

4.6.2 Power Lines (HT / LT): There is no HT or LT lines is found nearby the site

4.6.3 Water Bodies: The site is a part of river basin.

There is no other major river or water body, nallah and ponds are situated around 500m radius.

4.6.4 Archaeological / historical Monuments: There are no archaeological monuments around 500m radius.

4.6.5 Road (NH, SH others):

The NH-7 road is situated at 8.5km away from site connecting Karur-Namakkal SW side and SH-95 situated about 4km Connecting Mokanur – Namakkal on NW side. MDR is connecting Vangal road situated about 3.4km on SW side. A Village road is available nearby the site on the South side for transportation of materials.

4.6.6 Places of worship: Nil

4.6.7 Reserved forest / Forest / Social forest / wild life sanctuary etc: None in 10km radius

4.7 Climatic Conditions

a) Temperature

Climatic Conditions

The Karur lies on 127m above sea level The prevailing climate in Karur is known as a local steppe climate. During the year, there is little rainfall in Karur. ... The average temperature in Karur is 28.7 °C | 83.7 °F. The annual rainfall is 595 mm | 23.4 inch..

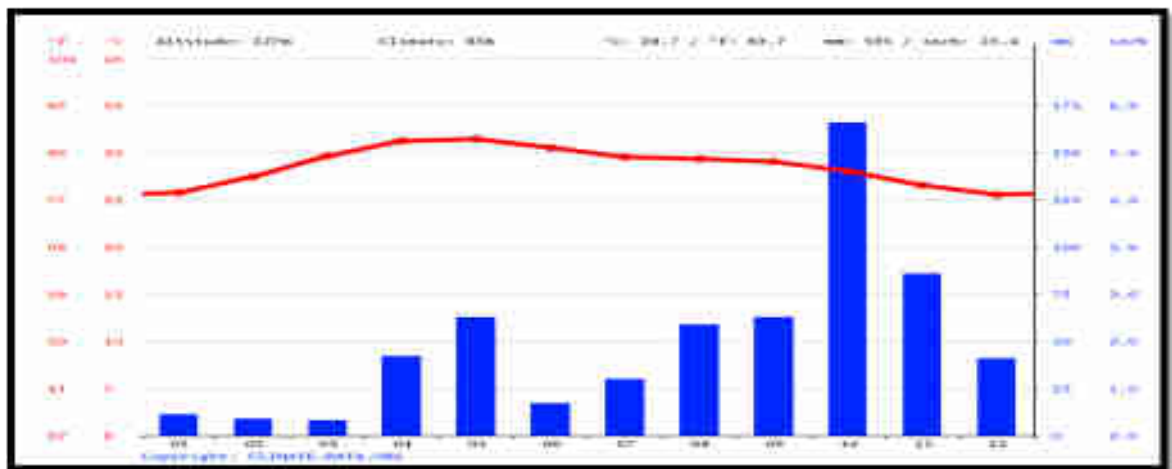


Fig No.4.2 Karur Climate Graph // Weather by Month

The driest month is February, with 12 mm | 0.5 inch of rainfall. Most of the precipitation here falls in October, averaging 172 mm | 6.8 inch.

Humidity

We base the humidity comfort level on the dew point, as it determines whether perspiration will evaporate from the skin, thereby cooling the body. Lower dew points feel drier and higher dew points feel more humid. Unlike temperature, which typically varies significantly

between night and day, dew point tends to change more slowly, so while the temperature may drop at night, a muggy day is typically followed by a muggy night.

The chance that a given day will be muggy in Karur is rapidly decreasing during December, falling from 82% to 66% over the course of the month.

For reference, on October 4, the muggiest day of the year, there are muggy conditions 98% of the time, while on February 1, the least muggy day of the year, there are muggy conditions 50% of the time

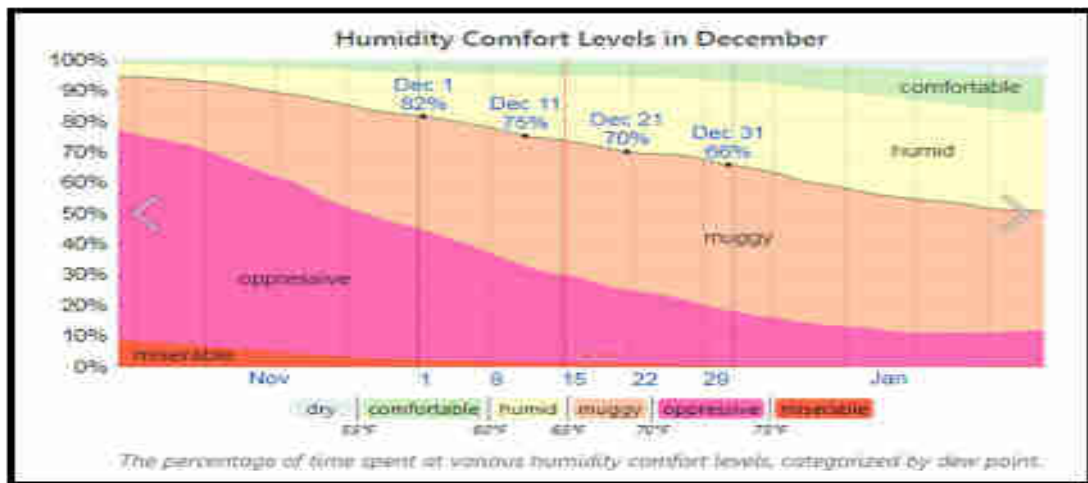


Fig No.4.3 Humidity comfort level

Wind

This section discusses the wide-area hourly average wind vector (speed and direction) at 10 meters above the ground. The wind experienced at any given location is highly dependent on local topography and other factors, and instantaneous wind speed and direction vary more widely than hourly averages.

The average hourly wind speed in Karur is essentially constant during December, remaining within 0.2 miles per hour of 7.0 miles per hour throughout.

For reference, on July 1, the windiest day of the year, the daily average wind speed is 13.1 miles per hour, while on October 22, the calmest day of the year, the daily average wind speed is 5.5 miles per hour.

The highest daily average wind speed during December is 7.2 miles per hour on December 26.

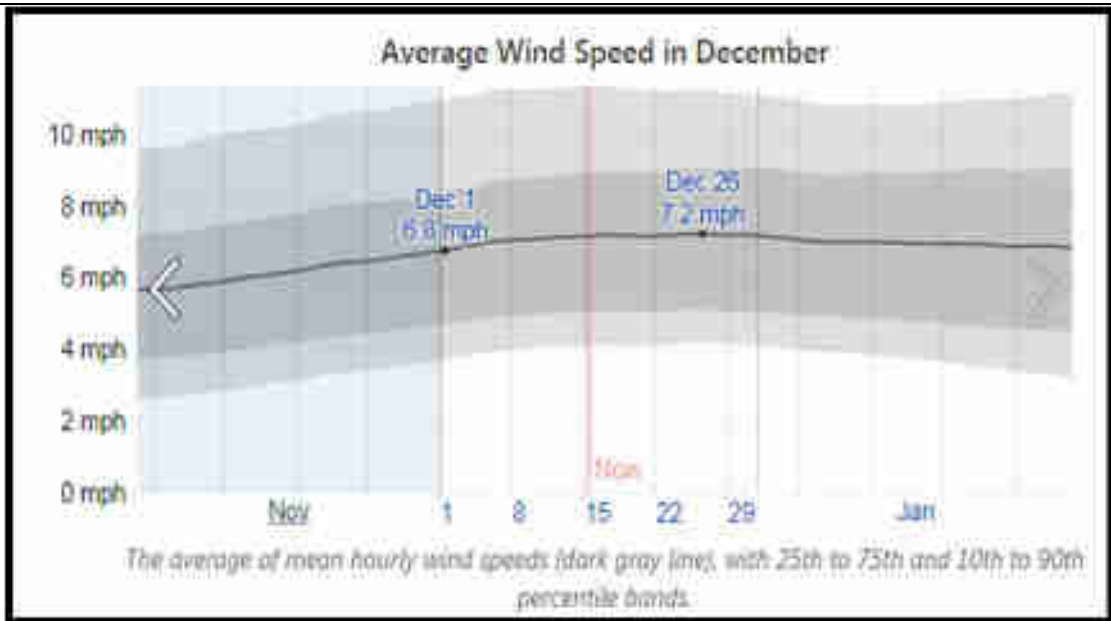


Fig No.4.4 Average wind speed

The hourly average wind direction in Karur throughout December is predominantly from the east, with a peak proportion of 70% on December 31.,

5. PLANNING BRIEF

5.1 Planning concept (type of industries, facilities, transportation etc) town and country planning/development authority classification.

It is opencast mining project. The mine is proposed to work for a period of Two Yearsonly. The proposed working is by opencast manual mining method and which will also continue in future. The mining will be carried out by removing and transporting the sand found in the project area.

Mining will be done by open cast method to a depth of 1.0m after scrapping a thin layer of sludge materials containing bushes. Being a shallow mining with single bench no much planning required for slope stability issues. However the proponent shall maintain 45° slope as per safety practices.

5.2 Population Projection

In Manmangalam taluk, Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had a total household 1721 in 2001 increased to 1757 in according to census 2011. Village had a total person of 5705 in 2011 census previous census 5904 persons in 2001. There were about 2721 men (48 %) according to 2011 census and 2832 men (48 %) in 2001 census marking decrease of 111

men over the previous census. During 2001 there were about 3072 women (52%), which is decrease to 2984 (52%) in 2011 census.

Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had a literate accounted for 3490 persons (59%) in 2001 and increased to 3761 persons (66%) in 2011. There were about 73percent males in 2001 and 77 percent in 2011. There were about 1422 (46%) females increased to 1660 (56%) classes as literates in 2011.

Sex composition is the most important demographic characteristics that affect the incidence of birth and death. The average sex ratio in Manmangalam taluk, Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village was 1085 during 2001 census increase to 1097 the year of 2011. The highest sex ratio may be either due to employment opportunities to earn income do other business.

Table No.4.10 Population Characteristics-

| Sno | Characteristics | 2001 | % | 2011 | % |
|-----|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | Total Household | 1721 | | 1757 | |
| 2 | Total Population | 5904 | | 5705 | |
| 3 | Male Population | 2832 | 47.97 | 2721 | 47.70 |
| 4 | Female Population | 3072 | 52.03 | 2984 | 52.30 |
| 5 | Total Literacy | 3490 | 59.11 | 3761 | 65.92 |
| 6 | Male Literacy | 2068 | 73.02 | 2101 | 77.21 |
| 7 | Female Literacy | 1422 | 46.29 | 1660 | 55.63 |
| 8 | Sex Ratio | | 1085 | | 1097 |

Source: As per census 2001, 2011 Karur district

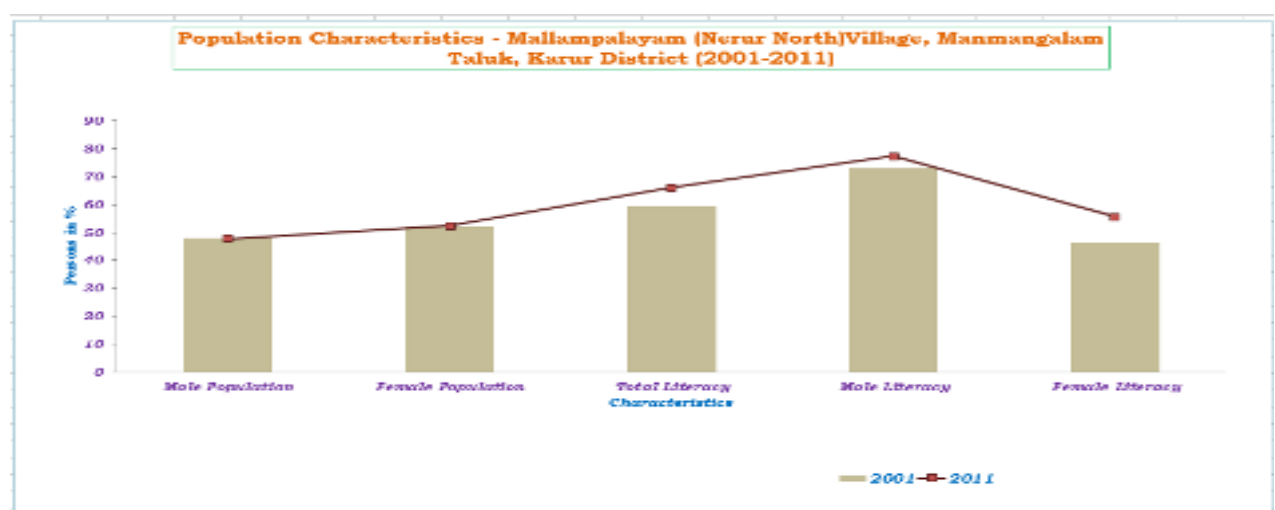


Fig No.4.6- Population Characteristics

b) Occupational Characteristics - Nerur North (Mallampalayam) Village

The term workers denote the population engaged in primary, secondary and tertiary activities classified in the census reports of Indian government. During the year 2001 Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had 3391 workers accounting for 57 percent of the total population of the Village. During 2011 there were about 3183 (56%) according to the census. There were about 1824 men (64%) during 2001 which is decreased to 1733 persons (63%) according to census 2011. There were about 1567 (51%) female according to 2001 which is decreased to about 1450 (48%) female during 2011 marking increased to 117 women over the previous census 2001.

In Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had a total main workers accounted of 3302 (56%) persons during 2001 census which is decrease to 3002 (52 %) persons during 2011. There were about 1502 (48%) women in 2001 and 1357 women according to the census 2011 marking an increases of 145 women over the previous census 2001.

The distribution of agricultural laborers in the study area for the two census periods has revealed that the study area has experienced a decline in the proportion of workers classed as agricultural laborers between 2001 and 2011. Manmangalam taluk in Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had agricultural labourers 1461 (46% of the total workers) agricultural labourers during census 2011. There were about 599 (34% of male workers) men in 2011 which is an increase to 786 (43% of male workers) according to census years 2001.

This group includes the employment of workers in manufacturing activities. Agro based industries, located in the study area engages a sizeable amount of workers. The distribution of secondary workers in the study area is calculated as percent to the total workers. The proportion of secondary workers to total workers has experienced decreasing trend in the Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village area between 2001 and 2011. Secondary workers during 2001 and 2011 it could be stated that this may be due to the opening of a number of manufacturing units in the study area.

The tertiary workers include the labour force engaged in service sector such as education, medical, judicial, finance, administration, recreation, trade and commerce and transport. In

Mallampalayam (Nerur North) Village had tertiary workers accounted for about 26 percent of the workers during 2001 census it is increased 37% according to census 2011.

The study area has experienced a change in the occupational structure in the form of a decline in the proportion of cultivators, agricultural laborers and an increase in the proportion of Non workers.

Table No.4.11. Occupational Characteristics of Population

| Sno | Characteristics | 2001 | % | 2011 | % |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | Total Population | 5904 | | 5705 | |
| 2 | Male Population | 2832 | 47.97 | 2721 | 47.70 |
| 3 | Female Population | 3072 | 52.03 | 2984 | 52.30 |
| 4 | Total Workers | 3391 | 57.44 | 3183 | 55.79 |
| 5 | Male Workers | 1824 | 64.41 | 1733 | 63.69 |
| 6 | Female Workers | 1567 | 51.01 | 1450 | 48.59 |
| 7 | Total Main workers | 3302 | 55.93 | 3002 | 52.62 |
| 8 | Male Main workers | 1800 | 63.56 | 1645 | 60.46 |
| 9 | Female Main Workers | 1502 | 48.89 | 1357 | 45.48 |
| 10 | Total Cultivators | 474 | 13.98 | 343 | 10.78 |
| 10 | Male Cultivators | 319 | 17.49 | 235 | 13.56 |
| 11 | Female Cultivators | 155 | 9.89 | 108 | 7.45 |
| 12 | Total Main Agricultural Labourers | 1886 | 55.62 | 1461 | 45.90 |
| 13 | Male Agri.Labourers | 786 | 43.09 | 599 | 34.56 |
| 14 | Female Agri.Labourers | 1100 | 70.20 | 862 | 59.45 |
| 15 | Total Main HHI | 38 | 1.12 | 22 | 0.69 |
| 16 | Male HHI | 22 | 1.21 | 10 | 0.58 |
| 17 | Female HHI | 16 | 1.02 | 12 | 0.83 |
| 18 | Total Main Other Tertiary workers | 904 | 26.66 | 1176 | 36.95 |
| 19 | Male OT | 673 | 36.90 | 801 | 46.22 |
| 20 | Female OT | 231 | 14.74 | 375 | 25.86 |
| 21 | Total Non workers | 2513 | 42.56 | 2522 | 44.21 |
| 22 | Male Non workers | 1008 | 35.59 | 988 | 36.31 |
| 23 | Female Non workers | 1505 | 48.99 | 1534 | 51.41 |

Source: As per census 2001, 2011, Karur district

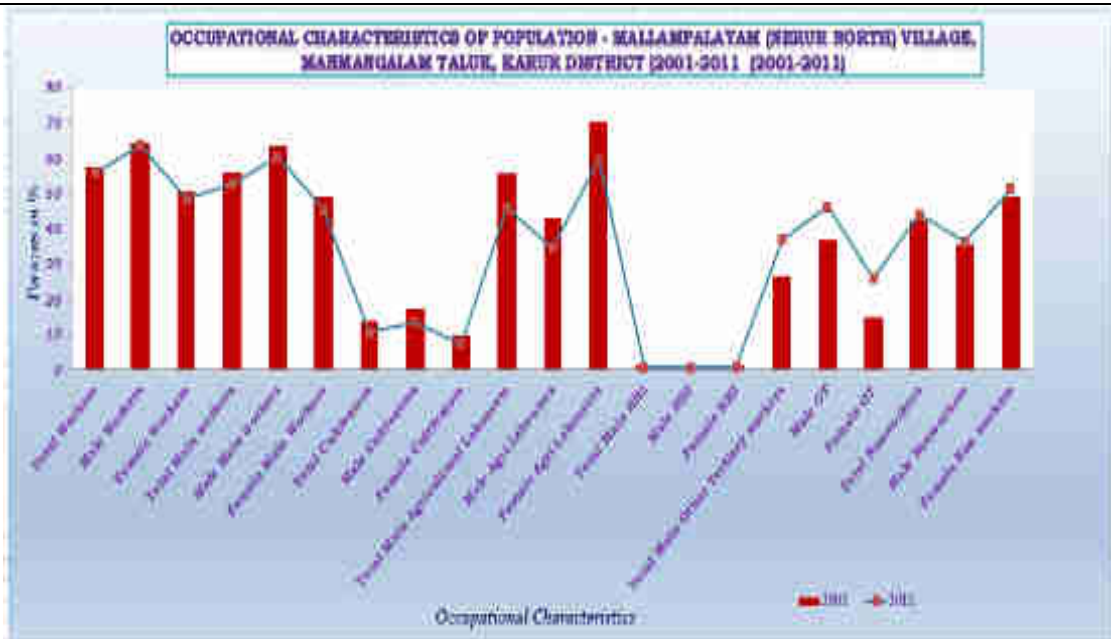


Fig no.4.7 - Occupational Characteristics of Nerur North (Mallampalayam) Village

Assessment of infrastructure demand (physical & social):

Physical Infrastructure

The area is accessible from Karur to reach Nerur South by 9.5km via Karur vungal Road then 3Km to reach Nerur North Further 0.7Km to reach the site.. Other requisite infrastructure as transport of mine labours is available by way of jeep and two-wheeler. Medical facility is available for first aid at project site. Government Dispensary is available nearest to ML area in Manmangalam in addition facilities in Karur. Rest room to meet the demand of shelter and Office room for project management will be made with portable container in the project area.

The will convey the excavated sand outside the quarry site to the end users.

The following measures may be taken for temporary soil erosion of bank:

Initiate stabilization measures as soon as practicable by dumping top soil over bank of the river for stability and afforestation purposes. General safety precaution shall be taken as per mining practices.

Access Roads

The area is accessible from Karur to reach Nerur South by 9.5km via Karur vungal Road then 3Km to reach Nerur North Further 0.7Km to reach the site. A Village road is available nearby

the site. The PWD make temporary road which connects the village road for transportation of Materials.

Usage of public road for transport shall be done as per approved practices and any damage it will be intimated to the Panchayat or concerned authorities for immediate remedies.

Social Infrastructure

The NH-7 road is situated at 8.5km away from site connecting Karur-Namakkal SW side and SH-95 situated about 4km Connecting Mokanur – Namakkal on NW side. MDR is connecting Vangal road situated about 3.4km on SW side. A Village road is available nearby the site on the South side for transportation of materials.

(iv) Amenities/facilities:

As the workers are from nearby villages, the shelter room with toilet facilities & the first aid room will be built in a portable container since the project area itself a river bed and therefore all sanitary provisions shall be made outside of Cauvery river or in a portable container with disposal system. An office-cum-store shall be constructed. The water is required for drinking purpose as well as Drinking water is available by the water tankers from nearby area. Power is available at proximity. First aid box with all necessary materials will be kept all time in the office building for use as and when required.

6. PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE

6.1 Industrial area (processing area):

No processing unit is required; the sand material can be directly consumed. An office-cum-store will be constructed at mine site. A shelter room with toilet facilities & the first aid facilities will be built in a portable container.

6.2 Residential area (non processing area):

Not applicable, local personnel will be employed and there is no residential area proposed.

6.3 Greenbelt:

There would not be any adverse impact in the existing environment arising from the mining activities. To protect the environment, the Applicant Company would do adequate a forestation program with 100 trees per annum along the bank of the river.

Suggested plant species for Greenbelt development around the project:

Table No.4.12. Suggested plant species

| S.No | Botanical Name | Tamil Name | Characteristics |
|------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Azadirachta indica | Vepa or Neem | Semi ever-green, 5-8m height and spreading type |
| 2. | Thespesia populnea | Poovarasam | Quick growing evergreen tree of 18m |
| 3. | Samanea saman | Thoongu moonji | 15-20m tall spreading tree |
| 4. | Pongamia pinnata | Pongam | 15-20m evergreen tree |
| 5. | Albizzia lebbak | Vagai | 15-20m tall tree |
| 6. | Prosopis juliflora | Neer Karuvai | A bushy thorny tree |

6.4 Social infrastructure:

Positive community relationship proposed will be adopted by following methods:

- Care will be taken to ensure Mining Industrial Traffic not degrading public roads or jeopardize public safety
- Consulting with local people in a sincere manner
- Protecting drinking water and all water sources
- Minimize visual impacts to the landscape
- Minimize disruption of local footpaths and public areas
- Mine Supervisor and Workers will be aware and at all times meet the following requirements:
 - Usage of Personal Protective equipments
 - Necessary signage at mine access point
 - First Aid Kits
 - Gates, Fences, Signs (Or) Other barriers to ensure the mine site is secured against unauthorized and / or accidental entry
 - Ensure the mine site is not used for any other purpose other than mining

6.5 Connectivity:

The NH-7 road is situated at 8.5km away from site connecting Karur-Namakkal SW side and SH-95 situated about 4km Connecting Moganur – Namakkal on NW side. MDR is connecting Vangal road situated about 3.4km on SW side. A Village road is available nearby the site on the South side for transportation of materials

6.6 Drinking water Management (source & supply of water):

The requirement of water will be of drinking water need for the labours, which will be around 5 KLD. Drinking water is obtained by Mineral water industries by water canes. Dust suppression and green belt is obtained from the open wells of proponent site.

6.7 Sewerage system:

There is no Sewerage System available in the Mining proposed area. No sewage will be generated from this project.

6.8 Industrial waste Management:

No wastes are anticipated

7. REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT (R&R) PLAN

(i) Policy to be adopted (central/state) in respect of the project affected persons including home owners, land owners, and landless labours.

a) PAP

There is no hutment in the lease area. No human being will be displaced from the project area so no person will be affected contrary local people will get job opportunities and better facilities. There is no rehabilitation & resettlement of people is required.

Mine Closure

Once the process of economical extraction of a mine is complete there is need for scientific mine closure which will not only restore ecology and regenerate bio mass but also take into account the socio-economic aspects of such closure. When mining activities carries out, mining communities get established and closure of the mine means not only loss of jobs but also disruption of community life. At the mine closure, it will be orderly and systematic and so planned as to help the workers and the dependent community to rehabilitate them without undue hardship. But in this case the excavation is made to deepen the water tank for storage and avoid flooding of storm water into villages and paddy fields. Therefore Mine

closure plan should have proper leveling of the area before closing is advisable for this project.

8. PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COST ESTIMATION

(i) Likely date of start of construction and likely date of Completion

The proposed mining operation will commence from the date of execution of quarry lease.

(ii) Estimated project cost along with analysis in terms of Economic viability of the project.

Machineries not required for manual mining method; however being a short term project,

PROJECT COST & EMP BUDGET

a) Project cost

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| i) Land Cost | : | Nil |
| ii) Machinery to be used | : | Nil |
| iii) Construction of bank reiver | : | Rs 2,00,000 |
| iv) Laboures Shed | : | Rs 1,00,000 |
| v) Sanitary facility | : | Rs 1,00,000 |
| vi) Other items | : | Rs 1,00,000 |
| Total | | Rs 5.0 lakhs |

EMP Cost

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| i. Environmental Monitoring | = | Rs 1,00,000 |
| ii. Sanitary arrangements | = | Rs 50,000 |
| iii. Safety kits, | = | Rs 75,000 |
| iv. Water supply for dust control | = | Rs 75,000 |
| v. Afforestation etc. | = | Rs 1,00,000 |
| Total | | = Rs 4.0lakhs |

9. ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) **Financial and social benefits with special Emphasis on the benefit to the local people including tribal population, if any in the area.**

Social Benefits:

Mining in the project area will provide employment to nearby villagers. This employment will help in raising the standard of living on the people in the area. The mining activity in this belt will benefit the locals both directly and indirectly. The direct beneficiaries will be those who get employed in the mines as skilled and un-skilled workers. The indirect beneficiaries will be those who open small business to sell goods required by the residents whose "Per Capita income will be enhanced by the

Mining activity, and thereby their purchasing power. In the long run a lot of social goods are expected in the comparatively backward area when the inhabitants will be able to send their children to school, the change, though slow, is bound to be perceptible.

Financial Benefits:

It is clear from the objectives of the project that it will have significant positive impacts since it will:

- Provide filling material to the society.
- Give a boost to economic development in the region.
- Make a significant contribution to the construction and infrastructure sector of India.
- The Management will ensure good production and in turn there will be good revenue to the Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India through taxes. The industry is an asset to the nation.

This project is planned keeping in view the above mentioned advantages.

The quarrying operations will be carried out scientifically and systematically with an integrated mining plan and mine design may not disturb the environment and ecology of the area.

Signature of Project Proponent

Signature of EIA- Coordinator

Along with signature



The Executive Engineer

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