

**STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
(SEIAA) ::: MEGHALAYA**
Silviculture Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong – 793 001

No. SEIAA (ESTT-2/2008)/PT/16/2015/93 Dated Shillong, the 11th June, 2016.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON 11th JUNE
2016, AT 11 a.m., IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Members present in the Meeting:

1. Shri T. Blah, IAS (Retd.)..... Chairman, SEIAA
2. Prof. B.K. Tiwari..... Member, SEIAA
3. Shri D. Sathiyam, IFS, CCF, SF & EMember Secretary, SEIAA

The Proceedings:

The meeting was chaired by the Shri T. Blah, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, SEIAA. He welcomed Prof. B.K. Tiwari, Member, SEIAA, and D.Sathiyam IFS, the Member Secretary. Then he invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

First, the Member Secretary informed that, in pursuance of the consultative meeting dated 20/4/16 which was organized by the SEIAA with participation from SEAC, Forest & Environment Department, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya and the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, a set of recommendations 'to remove the hurdles in effective implementation of the Environment Clearance Process in Meghalaya' was submitted by the SEIAA to the Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Meghalaya vide letter No.SEIAA/2125(E)/Estt.2/2015/142 dated 25/4/2016. He also informed that the Govt. has taken up the matter with the Mining & Geology Dept., as seen from the Govt. letter No.ENV.12/2011/172 dated 5/5/16.

Agenda 1 : M/s P.M. Sand & Stone, Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya :

The Member Secretary informed that the SEAC vide their letter dated, 12/5/2016 recommended for grant of Environment Clearance to the PP but only if the Mining Plan gets the approval of the Competent Authority. The Meeting unanimously decided to defer the case, as the Mining Plan is yet to be approved. It was noted that the matter is pending since the Govt. has not notified any authority in this regard.

Agenda 2 : EC to 'National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya' permanent campus project at Sohra (Cherrapunjee), East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya :

The Member Secretary circulated the SEAC's letter dated 12/5/16, recommending Environment Clearance to the 'National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya' permanent campus project. The appraisal report submitted by the SEAC was scrutinized by the SEIAA. The conditions proposed for the construction and the operational phases of the project were approved after adding

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suitable additions and modifications. The draft final EC, incorporating these changes, was approved by the SEIAA unanimously.

Agenda 3 : Khliehjari Lime stone Mining, area of 33.45 Ha., village Thangskai, by M/s Meghalaya Cement Ltd, District East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya :

The Member Secretary circulated the SEAC's letter dated 12/5/16 to the Members, containing the draft TOR prepared by the Committee. The TOR recommended by the SEAC was scrutinized by the SEIAA and modified/rephrased suitably and TORs at SL.48 & SI.50 were added. With these modifications and additions, the draft final TOR was approved by the SEIAA unanimously.

Agenda 4 : Limestone Mine, Block- III, Umsoo-Mootang, Village Thangskai area of 4.90 Ha. by M/s Adhunik Cement Ltd, District East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya :

The Member Secretary circulated the SEAC's letters dated 6/6/16 & dated 11/6/2016 to the Members, containing the draft TOR proposed by the Committee. The TOR recommended by the SEAC, were scrutinized by the SEIAA and modified/rephrased suitably. Since the project forms cluster with mining lease blocks 4 & 5 of the same project proponent, condition on Cluster EMP was added in TOR No.37. With these modifications and addition, the Draft final TOR was approved by the SEIAA unanimously.

Agenda 5 : Construction of Hotel at old SMB Compound, Police Bazar by M/s Maxim Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

The SEIAA took notice of the letter of the SEAC dated 2/5/2016, wherein the clarifications submitted by the project proponent were circulated to the members of SEAC for information and discussion in its next meeting. SEIAA unanimously decided to wait for consideration of these clarifications from the PP, by the SEAC and its subsequent recommendations on the matter.

Agenda 6 : Sanitary Landfill Site of the Shillong Municipal Board, (SMB) at Marten, Mawiong, Mawlai, Shillong by SMB, Shillong.

The SEIAA scrutinized the request from the project proponent for approval to use the Geo-synthetic Clay Liner (GSL) in place of Compact Clay Liner in their Sanitary Landfill at Marten, Mawlai, Shillong. It also noted the SMB's justification that the former is a better option on many counts and that the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong has given an NOC for the use of GSL. The SEIAA unanimously approved the proposal, with condition that the project proponent has to ensure the technical stability and safety of the structure.

In view of the recommendation of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Meghalaya (vide No. SEAC /PP-12/2015/8 dtd.10/12/2015), the request made by the project proponent for a change in the retaining wall specification (shifting from Random Rubble Masonry to RCC) as conveyed vide their letter No. SMB/PW/163/2008-09/344, dated 16/9/2015, was unanimously accepted by the SEIAA.

The SEIAA scrutinized the request from the project proponent (vide No. SMB/PW/163/2008-09, dated 25/6/2016) for extension of validity period of the EC. SEIAA noted that the earlier EC would expire on 12/08/2016. The SEIAA unanimously decided to extend the validity of the Environmental Clearance already granted to the SMB by the earlier SEIAA vide No. SEIAA/PROJECT- 13/2009/8, dated 14/8/2009, for another 2 (two) years with effect from 13/8/2016. This will be subject to the conditions that other mandatory NOCs/ Clearances from other Govt. Agencies/ other Regulatory Bodies are also renewed /obtained by the PP as per Rules and that the project proponent shall strictly comply to Orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Supreme Court/High Courts, the EC conditions and also the Rules/OMs/Guidelines/Standards issued from time to time by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India under provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and the EIA notification 2006 & its subsequent amendments.

Agenda 7 : Fresh applications for EC received from the PPs:

The SEIAA scrutinized the following fresh applications received from 4 project proponents seeking EC for mining of Minor Minerals. It was decided by the SEIAA that since the DEIAA/DEAC are yet to be functional in the districts, the SEIAA would continue to deal with these applications also. Accordingly the SEIAA unanimously decided to send the following applications, which were already scrutinized by its SEIAA secretariat, to the SEAC for appraisal:-

- (1) M/S Umnawe Stone Quarry at – Killing village, Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi.
- (2) M/S Limestone Mining at Lynti Dhar, Sohbar, East Khasi Hills – by Philosopher lawphniaw.
- (3) M/s Phong Laishret Lime Stone Quarry No.1, Ichamati, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.
- (4) M/s Kallu Valley Brick Industry of Smt. Ronilla R.Marak, at Garobhadha, South west Garo Hills.

Agenda 8. Miscellaneous/ Other :

(8.1) M/S Limestone Mining at Byrong Wahlang, East Khasi Hill by J.S. Nongkhlaw – On receipt of a formal request from the Addl. DC (Revenue), East Khasi Hill, seeking clarification on the need for EC for obtaining Prospecting License (PL) applied for by the above PP, the SEIAA unanimously decided to issue a clarification stating that the issue of Prospecting License is not related to the SEIAA and that 'mineral prospecting' do not require prior EC as per MoEFCC's notification vide SO.141 dated, 16/01/2016.

(8.2) M/S Meghalaya Cement Ltd, seeking advice from the SEIAA on whether EC is required or not for their Expansion/renovation, project, the SEIAA unanimously decided to stand by its earlier decision that the SEIAA will not comment/reply/advice PPs prior to receipt of their application for EC. It is the responsibility of the PP to fully adhere to the notifications of the MoEFCC in respect of EC.

(8.3) Smt. Queency Passah, 12 Mile, Jorabad, Meghalaya : The PP has submitted some documents and NOC from the Deputy Commissioner for earth cutting in her land at Jorabad, Meghalaya and sought EC. This matter was discussed in the meeting and the SEIAA

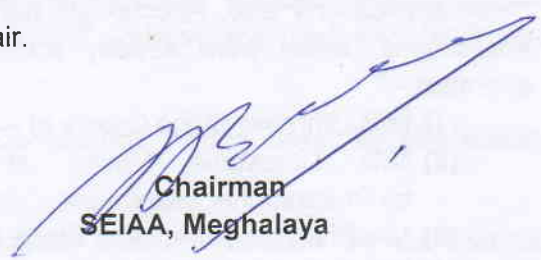
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unanimously decided to hold that that earth cutting /mining of ordinary earth (for personal use) does not require EC and to seek clarification from MoEFCC regarding EC for earth cutting/mining of ordinary earth for commercial purposes.

(8.4) Delisting of Pending Cases : The OM No.J-11013/5/2009-IA-II(Part) dtd. 30.10.2012 was circulated to the Members. The OM specified that all projects where additional information desired has not been submitted by the PP even after 6 months should be de-listed. For the project pending between 3 to 6 months for want of information, reminder may be sent within a month; If the information is not received within the period, even these project may be de-listed. The SEIAA noted the contents of the O.M. and unanimously decided to apply the same yard-stick. The SEIAA secretariat was directed to find out the status of all pending projects and to identify the ones that may be de-listed and to put up the same in the next SEIAA meeting for its approval.

(8.5) List of RQP & ACs who are willing to offer their services in Meghalaya was placed in the meeting. The SEIAA took note of the list and unanimously decided that the SEIAA secretariat may provide a copy of this list to the PPs, if they so desire.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thank from the Chair.



Chairman
SEIAA, Meghalaya