

**STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**  
**MEGHALAYA :**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON 06**  
**JANUARY, 2017, AT 1: 00PM, IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

The Members present in the Meeting:

1. Shri.T.Blah, IAS (Retd.)..... Chairman, SEIAA
2. Shri.D. Sathiyar, IFS, CCF, SF & E .....Member Secy. SEIAA

Prof. B.K.Tiwari, the other member of SEIAA, could not attend the meeting due to his outstation tour. The agenda notes were circulated to him by mail. (His comments/recommendations were received by mail on 09.01.2017).

**Proceedings :**

The meeting was chaired by the Shri T.Blah, IAS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA. He welcomed the Member Secretary to the meeting. It was decided to take up the agenda points listed for the meeting even in the absence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of SEIAA, as some of the applications for grant of EC were pending for long. The Chairman invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion. The agenda notes were circulated in the meeting.

First, the Member Secretary informed about the action taken on the decisions taken in the last SEIAA meeting dated 21.10.2016 and circulated the Minutes of the said meeting. The meeting approved the action taken and confirmed the Minutes.

**Agenda :1- Application for Brick Earth Mining :** The Member Secretary, circulated copies of SEAC's letters dated 16.12.2016, recommending Environmental Clearance to the following Brick Industries for Brick Earth Mining located in Garo Hills, Meghalaya:

- 1) 'Brick Earth Mining' at Bolganggre, Mukdangra, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by M/s RDS Brick Industries.
- 2) 'Brick Earth Mining' at Sonamate, P.O. Garobadha, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by M/s RPS Brick Factory, Sonamate Village.
- 3) 'Brick Earth Mining' at 1<sup>st</sup>Dalupara- Mukdangra Village South West Garo Hills, by M/s KDS Brick Industries.
- 4) 'Brick Earth Mining' at Damalgre Village, P.O.Dalmagre West Garo Hills by M/s Kolpo Bricks Factory, Damalgre.
- 5) 'Brick Earth Mining' at Sonamate, P.O. Garobadha, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by M/s M.A.S. Brick Factory, Sonamate Village.
- 6) 'Brick Earth Mining' at Adanggri Village, Chandabhui, Dalu, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by M/s P.K.S. Brick Industries.

All these applications were scrutinized based on the documents submitted by the PP and the recommendations received from the SEAC after undertaking site visit. It was pointed out by the Secretary that the SEIAA in its last meeting has granted final EC to 4 (four) similar 'brick earth mining' projects. It was unanimously decided in the meeting to accept the recommendation of the SEAC and to issue final EC to the above 6 (six) projects as per MoEF&CC's notification no S.O. No 1533 (E) dated 26-09-2006 and O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-1 A II (M) dated 24-06-2013. The meeting approved that the validity of the EC shall be 2 years. The Member Secretary was authorized to issue final Environmental Clearance to these 6 projects with the same conditions as in the previous instances.

**Agenda : 2 -Application for Ordinary Earth Mining :** The Member Secretary, circulated a copy of SEAC's letter dated 16.12.2016, recommending Environmental Clearance for earth cutting and commercial transportation of the earth by Smt. Q. Passah at Jorabad, Meghalaya. The members felt that a decision on grant of final EC to the project may be deferred to facilitate further scrutiny. Accordingly, the secretariat is advised to put up the project in the next meeting of the SEIAA.

**Agenda : 3 - Application for Lime Stone Mining(31.05Ha.)at South Khliehjari, Thangskai village,East Jaintia Hills, by Meghalaya Cements Ltd.(MCL)-**

The Member Secretary, circulated a copy of SEAC's letter dated 04.01.2017, recommending EC for Lime Stone Mining at South Khliehjari, East Jaintia Hills, for an area of 31.05 Ha.by M/s- Meghalaya Cements Ltd. The SEIAA noted that the original application dated 16.07.2012submitted by the PP for Environmental Clearancewasfor an area of 33.45Ha. but the PP videletter dated 19/12/16 submitted to the SEAC, Meghalaya, informed that the Company will mine only in the non forest area of 31.05Ha.,and submitted the revised IBM's approved Mining Plan for 31.05Ha.only.This was done by the PPafter the Report of the Joint Inquiry Team-II, of MoEF&CC (Forest Conservation Division) vide letter No. F.No.7-70/2012-FC dtd.15.9.2016 in-which only 31.05Ha.was declared as 'Non-forest' area and 2.4 Ha.was declared as 'deemed forest' area.The matter was discussed in the meeting and after due consideration of the relevant documents and the recommendations received from the SEAC on the project, the meeting unanimously decided to grant final EC for the project covering a non-forest area of 31.05 ha. only. The meeting also scrutinized the conditions proposed by the SEAC and decided to delete/modify few conditions. The SEIAA secretariat was directed to circulate the draft final ECs after incorporating the additions/deletions/modifications arrived at in the meeting, to SEIAA's members for their approval and signature on the body of the letter. The Member Secretary was authorized to issue final EC with these approved conditions. The meeting approved that the validity of EC shall be 12 years, which is the expected life of the mine.

**Agenda : 4 : Fresh applications**

The SEIAA scrutinized the following fresh applications received from 3(three)project proponents seeking EC for mining of brick earth. It was decided by the SEIAA that since the DEIAA/DEAC are yet to be functional in the districts, it would continue to deal with these applications also.

Accordingly the SEIAA unanimously decided to send the following applications, which were already scrutinized by the SEIAA's Secretariat, to SEAC for appraisal, as they were found to be in order.

- a) Application for Brick Earth Mining (3B-10K-8L) at Ronkhola village, P.O.- Chibinang, Phulbari, West Garo Hills by M/s- ARM Industries.
- b) Application for Brick Earth Mining (6B-0K-14L) at Bolgangre village, P.O.- Mukdangra, South West Garo Hills by M/s- SRS Brick Industries.
- c) Application for Brick Earth Mining (6B-0K-14L) at Sonamate (Chalitabari) village, P.O.- Garobadha, South West Garo Hills by M/s- Rakesh A. Sangma.

In addition, the meeting unanimously *accorded ex-post facto approval to the action taken by the SEIAA secretariat, which has accepted and forwarded the following applications* to the SEAC for appraisal:-

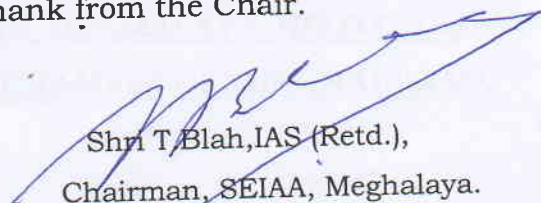
- a) Application seeking EC for 'Brick Earth Mining' at Adangri Village, Chandabhui, Dalu, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya received from M/s P.K.S. Brick Industries -forwarded on 25/10/16, and
- b) Online application seeking EC for 'Limestone Mining' at Madan Pyrda (Block-I), Chiehruphi village, Narpuh, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya received from M/s Green Valley Industries Ltd -forwarded online on 06/12/16 & hardcopies forwarded on 05/01/2017, upon receipt from PP.

#### **Agenda : 5 . Miscellaneous/Other.**

- a) **Instruction by the EIA Resource & Response Centre, New Delhi:** The Member Secretary circulate a copy of the letter No..... in the meeting. This is about not uploading the minutes of the meeting, TOR, and EC on the website of the SEIAA. The Member Secretary explained the problems being faced by SEIAA in online processing and informed that the alerts are not received from the online system, by the SEIAA/SEAC. He also informed that the SEIAA's Secretariat has written to the NIC centre at MOEF & CC, New Delhi, about the need of training for the officials of the SEIAA & SEAC to enable them handle applications online. It was decided in the meeting that the SEIAA secretariat shall try to upload all the minutes of the SEIAA,

TORs and final EC issued by the present SEIAA onto the website environmentclearance.nic.in. at the earliest and also to take steps to train the staff and switch over to online processing completely. The SEAC too shall be requested to upload their minutes of the meeting.


The meeting ended with the vote of thank from the Chair.

  
Shri T. Blah, IAS (Retd.),  
Chairman, SEIAA, Meghalaya.

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Member Secretary,  
SEIAA, Meghalaya