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Silviculture Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong - 793 001

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON THE 21st MARCH, 2017, AT 3: 00 PM, 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. Sathiyan, IFS, CCF, SF & EMember Secy. SEIAA

Proceedings:

The meeting was chaired by the Shri T.Blah, IAS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA. He welcomed the members for the meeting and then invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

First, the Member Secretary circulated the Minutes of the last SEIAA meeting dated 02.02.2017 and informed about the actions taken on the decisions arrived at in the said meeting. The meeting confirmed the Minutes and approved the actions taken. Then the following agenda items were discussed:

Agenda: 1 - Clarification sought /letters from SEAC: Relating to the TOR issued by SEIAA for preparation of final EIA/EMP to Limestone mining (Block III)at Thangskai village, East Jaintia Hills by M/s Adhunik Cement Ltd.-

The Member Secretary circulated the letters- dated 06.01.17 and dated 25.01.17 from the SEAC and reply given by the SEIAA to the SEAC vide letter dated 03.02.17. The Secretary also circulated the SEAC's subsequent letter dated 14.02.17. After detailed deliberations on the matter, the SEIAA unanimously decided that the matter needs to be taken up for discussion in the next joint meeting of the SEIAA & SEAC in view of the dichotomy of perceptions between SEAC & SEIAA towards dealing with certain aspects of Environmental Clearance, especially on application of 'cluster conditions' on mining projects. The meeting decided to defer the case till then.

- Agenda: 2 : Application for prior EC for mining of 'Brick Earth', area = 3B-05K-10 L (0.546ha) at Ronkhola village, Chibinang, Phulbari, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by Shri Dip Kumar Rabha (M/s Chipni Bharat Brick Industry-(ARM).
- Agenda: 3: Application for prior EC for mining of 'Brick Earth', area =6B-0K-14L(0.818ha) at Bolgangre Village, P.O. Garobadha, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya by Shri Ruther D.Sangma (M/s SRS Brick Industry).

The Member Secretary circulated 2 recommendation letters received from the SEAC dated 20.02.2017 in respect of the above 2 (two) brick earth mining projects. The SEIAA scrutinized the documents pertaining to the case and the recommendations received from the SEAC. The meeting after taking into consideration its recent decisions in granting of final EC to 10(ten) similar brick earth mining projects, unanimously decided to accept the recommendation of the SEAC and to issue final EC to the above 2 (two) 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, pending receipt of clarification which has been sought from the MoEF&CC regarding mining plan. The meeting approved that the validity of the EC shall be 2 years. The Member Secretary was authorized to issue the final Environmental Clearance to these 2 projects with the same conditions as in the previous instances, after all members approved and signed the draft final EC:

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

Dated, Shillong, The 25 March, 2017. Shri T.Blah IAS (Retd.), Chairman, SEIAA, Meghalaya.

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- 1. The Member, SEIAA, Meghalaya (email) for information.
- 2. The concerned filed for record.

Member Secretary, SEIAA, Meghalaya