

# STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON  
16 th Nov., 2017, AT 2: 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. P.S.Nongbri,IFS, CCF, SF &E .....Member Secy. SEIAA

## **Proceedings :**

The meeting was chaired by the Shri T.Blah, IAS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA. He welcomed Prof.K.K.Tiwari, Member, SEIAA 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 08.09.2017 and informed about the action 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 - Application for EC by M/s Adhunik Cement, - relating to their limestone mining sites at Block -III, Umso Mootang, Thangskai, Narpuh , Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills.**

The Member Secretary circulated a copy of the letter dated 18.10.2017 submitted by the PP praying and reminding the SEIAA, for issue of the EC to his limestone (Block III) at Umsoo Mootang, Thangskai Village, East Jaintia Hills. The Member Secretary informed in the meeting that this was a deferred case from the month of April 2017, pending due to 'awaiting of reply' from the MoEF&CCC, New Delhi for the clarification sought by the SEIAA, vide letter No. SEIAA/PR-46/2015/229/575 dated 07.04.2017 and SEIAA's subsequent reminders dated 23.06.2017 and 15.09.2017 relating to MoEF&CC,

Regional Office letter No. 3-MG B 058/2012/SHI/6493-94 dated 19.02.2014 to the Principal Secretary, State Forest & Environment Deptt., Govt. of Meghalaya grouping two blocks in each patch (Block I&II and Block III &IV) as Cluster mine. The Member Secretary informed that till date no response/clarification is received from the Ministry. The matter was discussed in the meeting and after due consideration and also re-examination of the SEAC letter No. SEAC/PP/19/2015/288/668 dtd.14.02.2017(including the proceedings of the SEAC's meeting dated 09.02.2017, Agenda : 3) the meeting unanimously decided that before final assessment of the above said project by the SEIAA for grant of the EC, the PP shall be directed to adhere and incorporate in the project EIA/EMP the conditions ii, iii, iv, vi, vii, x, and xi as specified in the MoEF&CC, New Delhi Circular No.J-11013 /71/2016-IA.I (M) dtd.28.10.2017. The Member Secretary was authorized to direct the PP.

### **Agenda 2 : Transfer of the EC applications to DEIAAs**

The Member Secretary circulated copy of letters received from the SEAC recommending for transfer to the respective DEIAAs of the following prior EC applications earlier accepted by the SEIAA and forwarded to the SEAC.

<b>Sl</b>	<b>Date of application</b>	<b>Name of the Project and site location</b>	<b>Remark</b>
1	30.06.2016	Tem-maw Limestone Quarry, (4.94ha) Wahlong Village, East Khasi Hills, (applied by Shri Satish Roy, M/s- Youroin Enterprise, Pyrkan Village, Shella, East Khasi Hills-793112)	Recommended by SEAC for transferring of the case to the concerned DEIAA, vide SEAC letter dtd.27.10.17 - <b>due to Non-submission of approved mining plan, (directed to PP, vide SEAC letter dated 25.10.2016)</b>
2	24.08.2016	Io-Muroh Stone Quarry (2.9ha),Near Village Puran Sukubaria,Ri Bhoi District ( submitted by Shri Westley Doloi,New Jirang,Ri Bhoi District)	Recommended by SEAC for transferring of the case to the concerned DEIAA, vide SEAC letter dtd.27.10.17- <b>due to Non-submission of (a) additional information sought and (b) the approved mining plan, (directed the PP, vide SEAC letter dated 17.10.2016)</b>
3	24.08.2016	Muroh Rim Stone Quarry	Recommended by SEAC for transferring of the case to the

		(9868sq.m),Near Village Puran Sukubaria,Ri Bhoi District ( submitted by Smt. Greenland Lakhmie,New Jirang,Ri Bhoi District)	concerned DEIAA, vide SEAC letter dtd.27.10.17- <b>due to Non-submission of (a) additional information sought and (b) the approved mining plan, (directed the PP, vide SEAC letter dated 17.10.2016)</b>
4	19.12.2016	Brick Earth mining (8B-0K-0L)at Sonamite Village, Garobada,South West Garo Hills, Ampati (applied by Shri Rakesh A. Sangma, M/s-RPT brick Industries,Lower Babupara,West Garo Hills, Tura -794001)	Though already recommended by the SEAC for grant of EC being the old case but the recommendation letter was sent late that is after the SEIAA decided on 30.03.2017 (after consultation with SEAC) not to grant EC without Mining Plan(MP) even for brick-earth/ ordinary earth mining. Hence to avoid controversy /RTI, the SEIAA decided that this case also needed to submit MP. <b>The SEAC on 31.10.17 recommended for transfer the case to the concerned DEIAA, since SEIAA decided that the MP is required to be submitted by the PP, hence the project has to be scrutinized again.</b>
5.	31.01.2017	Brick Earth mining (1B-4K-5L)at Kalumalupara, Village, Sakmal,Rajabala, West Garo Hills, (applied by Shri R.Karim, M/s-Skylark brick Industries,Sakmal,P.O.-Phulbari, West Garo Hills- 794001)	Recommended by SEAC for transferring of the case to the concerned DEIAA, vide SEAC letter dtd.31.10.17- <b>Due to Non-submission of additional information sought (directed to PP, vide SEAC letter dated 13.02.2017)</b>
6	03-02-2015	M/S P.M. Sand & Stones, Narbong, Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi Distric ( <i>Sandmining Prop.P.Wankhar</i> )-	On the same condition, as above, note sl.4, as MP is to be submitted by the PP, the project has to be scrutinized again; hence PP to apply to the concerned DEIAA.

The Member Secretary informed in the meeting that as per MoEF &CC O.M.- F.No.Z-11013/8/ 2016-IA-II(M) dtd.15.03.2016, Para '3' *....that the Category B2 Projects, which as per notification dtd.15.01.2016 and 20.01.2017 has to be appraised at level of DEAC and EC to be granted by the DEIAA for mining of minor minerals; where SEAC has recommended the case for EC are to be processed at the level of SEIAA for grant of EC.* The matter was discussed in the meeting and after due consideration the meeting unanimously decided that the proprietors of the above 6(six) projects shall be directed to apply directly to the concerned DEIAAs, vide O.M. F.Z-11013/8/2016-IA-II(M)

dtd.15.03.2017 and to be appraised as per EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments/MoEF&CC - OMs/ Cir. /Rules, etc.. The Member Secretary was authorized to take necessary action.

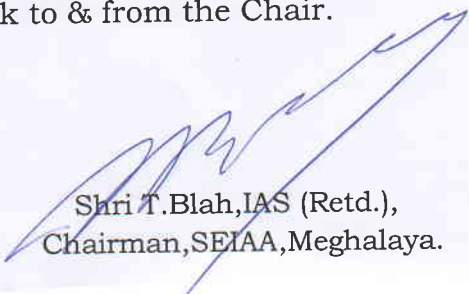
**Agenda 3: Misl. : RTI matters - Order of the Meghalaya State Information Commission on case No.MIC/Appeal/10/2017/55 dated 04.10.2017**

- Shri S.K.Sharma, Beltola, Guwahati - Appealant Vrs - 1) PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong & 2) PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board- Respondents

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting the above Order and the reply by the PIO, SEIAA dated 25.09.2017 and informed that he had appeared in the hearing; the applicant sought copies of EC for (i) 900TPD during 2003-2004 and (ii) 1800TPD (expansion) during 2007 by M/s Star Cement Ltd.(formerly known as Cement Manufacturing company); (b) 900TPD by M/s-Meghalaya Cement Ltd., which are NOT AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA as the SEIAA functioned only on June, 2008, vide Govt. letter No. PHE.252/2006/127 dtd.24.06.2008 (S.O. No.1203(E) dated 23.07.2007) ; the Member Secretary informed in the meeting that again the Office of the CIC ,vide letter dtd.30.10.2017 directed that the information should be furnished to the applicant. The matter was discussed in the meeting and after due consideration the meeting unanimously decided as the information sought was prior to constitution of SEIAA, the Member Secretary & PIO, SEIAA to again clarify the matter to the of the office of the C.I.C. and personally brief the C.I.C., Meghalaya on this matter.

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

Dated, Shillong,  
The 17<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2017.

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