

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI 781021, ASSAM

Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 30/05/2022

The 30th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 on 30/05/2022at 10.00 p.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam presided over the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 34th Meeting of SEAC held on 09th April, 2022.

1. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand from "Kanaighat Mineral Concession Area for Sand under Golaghat Division proposed by Sri Bedanta Pratim Hazarika. SEIAA.3001/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/257593/2022)

SEAC Resolution 36/2:

The project proposal asking mining of sand from "Kanaighat Mineral Concession Area for Sand" under Golaghat Division proposed by Sri Bedanta Pratim Hazarika is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the required documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal. Recommendation of the DFO, Golaghat Division as well as the Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. Considering the above, the committee recommended the proposal approving to extract 600 cu.m. sand from the proposed mining site within 1 (one) year with the condition that mining depth is approved up to 1(one) meter and leaving 10 (ten) meter distance on both sides from the high bank of the river. The proponent has to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co ordinates before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/01:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam

cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

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2. Proposal of EC for "Construction of a Bridge over the Brahmaputra River Connecting Palasbari to Sualkuchi on the Western Edge of Guwahati, Assam and requested to issuance of EC proposed by the Executive Engineer, PWRD, Brahmaputra Bridge Construction Division, Guwahati-25.SEIAA.2043/2022, (SIA/AS/MIS/72214/2022)

SEAC Resolution 35/6:

The Project proposal for "Construction of a Bridge over the Brahmaputra River Connecting Palasbari to Sualkuchi on the Western Edge of Guwahati, Assam and requested for issuance of EC proposed by the Executive Engineer, PWRD, Brahmaputra Bridge Construction Division, Guwahati-25 is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent in support of the proposal. The proponent and their consultant were invited to give detail presentation on the various activities proposed and mitigation measures suggested therein. Accordingly, presentation was given and participated in the subsequent discussion. After a threadbare discussion the committee recommended the project proposal with a rider on the following points to be examined by the SEIAA, Assam.

- Distribution pattern of Gangetic Dolphin spotted area.
- Results of hydrological modeling carried out at IIT, Roorkee should be translated to the project site and probable/likely changes in the Brahmaputra should be delineated on the recent satellite images of the river Brahmaputra.

SEIAA Resolution 30/02:

The SEIAA invited three expert members of SEAC namely Sri S. K. Seal Sarma, Chairman, SEAC, Assam, Prof. B.P. Duarah, Member SEAC, Assam and Prof. S Phukan, Member SEAC, Assam and examined the points raised by SEAC through a detailed presentation given by the experts Prof. Zulfequer Ahmed, IIT Roorkee, Deptt of Civil Engineering and Dr. Bhrighu Saikia.

The project was approved for issuance of EC with following additional specific conditions-

- a. The monitoring and management of Dolphin and other endangered species will be done as per the EIA report and the recommendation will be provided to SEIAA by Dr. Bhrigu Saikia.
- b. Contour map of the river channel be corrected.
- c. Adequate bank protection along both the banks in the river section is required.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS,

Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

Proposal of EC for mining Stone from "Inglongkiri Dengaon P.P Land Stone Mining Area 3. under Karbi Anglong East Division, proposed by Sri Langteng Teron. SEIAA. 1966/2021,(SIA/AS/MIN/ 242372/2021).

SEAC Resolution 36/7:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone from "Inglongkiri Dengaon P.P Land Stone Mining Area" under Karbi Anglong East Division, proposed by Sri Langteng Teron is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Due scrutiny of the documents are made. Detailed discussion is held. DFO's recommendation and LOI issued by him is discussed. Mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam is also discussed. After detail discussion the committee recommended the proposal approving to extract 21000 cu.m. stone from the approved site within a period of 3(three) years. The proponent is allowed to extract 7000 cu,m, stone per year from the proposed location strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan. In addition to the above the proponent should take all possible measures so that flow of water in the surrounding natural water channel does not get disturb and water does not get polluted.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co ordinates before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/03:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Proposal of EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Bogoli Sand and Gravel Mining Contract 4. Area under Lakhimpur Division" North Lakhimpur proposed by the Managing Director, AMDCL.SEIAA.2092/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/258572/2022).

SEAC Resolution 36/8:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand and gravel from "Bogoli Sand and Gravel Mining Contract Area under Lakhimpur Division" North Lakhimpur proposed by the Managing Director, AMDCL is placedbefore the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized. Detail discussion is held. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam is also discussed. The committee after detail discussion recommended the proposal approving to extract sand & gravel 92500 cu.m. (sand 37000 cu.m. and gravel 55500 cu.m.) from the proposed mining site within a period of 5 (five)years. The proponent is permitted to extract 7400 cu.m. sand and 11100 cu.m. gravel per year from the proposed site taking utmost care without disturbing the high bank of the river. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co-ordinates before allowing actual mining operation. He shall also ensure du surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/04:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS,

Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

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5. Proposal of EC for mining of Brick earth from "M/S Panichowkua Brick Field Mining Permit Area" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Arup Kumar Boruah. SEIAA.2058/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/251986/2022)

SEAC Resolution 37/2:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of earth use in brick manufacturing from "M/S Panichowkua Brick Field Mining Permit Area" under Jorhat Forest Division proposed by Sri Arup Kumar Boruah is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. Necessary documents submitted by the proponent in support of his proposal are scrutinized. Detail deliberation is held. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam are also discussed. After a thread bare discussion and going through the land deed furnished by the proponent, the committee recommended extracting 2000 cu.m brick earth from the proposed mining site within a period of two years with the condition the mining depth is approved up to 2 (two) meters from the unmined surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 1000 cu.m. Minable materials per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars following GPS co-ordinates before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/05:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

6. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand from "Jamunamukh-Kopili Nodi Sand Permit Area No-1(B) (Upper Side) (Govt. Permit)" under Nagaon Division, proposed by GS-SBP-BILP (JV). SEIAA. 2079/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 262891/2021).

SEAC Resolution 37/7:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Jamunamukh-Kopili Nodi Sand Permit Area No-1(B) (Upper Side) (Govt. Permit)" under Nagaon Forest Division, proposed by GS-SBP-BILP (JV) is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Appraised the proposal and necessary documents furnished by the proponent are scrutinized. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. The approved mining plan has granted 1 (one) year time for mining though the proponent has applied for two years. Considering the above discussion the committee recommended for approval to extract 7500 cu.m sand from the approved mining site within one (1) year time. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co-ordinates before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/06:

Approved for issuance of EC for 1 (one) year as specified by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS,

Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam. 7. Proposal of EC for mining of Ordinary Clay from "Rakhyashinichar Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Division proposed by Mohd RahmanSEIAA.2098/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/256356/2022).

SEAC Resolution 37/8:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Ordinary Clay from "Rakhyashinichar Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area" under North Kamrup Division proposed by MoHd Rahman is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents furnished by the proponent are duly scrutinized. Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam, recommendation of the concerned DFO and NOC issued by the Revenue Authority are discussed. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the project proposal approving to extract 20712 cu.m. Ordinary clay from the proposed location within a period of two years. The proponent is allowed to extract10356 cu.m. Ordinary clay annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co-ordinates before actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/07:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

8. Proposal of EC for mining of sand from "Borpathar Sand Mahal No.1 (2021-2023) Mining Permit Area" under Golaghat Division Proposed by Sri Lachit Handique. SEIAA.2055/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/257783/2022)

SEAC Resolution 37/11:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Borpathar Sand Mahal No.1 (2021-2023) Mining Permit Area" under Golaghat Division Proposed by Sri Lachit Handique is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Replies on EDS and ADS submitted by the proponent are appraised and discussed. Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam is discussed. Detailed discussion is held. The committee recommended the proposal approving to extract 16000 cu.m. Sand from the proposed mining site within a period of two years subject to the condition that mining activities is allowed leaving a distance of 100 meters on the upstream from the Bamboo Bridge (foot Bridge). The downstream GPS coordinates of the proposed mining site shall be

1. E- 93°35′16.34″

N- 26°20′7.42″

2. E- 93⁰53'17.42"

N- 26°20′7.12″

The proponent is allowed to extract 8000 cu.m sand from the approved mining site annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Forest Division is requested to mark the proposed mine area on the ground (as discussed in the foregone para) fixing boundary pillars as per GPS co-ordinates before allowing actual mining operation. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/08:

Approved for issuance of EC as per GPS Co-ordinates specified by SEAC and as condition laid down.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS,

Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

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9. Proposal for extension of EC for mining of sand & stone from "NKD B-7 Balabhita Mining Contract Area" under N.K Division, proposed by Sri Uttam Karmakar. SEIAA.3007/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/260619/2022)

SEAC Resolution 37/20:

The project proposal asking extension the validity of EC for mining of sand and "NKD B-7 Balabhita Mining Contract Area" under N.K Division, proposed by Sri Uttam Karmakar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. The requisite documents including the approved mining plan are scrutinized. Detail discussion is held. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the extension proposal approving to extract 6000 cu.m sand and 3000 stone from the proposed site till 19th April 2024. The proponent is allowed to extract maximum 3000 cu.m sand and 1500 cu.m stone from the proposed mining site per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Forest Division is requested to ensure that mining is allowed within the limit of the approved mining site and not beyond that. He shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, he is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/09:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

10. Proposal for extension of EC for mining of Sand from "Jogibari Sand Mining Permit Area P.P Land" under Kamrup West Division, proposed by Subash Rabha. SEIAA.2090/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 264122/2022)

SEAC Resolution 37/21:

The project proposal asking extension of validity of the EC for mining of sand from **Jogibari Sand Mining Permit Area P.P Land"** under Kamrup West Division, proposed by **Sri Subash Rabha** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Requisite documents are scrutinized. The EC issued earlier on 29th Feb. 2020, Mining Plan approved on 28th Oct. 2021 and DFO's recommendation dt. 10th March 2022 are discussed in detail. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the proposal approving to extract 2975 cu.m sand from the approved mining site allowing validity of the EC till 28th Oct. 2023. The proponent is allowed to extract maximum 3000 cu.m sand from the approved mining site annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup West Forest Division is requested to ensure that mining is allowed within the limit of the approved mining site and not beyond that. She shall also ensure necessary surveillance to avoid pilferage and irregularities during mining period. Further, she is also requested to ensure that all the terms and conditions are duly comply by the project proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 30/10:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury)

Chairman,

SEIAA, Assam

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS,

Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

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