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

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 14/05/2024

The 14th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held in the Office of the Chief Engineer (EAP), PWRD, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati-21 on 11/05/2024 at 11.00 a.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Smti. Neera Daulagupu, ACS, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- Dr. Sarat Phukan, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam presided over the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 7th Meeting of SEAC meeting held on 28th March, 2024.

 EC for Boulagog P.P. Land Stone Mining Permit Area by Jitu Amsi (SIA/AS/MIN/450331/2023) SEIAA.3584/2023.

SEIAA Resolution 14/1:

Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

EC is approved for project area allotted 1.11Ha with a quantity of 20,000 cum of stone @ 10,000 cum / year from the proposed mining site within a period of 18/06/2024 (as per validity of the Approved Mining Plan) subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.

Recommendation of SEIAA

Approved

Standard Conditions of Mining Minerals

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Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam

Specific condition by SEIAA

- 1. Mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates.
- There shall not be use of explosives for mining activity without prior approval and permission from the competent authority.
- 3. plantation activities are to be carried out in and around the project area in plot(s) of land measuring around 0.50 Ha (as to be identified and raised / established) preferably of the species comprising of commercial value / Horticultural Crops as means of livelihood generation for future as also a post reclamation and mitigation measure.
- The preferred species of plants suitable for the area are: Asor (Aquillaria malaccensis),
 Chandan (Santalum album), Mahogny (Swetenia mahgonii), Nemu tenga (Citrus limon) etc.
- The DFO shall ensure necessary measure for the safety of the liners structure and the mining to be restricted within the approved mining site.
- The DFO shall ensure marking the boundary of the mining site with permanent concrete pillars as per the approved mining plan.

Air quality monitoring and mitigation measure

- Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. All the vehicles
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- Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.
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- Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.
- No change in mining method i.e. UG to OC, calendar programme and scope of work shall be made without obtaining prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Miscellaneous

- The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
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- 4. The project proponent shall make public the environmental clearance granted for their project along with the environmental conditions and safeguards at their cost by prominently advertising it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days and in addition this shall also be displayed in the project proponent's website permanently.
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- The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
- 13. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
- 14. The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information/monitoring reports.

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- Monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of river including pons, lakes, tanks shall be carried out once in six months and record of monitoring data shall be maintained and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office.
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Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam EC for Niz tetelia Brick Earth Mining Permit Area by Bapan Karmakar. (SIA/AS/MIN/408790/2022) SEIAA. 3531/2023.

SEIAA Resolution 14/2:

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EC is approved for project area allotted 0.69ha with a quantity of 11,780 cum of Brick Earth

@ from the proposed mining site within a period of 1 (one) year subject to the terms and
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Recommendation of SEIAA

Approved

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SEIAA Resolution 14/3:

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Recommendation of SEIAA

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- Maximum mining depth is allowed up to 3 (three) meters from the non-mined ground surface strictly following all the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.
- 2. To demarcate the excavation setting out plan with reference coordinates and levels.
- To start the excavation from one end and proceed to another end in layers such as one metre depth layers.
- 4. If the excavation depth exceeds 2.0m depth, it is necessary to protect the sides of the excavation by driving sheet piles or soldier piles. The vertical members to protect the excavation is to be driven first followed by horizontal members.
- Stack the soil away from the excavation edge to prevent soil collapsing to the excavated area.
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- The preferred species of plants which need to be planted around the area of mining or adjoining areas may be: Titasopa (Michelia champaca), Sarua (Streblus asper), Mahogny (Swetenia mahgonii), Jati poma (Toona ciliata), Bogi poma (Chukrassia tabularis), Gomari (Gmelina arborea), Cham katahl (Artocarpus chaplasha), Hilikha (Terminalia chebula) etc.
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- EC for No-Pani Sarthe Killing Gaon Govt. Land Stone Permit Area by Bhupen Killing. (SIA/AS/MIN/419307/202) SEIAA. 3498/2023.

SEIAA Resolution 14/4:

Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

EC is approved for project area allotted 4.37Ha with a quantity of 50,000cu.m in 2 (two) years @ 25,000cum only per year (as per the approved Mining Plan) subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.

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Recommendation of SEIAA

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Specific condition by SEIAA

- Maximum mining depth is allowed up to 2 (two) meters from the non-mined ground surface strictly following all the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.
- There shall not be use of explosives for mining activity without prior approval and permission from the competent authority.
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 Major approach roads should be properly maintained with dust suppression measures and the river bank in any case must not be damaged.

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1. Native tree species shall be selected and planted over areas affected by subsidence.

Mining Plan

- Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.
- No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forestry Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also adhering to The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 read with provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.
- No change in mining method i.e. UG to OC, calendar programme and scope of work shall be made without obtaining prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Miscellaneous

 The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability

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Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.

- 2. The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day light/night hours
- The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
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- The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
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- Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
- 13. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
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Noise and Vibration monitoring and prevention

- Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels as per Noise Pollution Rules, 2016 in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM, etc. shall be provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) like ear plugs/muffs in conformity with the prescribed norms and guidelines in this regard. Adequate awareness programme for users to be conducted. Progress in usage of such accessories to be monitored.
- The noise level survey shall be carried out as per the prescribed guidelines to assess noise exposure of the workmen at vulnerable points in the mine premises, and report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry/RO on six-monthly basis.

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 EC for Arang Stone Minor Mineral Unit No. 1 at Vill: Bhangarpar Pt-I, P. O: Bhangarpar, P.S: Borkhola By Abdul Barbhuiya. (SIA/AS/MIN/450159/2023) SEIAA.3644/2024.

SEIAA Resolution 14/5:

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EC is approved for project area allotted 10.00Ha with a quantity of 50,000cum for the period of 5 (five) years @ 10,000cum annually subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.

Recommendation of SEIAA

Approved

Specific condition by SEIAA

- 1. Mining shall be confined and limited to the area falling within GPS coordinates.
- The active bank of the river is not disturbed / damaged because of mining operation and transportation of mining materials.
- The proponent is permitted to extract the approved quantity of river bed Stone with maximum mining depth of up to 2 (two) meters from the non-mined surface.
- As the proposed stretch of the mining area beyond 1 Km, a gap of 50 mtrs is to be kept as non-mining (buffer zone) stretch every after every 1 (one) km stretch.
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- 6. The expenditures involved up to its establishment (5th year of maintenance) need to be worked out and the requisite fund shall be made available to the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Karimganj for proper execution in the field and accountability. The total cost of raising plantations (Roadside, Institutional) as shall be decided by the concerned DFO, involving local Institutions, Public, Organizations need to be uploaded in PARIVESH Portal with the compliance reports to be submitted every after 6(six) months ie on half yearly basis.
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Agenda Item 2

Any other matters

 Discussion regarding Salary Enhancement of contractual staff of SEIAA, Assam. SEIAA Resolution 14/3:

SEIAA discussed the Salary enhancement of contractual staff of SEIAA, Assam. It was agreed that the nature of duties are performing by the existing staff is not lesser than that of a regular Govt. employee. Further, it is worth to mention here that present salary made to the contractual staffs are fixed and without having any allowance.

That the last enhancement of salary was effected from 01/04/2017. As long seven years have elapsed, so it was decided to request to Govt. of Assam to look into the matter sympathetically and approve the salary enhancement to the contractual staffs.

It was decided to send the reply to the quarries of Environment & Forest department, Govt. of Assam on the matters.

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

(Sri Rajesh Kemprai) Chairman, SEIAA, Assam

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