State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC)

Minutes of 384th meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 16.06.2023 (Friday) at SEIAA Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015 for consideration of Building Construction Projects & Mining Projects

Agenda No: 384-01

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(File No: 6332/2023)

Existing limestone mine over an extent of 3.31.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 12/11, 13/9, 124/1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B & 5C of Alanthuraiyarkattalai Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.A. Mohamed Feroz - For Environmental Clearance under violation category. (SIA/TN/MIN/424228/2023, Dated: 31.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.A. Mohamed Feroz has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed limestone mine over an extent of 3.31.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 12/11, 13/9, 124/1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B & 5C of Alanthuraiyarkattalai Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu.
- The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

During the presentation, EIA coordinator informed that the proponent was absent for the meeting. Hence, the subject was not taken up for appraisal.

Agenda No: 384-02

(File No: 9913/2023)

Proposed Black Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.98.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 236/1A1 (Part), 236/1A2 (Part) & 236/1B (Part) of Marasandiram Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Saraa Granites - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/421936/2023, Dated: 13.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

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The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, M/s. Saraa Granites has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Black Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.98.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 236/1A1 (Part), 236/1A2 (Part) & 236/1B (Part) of Marasandiram Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 20 years. The production for 5 years not to exceed ROM 38,400 m³, saleable Black granite @ 20% recovery 7,680 m³, Granite waste @ 80% 30,720 m³, Weathered rock 16,650 m³ & Top soil 12,420 m³ to an ultimate depth of Mining 25m below ground level.
- 4. As per the KML file uploaded by the proponent in Parivesh portal and based on the Google imagery, the following is the distance from the site.
 - i. Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary approximately 24.90 Km.

Fi	le No	9913/2023	Category		B2	
rile no		421936/2023		Calegory	1(a)	
SI. No		Salient Fe	eatures of the Proposal			
1.	Name of t	he Owner/Firm	:	M/s. Saraa Granites Plot No. 61, Vakil Layout, Rayakottai Road, Hosur, Krishnagiri District- 635109 Black Granite Quarry		
2.	1	arrying (Ordinary d/Granite/Limestone)	:			
3.	S.F Nos. o area break	f the quarry site with -up	:	236/1A1 (Part), 23 (Part)	6/1A2 (Part) & 236/1E	
4.	Village in v	which situated	:	: Marasandiram		
5.	Taluk in w	hich situated	:	Krishnagiri		
6.	District in	which situated	:	Krishnagiri	Λ	

ii. Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary – approximately 34.60 Km.

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7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	1.98.0 Ha			
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	12°37'51.9262"N to 12°37'57.6839"N 78°10'04.7744"E to 78°10'14.9221"E			
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	57- 1/2			
10.	Type of mining	:	Opencast Mining			
	Life of Project	:	21 years			
11.	Lease Period		20 years			
	Mining Plan Period :		5 years			
	Mining Plan Details		As per approved Mining Plan	As modified by SEAC		
			Black Granite - ROM	Black Granite - ROM		
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)		3,98,960m³	-		
			Recovery @ 20%	Recovery @ 20%		
		1	79.792m ³	-		
			Granite Waste @ 80%	Granite Waste @ 80%		
12.			3,19,168m ³	-		
			Black Granite - ROM	Black Granite - ROM		
			1,59,050m ³	-		
	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)		Recovery @ 20%	Recovery @ 20%		
		•	31,810m³	-		
			Granite Waste @ Granite Waste 80% 80%			
			1,27,240m ³	-		

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			Black Granite - ROM 7,700m³	Black Granite - ROM	
	Annual Peak Production in m ³		Recovery @ 20%	Recovery @ 20%	
			1,540m ³	-	
			Granite Waste @ 80%	Granite Waste @ 80%	
			6,160m ³	-	
	Maximum Depth in meters	:	25 m BGL		
13.	Depth of water table	:	52m in rainy season & 60m in summe season		
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	18 Nos		
-	Water requirement:	:	2.0 KLD		
	 Drinking water Dust suppression Green belt 		1.0 KLD		
15.			0.5 KLD		
			0.5 KLD		
16.	Power requirement	:	TNEB		
17.	Precise area communication approved by the Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce (MME.2) Department, Department of G&M.	:	Letter No.3060412 Dated:19.12.2022	/MME.2/2022-1.	
18.	Mining Plan approved by Commissioner, Department of G&M.	:	Rc.No. 2138/MM4 09.02.2023	/2022, Dated:	
19.	Department of G&M. Deputy Director, 500m Cluster Letter	:	Roc.No.625/2021/ 22.02.2023	Mines, Dated	
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter Dated: 22.0	3.2023	
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21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 1,38,50,000		
			Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits. Black Granite	
22.	EC Recommendation	: Max Total RoM in m ³		38,400 m³	
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	1540 m³	
		:	Max Depth in mtrs	25m	
23.	23. EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).		Capital Cost – Rs. 1 Recurring Cost – Rs		
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5.00,000		

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity not exceeding 1,540 m³ of ROM by maintaining the Ultimate depth of mining of 25 m, subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The proponent must erect sheet fencing in the Eastern Direction.
- 3. The proponent must avoid using blasting techniques to open up weathered rock and shall adopt non-blasting techniques.
- 4. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are

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passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

- 5. The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University, Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 6. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory Mines Manager & other statutory competent persons and the Geologist in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 respectively before obtaining the CTO.
- 7. The PP shall inform/send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 8. The proponent shall construct the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9. The PP shall extract the dimensional stone blocks through non-explosive techniques such that the surrounding structures are not impacted.
- 10. The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 11. The PP shall carry out the tree plantation to act as a barrier to reduce noise level and dust pollution along the boundary of the quarrying site considering the wind direction before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 12. The PP shall ensure that the Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from soil. OB and mineral reject (Granite waste) dumps. The water so collected in such sump

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should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted and maintained properly.

- 13. The PP shall ensure that the Diamond Wire Saw Machine Operators/Technicians shall be adequately trained in safe operation/proper maintenance of Machine and the rope.
- 14. In the interest of safety, the PP of the planned quarry where the Diamond Wire Saw Machines are proposed and OEM of such machines are advised to comply with the safety provisions as given in DGMS (Tech) Circular No. 02 of 2019 so that accidents are mitigated adequately.
- 15. The PP shall conduct a Slope Stability study after a period of five years from the commencement of quarrying operation through any reputed scientific institution such as NIRM, IIT(ISM), NITK Surathkal-Dept of Mining Engg, Anna University Chennai – CEG Campus and any other CSIR labs, to study the efficacy of the slope stability of highwall in the proposed quarry for the safe operation.
- 16. The Project Proponent shall also install necessary dust and noise extraction system around mineral handling area with proper enclosures before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 17. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 18. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals.
- 19. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 20. The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.

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- 21. Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices.
- 22. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 23. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 24. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 25. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones: and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 26. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 27. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted, as per

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- 28. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 29. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 30. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) by the proponent without fail.
- 31. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 32.All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 33. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under.
- 34. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 35. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed

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due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. as per MoEF&CC OM F. No. 22-34/2018-1A,111 Dated: 16.01.2020.

- 36. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF & CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 37.As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 38.As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent to Government High School, Nedumaruthi, Krihsnagiri as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.
- 39. The proponent has come forward to contribute to DFO Hosur, in addition to CER, an amount of Rs. 5 Lakhs to prevent man-elephant conflict.

Agenda No: 384-03

(File No: 9920/2023)

Proposed Multi colour Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 4.41.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 1332/1, 1332/2A, 1332/2B, 1324/1, 1325/1, 1327/2A, 1327/2B1 & 1327/2B2 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl. Stanco Traders Granite Division - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/424891/2023, Dated: 06.04.2023)

The proposal was placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, TvI. Stanco Traders Granite Division has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Multi colour Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 4.41.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 1332/1, 1332/2A, 1332/2B, 1324/1, 1325/1, 1327/2A, 1327/2B1 & 1327/2B2 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

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- As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 20 years. As per the scheme of mining the production for 5 years not to exceed ROM 96,657 m³, saleable multi-colour granite @ 40% recovery 38,663 m³ and Granite Reject @ 60% 57,994 m³to an ultimate depth of Mining 103m below ground level.
- Earlier, EC was accorded to the project proponent vide Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.4656/EC/1(a)/2907/2016 dated: 17.02.2016 for a quantity of 24908 m³ of multi-colour granite up to a depth of 35m with a maximum validity of 5 years.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the project proponent:

- i) From the presentation made by the PP, it was informed that the amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 which means that the mine boundary is changed. The PP is requested to provide the total extent and quantity of combined/amalgamated area of five leases with specifying each G.O wise.
- ii) From the presentation made by the PP, it has been observed that amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 vide Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/32/2016/479, dated. 28.03.2017 & Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/33/2016/484, dated. 28.03.2017. The PP shall indicate whether the permission was obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining to carry out the quarrying operations in a single lease as per the permission granted by the DMS. DGMS/Chennai Region from 2017 and the PP shall provide the documentary proof for the amalgamation permission obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining and the validity of lease period.
- iii) The PP shall provide the details on the proposal given in the Second Scheme of Mining (i.e., 2013 to 2018) for which the prior EC was granted by the SEIAA and also to specify the achieved quantity against the proposed quantity.

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- iv) Based on the approved scheme of mining submitted by the proponent in Parivesh Portal, it is ascertained that the proponent has achieved a depth of 79m during the earlier EC period (2016-2021) against the approved depth of 35m. Further, during the meeting proponent disclosed that existing pit is 90m and subsequently, in presentation existing maximum pit depth mentioned was 103m. Hence, the proponent shall furnish an explanation for exceeding the approved depth and the ambiguity in the existing pit depth. The PP shall provide the details of any permission obtained in the form of Modified Mining Plan approved by the competent authority for carrying out the quarrying operations for a depth of 103 m under the provisions of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 and the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
- v) As per the scheme of mining approval letter issued vide Rc.No.3687/MM2/2022 Dated: 10.02.2023, it is ascertained that

"...The Lessee has an undertaking vide Sworn affidavit dated 08.02.2023 to the effect that he shall abide by the final orders of the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.No.10106/2020 regarding the compensation for E.C. Violation"

Hence, the proponent shall furnish complete details regarding the pending court case at Madurai bench of Madras High Court.

- vi) Further, during the presentation, proponent disclosed that AD/Mines levied penalty for excess quantity mined. Hence, the proponent shall submit the details regarding the quantity for which penalty was levied.
- vii) The PP shall exhibit the technical justifications for increasing the depth of existing quarry to 103 m with maintaining the stability of the quarry wall in a safe manner.
- viii) The PP shall withdraw any duplicate files if already made with the SEIAA.
- ix) The PP shall disclose the details pertaining to the legal cases pending against the proposal if any.

After receipt of the above particulars, further deliberations will be done./]

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(File No: 9948/2023)

Proposed Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry lease over an extent of 2.26.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 435/6A7A, 435/6A7B, 435/8 & 436/1C1 of Sithalur Village, Kallakurichi Taluk, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Alfa Estates Private Limited - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/423631/2023, Dated: 28.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, M/s. Alfa Estates Private Limited has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry lease over an extent of 2.26.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 435/6A7A, 435/6A7B, 435/8 & 436/1C1 of Sithalur Village, Kallakurichi Taluk, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 20 years. As per the 2nd scheme of mining approved by Department of Geology and Mining vide Rc. No.1698/MM4/2023 Dated: 15.03.2023, The production for 2023-24 not to exceed ROM - 12,318 m³, saleable Black granite @ 20% recovery - 2,464 m³ and as per 3rd scheme of Mining approved the production for the year 2024-25 to 2028-29 shall not exceed RoM - 1,08,718 m3, 21,744 m3 of Granite @ 20%, Granite waste @ 80% - 86,974 m³, Weathered rock - 16,650 m³ & Top soil – 12,420 m³ to an ultimate depth of Mining 42m below ground level.
- 4. The proponent has applied for Terms of Reference under violation based on MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 804(E) dated 14-03-2017 vide online number SIA/TN/MIN/27120/2018 Dated: 13.09.2017 and based on MoEF&CC Notification S. O. 1030 (E) dated 08.03.2018 and MoEF& CC office memorandum F. No. Z-11013/22/2017- IA. II (M) dated 16.03.2018 vide SIA/TN/MIN/23697/2018 Dated: 06.04.2018.
- 5. Further, the above-mentioned Notification

i. S.O. 804 (E) Dated: 14.03.2017 states that 13 (1). Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by subons? 13 CHAIRMAN

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section (1) and sub clause (a) of clause (i) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the 1986: the Central Environment (Protection) Rules. Government hereby directs that the projects or activities or the expansion or modernisation of existing projects or activities requiring prior environmental clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 entailing capacity addition with change in process or technology or both undertaken in any part of India without obtaining prior environmental clearance from the Central Government or by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, as the case may be, duly constituted by the Central Government under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the said Act, shall be considered a case of violation of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and will be dealt strictly as per the procedure specified in the following manner:-

(2) In case the projects or activities requiring prior environmental clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 from the concerned Regulatory Authority are brought for environmental clearance after starting the construction work, or have undertaken expansion, modernization, and change in product- mix without prior environmental clearance, these projects shall be treated as cases of violations and in such cases, even Category B projects which are granted environmental clearance by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority constituted under sub-section (3) Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 shall be appraised for grant of environmental clearance only by the Expert Appraisal Committee and environmental clearance will be granted at the Central level.

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ii. S.O. 1030 (E) Dated: 08.03.2018 which states that

for sub-paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted, namely: -

- (2) In case the projects or activities requiring prior environmental clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 from the concerned regulatory authority are brought for environmental clearance after starting the construction work, or have undertaken expansion, modernisation, and change in product-mix without prior environmental clearance, these projects shall be treated as cases of violations and the projects or activities covered under category A of the Schedule to the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, including expansion and modernisation of existing projects or activities and change in product mix, shall be appraised for grant of environmental clearance by the Expert Appraisal Committee in the Ministry and the environmental clearance shall be granted at Central level, and for category B projects, the appraisal and approval thereof shall vest with the State or Union territory level Expert Appraisal Committees and State or Union territory Environment Impact Assessment Authorities in different States and Union territories, constituted under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.";
- Further, the proponent has submitted last transportation permit obtained from Department of Geology and Mining vide Rc. No. B/G&M/1983/2008 Dated: 23.03.2023

"...In this regard, on perusal of this office records, it is ascertained that a total quantity of 909.599 cbm of Black Granite has been permitted for transportation from the lease area up to 03.08.2012."

7. Hence, based on the above-mentioned Notification and AD/Mines letter regarding last transport permit obtained, SEAC is of the opinion that since, the proponent has not operated post 2012, the proponent will not come under violation category. Hence, SEAC accepts the proponent's request to vithdraw the

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online proposal viz S1A/TN/MIN/27120/2018 Dated: 13.09.2017 and S1A/TN/MIN/23697/2018 Dated: 06.04.2018 which has been submitted under violation category and SE1AA may accordingly take necessary action in accordance with the procedures laid by the MoEF & CC.

		9948/2023		C	B2		
File I	NO	423631/2023		Category	1(a)		
SI. No	·	Salient	Features of the Proposal				
				M/s. Alfa Estates Pri No.911, Barton Cen			
1.	Name of the Owner/Firm			84, M.G.Road,			
.				Bangalore,			
				Karnataka State-560	0001.		
	Type of quarrying (Ordinary2.Stone/Sand/Granite/		<u> </u>	Black Granite (Dole	rite) Quarry		
2. 9			:				
	Limestone)						
	S.F Nos. of the quarry site			435/6A7A, 435/6A	7B, 435/8 & 436/1C1		
3.	with area b	vreak-up	:				
4. \	Village in v	vhich situated	:	Sithalur			
5. 7	Taluk in wł	nich situated	:	Kallakurichi			
6. I	District in v	which situated	1:	Kallakurichi			
7. E	Extent of q	uarry (in ha.)	:	2.26.0 Ha			
8. I	Latitude &	Longitude of all	:	11°42`14.52"N to 11°42`21.16"N			
(the quarry site	<u> </u>	79°3'37.36"E to 79	°3`44.24"E		
9. 1	Topo Sheet	No.	:	58- M/02			
10.	Type of mi	ning	:	Opencast Semi-Med	hanized Mining		
[I	Life of Proj	ect	:	7 years			
11. [Lease Perio	d		20 years			
I	Mining Pla	n Period	:	20 years			
ĺ,	Mining Pla	n Details	:	As per approved	As modified by		
Ľ		····	Ļ	Mining Plan	SEAC		
				Black Granite -	Black Granite -		
12.	Geological	Resources m ³		ROM	ROM		
	-		:		- 		
	· •				Recovery @ 20%		
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)		:	2.00.526m ³ Recovery @ 20% 40.105m ³	Recovery (

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			Granite Waste @ 80%	Granite Waste @ 80%	
			1,60,421m ³		
			Black Granite -	Black Granite -	
			ROM	ROM	
			1,08,718m ³		
	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)		Recovery @ 20%	Recovery @ 20%	
	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	21,744m ³	-	
			Granite Waste @	Granite Waste @	
			80%	80%	
			86,974m ³	-	
			Black Granite -	Black Granite -	
			ROM	ROM	
			23,598m ³	-	
	Annual Peak Production in		Recovery @ 20%	Recovery @ 20%	
	m³	:	4,720m ³	-	
			Granite Waste @	Granite Waste @	
			80%	80%	
			18,878m³		
	Ultimate Pit Depth in meters	:	42m	·•	
13.	Depth of water table		50m in rainy season	& 55m in summer	
		•	season		
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	17 Nos		
	Water requirement:		3.0 KLD		
15.	1. Drinking water		1.0 KLD		
12.	2. Dust suppression	•	1.0 KLD		
	3. Green belt		1.0 KLD		
16.	Power requirement		TNEB		
		·	34,784 Litres of HSI)	
	Precise area communication		G.O.(3D) No.129, D	ated:18.12.2008	
17.	approved by the Industries	:			
	(MME - 1) Department,	•			
	Department of G&M.				
10	Mining Plan approved by		Rc.No. 1698/MM4/	2023, Dated:	
18.	Commissioner, Department of G&M.	:	15.03.2023		
	Department of G&M,		Rc.No.B/G&M/1983	/2008, Dated	
19.	Assistant Director (i/c),	:	23.03.2023	\wedge	
<u> </u>	500m Cluster Letter				
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20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter Dated: 21.03.2023		
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 73,50,000		
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.	
	EC Recommendation			Granite	
22.		: Max Total RoM in m ³		1,08,718 m ³	
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	23,598 m³	
		:	Max Depth in mtrs	42m	
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Capital Cost – Rs. 1,20,10,280 Recurring Cost – Rs. 11,79,180		
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 6,40,000		

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity not exceeding not exceeding 23,598 m³ of ROM by maintaining the Ultimate depth of mining of 42 m, subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- 1. The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried

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granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

- 3. The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University, Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 4. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory Mines Manager & other statutory competent persons and the Geologist in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 respectively before obtaining the CTO.
- 5. The PP shall inform/send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 6. The proponent shall construct the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 7. The PP shall extract the dimensional stone blocks through non-explosive techniques such that the surrounding structures are not impacted.
- 8. The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 9. The PP shall carry out the tree plantation to act as a barrier to reduce noise level and dust pollution along the boundary of the quarrying site considering the wind direction before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 10. The PP shall ensure that the Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from soil. OB and mineral reject (Granite waste) dumps. The water so collected in such sump should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development. etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted and maintained properly.

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- 11. The PP shall ensure that the Diamond Wire Saw Machine Operators/Technicians shall be adequately trained in safe operation/proper maintenance of Machine and the rope.
- 12. In the interest of safety, the PP of the planned quarry where the Diamond Wire Saw Machines are proposed and OEM of such machines are advised to comply with the safety provisions as given in DGMS (Tech) Circular No. 02 of 2019 so that accidents are mitigated adequately.
- 13. The Project Proponent shall furnish the conceptual slope stability action plan approved by the concerned AD (Mines) for the planned systematic working by maintaining appropriate benches incorporating the haul road with proper gradient in the worked out pit, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.
- 14. However, the Project Proponent shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the quarry wall of the existing quarry within one year from the commencement of mining operations for determining the safe slope angle and determining stability measures, by involving any one of these reputed Research and Academic Institutions - CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, IIT-Madras, NIRM-Bangaluru, NIT Surathkal – Dept of Mining Engg, Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 15. The Project Proponent shall also install necessary dust and noise extraction system around mineral handling area with proper enclosures before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 16. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 17. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals.

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- 18. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 19. The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.
- 20. Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices.
- 21. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 22. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 23. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 24. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 25. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.

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- 26. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted, as per
- 27. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952. MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 28. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act. 1957. the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour. structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 29. The guarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) by the proponent without fail.
- 30. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 31. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 32. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under.
- 33. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force the sole and

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complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.

- 34. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. as per MoEF&CC OM F. No. 22-34/2018-IA.III Dated: 16.01.2020.
- 35. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF & CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 36.As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 37. PP shall withdraw any duplicate files pending in SEIAA on the same proposal.
- 38. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 6.4 lakhs and the amount shall be spent to Government High School Paniyankal Village. as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

Agenda No: 384-05

(File No: 9921/2023)

Existing multi-colour granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.21.5 Ha at S.F.No. 1323/1A & 1302/2 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl.Stanco Traders – For Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/424857/2023 dt.06.04.2023)

The proposal is placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

 The project proponent, Tvl. Stanco Traders has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Existing multi-colour granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.21.5 Ha at S.F.No. 1323/1A & 1302/2 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.

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- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- Earlier, EC was accorded to the project proponent vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.4889/EC/ 1(a)/2899/2016 dated.17.02.2016 for a quantity of 2175m³ of multi-colour granite up to a depth of 46m with a maximum validity of 5 years.
- 4. Now, the proponent has submitted an application seeking Environmental Clearance for the 3rd scheme of mining (2019-2024) for the production of 21,113m³ of multi-colour granite for an ultimate depth of 103m. The lease is valid till 21.09.2024.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent. SEAC decided to call for the following details from the project proponent:

- i) From the presentation made by the PP, it was informed that the amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 which means that the mine boundary is changed. The PP is requested to provide the total extent and quantity of combined/amalgamated area of five leases with specifying each G.O wise.
- ii) From the presentation made by the PP, it has been observed that amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 vide Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/32/2016/479, dated. 28.03.2017 & Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/33/2016/484, dated. 28.03.2017. The PP shall indicate whether the permission was obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining to carry out the quarrying operations in a single lease as per the permission granted by the DMS, DGMS/Chennai Region from 2017 and the PP shall provide the documentary proof for the amalgamation permission obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining and the validity of lease period.
- iii) The PP shall provide the details on the proposal given in the Second Scheme of Mining (i.e., 2013 to 2018) for which the prior EC was granted by the

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- iv) Based on the approved scheme of mining submitted by the proponent in Parivesh Portal, it is ascertained that the proponent has achieved a depth of 103m during the earlier EC period (2016-2021) against the approved depth of 46 m. Further, during the meeting proponent disclosed that existing pit is 90m and subsequently, in presentation existing maximum pit depth mentioned was 103m. Hence, the proponent shall furnish an explanation for exceeding the approved depth and the ambiguity in the existing pit depth. The PP shall provide the details of any permission obtained in the form of Modified Mining Plan approved by the competent authority for carrying out the quarrying operations for a depth of 103 m under the provisions of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 and the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
- v) As per the scheme of mining approval letter issued vide Rc.No.3687/MM2/2022 Dated: 10.02.2023, it is ascertained that

"...The Lessee has an undertaking vide Sworn affidavit dated 08.02.2023 to the effect that he shall abide by the final orders of the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.No.10106/2020 regarding the compensation for E.C. Violation"

Hence, the proponent shall furnish complete details regarding the pending court case at Madurai bench of Madras High Court.

- vi) Further, during the presentation, proponent disclosed that AD/Mines levied penalty for excess quantity mined. Hence, the proponent shall submit the details regarding the quantity for which penalty was levied.
- vii) The PP shall exhibit the technical justifications for increasing the depth of existing quarry to 103 m with maintaining the stability of the quarry wall in a safe manner.
- viii) The PP shall withdraw any duplicate files if already made with the SEIAA.

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ix) The PP shall disclose the details pertaining to the legal cases pending against the proposal if any.

After receipt of the above particulars, further deliberations will be done.

Agenda No: 384-06

(File No: 9963/2023)

Existing Black Granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.80.0 Ha at S.F.No. 12/2 of Perumbakkam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamilnadu by M/s. Satheesh Mines & lindustries -- For Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/422976/2023 dt.22.03.2023)

The proposal is placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s. Satheesh Mines & Industries has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Existing black granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.80.0 Ha at S.F.No. 12/2 of Perumbakkam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamilnadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- Earlier, EC was accorded to the project proponent vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.2725/EC/1(a)/2472/2014 dated 15.09.2015 for a quantity of 540m³ of black granite granite up to a depth of 7m with a maximum validity of 5 years.
- 4. Now, the proponent has submitted an application seeking Environmental Clearance for the scheme of mining (2021-2026) for the production of 6089m³ of black granite. The lease is valid till 09.06.2036.

Based on the presentation and details furnished by the project proponent, it has been observed that the PP has filed the application on 22.03.2023 for the extension of the validity of the prior environmental clearance granted was terminated on 14.09.2021 including the Covid extension which is outside the validity period of subsisting prior EC and also the Scheme of Mining for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 was approved only on 20.02.2023 by the competent authority. Hence, the SEAC observe that the aforesaid application cannot be considered for the extension of the validity

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of EC vide MoEF & CC OM No. J-11011/15/2012-IA II (M), dated. 20.03.2015, and for the auto-extension of validity of EC granted earlier vide S.O. 1807(E), dated. 12.04.2022 which states that

".....on receipt of such application in the laid down proforma from the Project Proponent within the maximum validity period of Environmental Clearance of thirty years, and subsequently on receipt of such application in the laid down proforma from the Project Proponent within the validity period of the extended Environment Clearance....."

Hence, the EAC decided to treat this application as fresh proposal. Further, the Committee decided to call for the following details from the project proponent to consider the proposal for appraisal:

 The project proponent shall submit a certified compliance report obtained from IRO of MoEF&CC for the EC obtained earlier dated.15.09.2015.

On receipt of the same, further deliberations will be done.

Agenda No: 384-07

(File No: 9998/2023)

Existing multi-colour granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.84.50 Ha at S.F.No. 128/1, 129/1(P), 129/2(P), 129/3(P), 136/1(P) & 136/2 of Puthur Village, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu by Thiru.M.K.Arasappan – For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/425828/202 dt.12.04.2023)

The proposal is placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru.M.K.Arasappan has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Existing multi-colour granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.84.50 Ha at S.F.No. 128/1, 129/1(P), 129/2(P), 129/3(P), 136/1(P) & 136/2 of Puthur Village, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. Earlier, EC was accorded to the project proponent vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.3051/EC/1(a)/1712/2014 dated 04.03.2015 for a quantity of 19,008m³ of rough stone 9504m³ of gravel.

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4. Now, the proponent has submitted an application seeking Environmental Clearance for quarrying multi colour granite in the same survey number of the previous EC granted for the quarrying of rough stone during the year of 2015 to 2018. The production as per the approved mining plan is 50,000m³ of RoM which includes 15,000m³ of multi-colour granite and 35,000m³ of granite waste & also 4736m³ of weathered rock & 3920m³ of top soil.

Based on the presentation and details furnished by the project proponent, the Committee decided to call for the following details from the project proponent to consider the proposal for appraisal:

- i) The project proponent shall submit a certified compliance report obtained from IRO of MoEF&CC for the EC obtained earlier dated.04.03.2015.
- ii) The PP shall submit the revised EMP.
- iii) The PP shall submit the mining methodology of converting the rough stone quarry into the Granite quarry where the safety precautions to be maintained for ensuring the slope stability, accessibility, and extraction of blocks.

On receipt of the same, further deliberations will be done.

Agenda No: 384-08

(File No: 9979/2023)

Existing Black Granite quarry lease area over an extent of 1.79.0 Ha at S.F.No. 52/1 and 52/2A1 of Thondamanur Village, Thandarampattu Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. M. Ramasamy - For Environmental Clearance. (S1A/TN/MIN/424596/2023, Dated: 03.04.2023)

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru. M. Ramasamy has applied for Environmental Clearance for the existing Black Granite quarry lease area over an extent of 1.79.0 Ha at S.F.No. 52/1 and 52/2A1 of Thondamanur Village, Thandarampattu Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals-Projects" of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006

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- 3. Environmental Clearance was granted vide Letter No SEIAA-TN/F.No.2769/EC/1(a)/1607/2014 Dated 19.02.2015. For the production stating that 1,002m3 of Black Granite & 4,006m3 of Granite waste & 1,083m3 of Top soil & 1,350m3 of Side burden over a period of five years
- 4. The PP have quarried and transported a quantity of 2,464.512m3 of Black Granite (Till 25.07.2018) as against the proposed quantity of Granite granted in EC ie.,1002m3 of Black Granite in the Mining plan period 2015-19 to 2019-20
- For the Excess Granite quantity of 1462.512m3 District Collector, Tiruvannamalai Given Demand Notice vide Rc. No. 438/Kanimam/2019-6 Dated 29.06.2020 to pay penalty Rs 9.27,45.797/- RATE OF 100% Mineral Cost.
- 6. The PP has obtained Clarification vide amendment in EC Obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.2769/2014 Dated: 23.06.2021 was obtained declaring ROM for EC Issued is 5008 m3 its mentioned the proponent shall handle the mineral within ROM mentioned in the approved mining Plan submitted to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority.
- 7. Field inspection was carried out by Deputy Director, Assistant Geologist 04.02.2023 stated that the particulars furnished by the lessee in the Scheme of mining regarding the overburden, Generation of Waste, recovery of Marketable Granite blocks found to be correct.

follow	ring are noticed.		
	Total ROM		00.040 -1-
			20,049 cbm
4.	Total Recoverable Reserves @50% recovery	1	10,024.5 cbm
3.	Granite waste @50%	:	10,024.5 cbm
4.	Side burden	Ξ	342 cbm
5.	Total Waste (Granite waste + side burden)	:	10,366.5 cbm
6.	Granite:Waste ratio	:	1:1.03
7.	Average production per year @50% recovery	:	10,024.5 cbm
8.	Five years production of Granite	:	2005 cbm
9.	Available Mineable reserves	:	15,839 cbm
10.	Estimated life of the quarry		8

8. WA pending in the Hon'ble high Court regarding EC Penalty and the PP has given undertaking affidavit to the Department of Geology and Mining mentioning we will abide by decision of the Government and Ve also pay for

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the stamp duty to the Entire ROM 5008 m3 mentioned in the Environmental Clearance Lr. No SEIAA-TN Lr. No. F. No. 2769/2014 Dated 23.06.2021

- The Commissioner, Department of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai 32 Approved our Scheme of Mining plan vide Letter RC. No 847/MM4/2023 Dated 13.02.2023.
- 10. The PP also request, they had excavated 2464.512m3 of Granite within the ROM of 5,008m3 only my recovery of Granite is increased during the mining operation.

EC issued	Achieved during EC Period
Period – 5 Years (2015-16 to 2019-20)	Period – 5 Years (2015-16 to 2019-20)
1002 m ³ of Black Granite 4006 m ³ of Granite Waste <u>Total ROM – 5,008 m³</u> 1,350 m ³ of Side Burden 1,083 m ³ of Topsoil Depth of Mining – 11 m bgl	Achieved Production 2484.443m ³ of Black Granite Existing Pit Dimension = 85 m (L) * 42 m (W) * <u>11 m (D)</u>

Fi	le No	9979 / 2023		Category	B2
SI. No		Salien	ent Features of the Proposal		
1.	Name of t	ne Owner/Firm	:	Thiru. M. Ramasarr S/o. Muthu Gounde Muthu Gounder Co Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District	er, plony,
2.	2. Stone/Sand/Granite/Limeston e)		:	Black Granite	
3.	S.F Nos. of with area t	the quarry site preak-up	:	52/1 and 52/2A1	
4.	Village in v	which situated	:	Thondamanur	
5.	Taluk in w	hich situated	:	Thandarampattu	1

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6.	District in which situated	1:	Tiruvannamalai					
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	1.79.0					
	Latitude & Longitude of all		12°04'30.39"N to 12°04	4'36.97"N				
8.	corners of the quarry site	:	78°56'40.76"E to 78°56'47.38"E					
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	57-L/16					
		· -						
10.	Type of mining	:	Opencast Mechanized Mining					
	Life of Project	:	8 years					
11.	Lease Period		20 years					
Mining Plan Period		:	20 years					
	Mining Plan Details		As per approved	Ac modified by SEAC				
			Mining Plan	As modified by SEAC				
			Black Granite	Black Granite				
			2,04,200 m ³ ROM	2.04,200 m ³ ROM				
			which includes	which include				
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)		1,02,100 m ³ of Black	1,02,100 m ³ of Blac				
			Granite (50%	Granite (50%				
			recovery) and	recovery) and				
			1,02,100 m ³ of Black	1,02,100 m ³ of Blac				
			Granite waste	Granite waste				
12.			Black Granite	Black Granite				
			31,678 m ³ ROM	31,678 m ³ RON				
	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM) Annual Peak Production in m ³		which includes 15,839	which includes 15,839				
			m³ of Black Granite	m ³ of Black Granite				
			(50% recovery) and	(50% recovery) and				
			15,839 m ³ of Black	15,839 m ³ of Blac				
			Granite waste	Granite waste				
			Black Granite	Black Granite				
			4095 m ³ of ROM	4095 m ³ of ROM				
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	31m bgl	31m bgl				
13.	Depth of water table	:	57m-62m bgl					
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	30 Nos.					
	Water requirement:		1.6 KLD					
	1. Drinking water		0.4 KLD					
	2. Utilized water		-					
15.	z. Otilized water	:	1					
15.	3. Dust suppression	•	0.7 KLD					
15.		•	0.7 KLD 0.5 KLD					
	 Dust suppression Green belt 	•	0.5 KLD	<u> </u>				
15.	3. Dust suppression							
	 Dust suppression Green belt 		0.5 KLD					
16.	 Dust suppression Green belt 		0.5 KLD	CHAIRMAN				

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17.	Precise area communication approved by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Industries (MMB.2) Department		G.O. (3D) No.7, Industries (MMB.2) Department, Dated: 10.03.2015			
18.	Mining Plan approved by Commissioner, Department of G&M.	:	Rc.No.847/MM4/2023, dated: 13.02.2023			
19.	Department of G&M, Deputy Director 500m Cluster Letter	:	Rc.No.138/Kanimam/2023, dated: 13.03.2023			
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter dated 22.03.2023			
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 1,35,34,000/-			
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.		
	EC Recommendation			Black Granite		
22.		:	Max Total RoM in m ³	20,049m³ROMwhichincludes10,024.5m³ofBlackGranite(50%recovery)and10,024.5m³ofBlackGranitewaste		
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	4095 m³		
		:	Max Depth in mtrs	31m bgl		
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Capital Cost – Rs. 30,0 Recurring Cost – Rs. 11			
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5 lakhs	- · · · · ·		

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production of not exceeding 4095 m³ of RoM to an ultimate depth of **31m BGL** as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the

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Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 5) Within six months from the commencement of quarrying operations, the PP shall ensure that all the statutory competent persons and non-statutory workmen are undergone the 'Refresher' training under Mines Vocational Training Rules 1961 in Group Vocational Training Centre, Trichy (or) Salem. A copy of the compliance report shall be submitted to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region, the AD/Mines & Geology, the DEE/TNPCB and the SEIAA-TN.
- 6) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural

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stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.

- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9) The Project Proponent shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the quarry wall of the existing quarry within two years from the commencement of mining operations for determining the safe slope angle and determining stability measures, by involving any one of these reputed Research and Academic Institutions CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, IIT-Madras, NIRM-Bangaluru, NIT Surathkal Dept of Mining Engg, Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 10) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 11) The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory (1/11 Class) Mines Manager of the concerned mine and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- 12) The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 13) The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University. Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).

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- 14) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 15) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 16) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.
- 17) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 18) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 19) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 20) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 21) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.

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- 22)Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 23)Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 24) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 25) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 26)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 27) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 28)The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 29) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road

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- 30) To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 31) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 32) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957& the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 33) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS). Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 34) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 35)All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.

36) That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations

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prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.

- 37)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 38) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 39) As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 40) As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of **Rs. 5.0 lakh** and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in Govt Middle School, Thondamanur Village, Thandrampattu the Village Government School, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

Agenda No: 384-09

(File No: 10000/2023)

Existing Multi-Colour Granite quarry lease area over an extent of 1.12.0 Ha at S.F.No. 650/4 of Kodaiyur Village, Aravakurichi Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Millenium Granites - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/425350/2023, Dated: 12.04.2023)

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

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- The project proponent, M/s. Millenium Granites has applied for Environmental Clearance for the existing Multi-Colour Granite quarry lease area over an extent of 1.12.0 Ha at S.F.No. 650/4 of Kodaiyur Village, Aravakurichi Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.
- The project/activity is covered under category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Fi	ile No 10000 / 2023			Category	B2
SI. No		Sali	ent	Features of the Prop	osal
1.	Name of the Owner/Firm		:	M/s. Millenium Gra No.7-B, Ramakrishi Karur - 639 001.	
2.		uarrying (Ordinary d/Granite/Limeston	:	Multi-Colour Grani	te
3.	S.F Nos. o with area l	f the quarry site break-up	:	650/4	
4.	Village in v	which situated	:	Kodaiyur	
5.	Taluk in w	hich situated	:	Aravakurichi	··· ,
6.	District in v	which situated	:	Karur	<u> </u>
7.	Extent of c	uarry (in ha.)	:	1.12.0	
8.		Longitude of all the quarry site	:	10°50'52.97358"N 1 78°1'37.84890"E to	to 10°50'57.64008"N 78°1'41.68579"E
9.	Topo Shee	t No.	:	58-J/01	
10.	Type of m	Type of mining		Opencast Mechaniz	red Mining
	Life of Pro	iect	:	5 years	
11.	Lease Peric	od		20 years	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Mining Pla	n Period	:	5 years	

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	Mining Plan Details		As per approved Mining Plan	As modified by SEAC	
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)		Multi-Colour Granite 2,68,920 m ³ ROM which includes 94,124 m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite (35% recovery) and 1,74,796 m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite waste	m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite (35% recovery)	
12.	12. Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)		Multi-Colour Granite 89,760 m ³ ROM which includes 31,416 m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite (35% recovery) and 58,344 m ³ of Multi- Colour Granite waste	includes 31,416 m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite	
	Annual Peak Production in		Multi-Colour Granite 1827 m ³ of ROM	Multi-Colour Granite	
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:		28m	
13.	Depth of water table	:	70m-60m bgl	1	
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	18 Nos.		
15.	Water requirement: 1. Drinking water 2. Utilized water 3. Dust suppression 4. Green belt	:	3.5 KLD 0.5 KLD 1.0 KLD 1.0 KLD 1.0 KLD		
16.	Power requirement	:	37,632 Liters of HSD		
17.	Precise area communication approved by the Additional	:	Letter No.3354297/MMB.2/2022-1, Dated		
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	Chief Secretary to			
	Government, Industries			
	(MMB.2) Department			
	Mining Plan approved by			
18.	Commissioner, Department of G&M.	:	Rc.No. 3553/MM2/202	22 Dated 26.03.2023
19.	Department of G&M, Deputy Director 500m Cluster Letter	:	Rc.No.500/Mines/2021	, Dated: 03.04.2023
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter dated 04.04.202	3
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 44,50,000/-	
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.
				Multi-Colour Granite
22.	EC Recommendation	:	Max Total RoM in m ³	23,520 m ³ ROM which includes 8232 m ³ of Multi-Colour Granite (35% recovery) and 15,288 m ³ of Multi Colour Granite waste
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	1827 m³
		:	Max Depth in mtrs	28m bgl
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Capital Cost – Rs. 35,61 Recurring Cost – Rs. 11,0	
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 6,50,000/-	

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the

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annual peak production of not exceeding 1827 m³ of RoM by maintaining ultimate pit depth of 28 m as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure 1 of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 5) Within six months from the commencement of quarrying operations, the PP shall ensure that all the statutory competent persons and non-statutory workmen are undergone the 'Refresher' training under Mines Vocational Training Rules 1961 in Group Vocational Training Centre, Trichy. A copy of the compliance report shall be submitted to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region, the AD/Mines & Geology, the DEE/TNPCB and the SEIAA-TN.
- 6) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.

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- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.
- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9) The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory (I/II Class) Mines Manager of the concerned mine and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- 10) The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 11) The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University, Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 12) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 13) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 14) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 15) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.

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- 16) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 17) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 18) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 19) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 20) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 21) Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 22)Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs,

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(ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.

- 23) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 24) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 25)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 26) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 27) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 28) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 29) To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.

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- 30) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 31) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957&the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 32) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 33) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 34)All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 35)That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 36)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-1A.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for

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growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.

- 37) The mining lease holders shall, after æasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 38)As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 39) As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 6.5 lakh and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in Govt Hr Sec School, K. Sithapatti Village, Karur before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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(File No: 8393/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 1.82.0 Ha located at S.F. No. 77/2E (P), 77/2F (P) & 79/1A (P), Chikkarampalayam Village, Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu by Tmt. M. Muthammal -For amendment in existing Environmental Clearance issued. (SIA/TN/MIN/298631/2023 dated: 14.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in the 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following,

- The project proponent, Tmt. M. Muthammal has obtained Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 1.82.0 Ha located at S.F. No. 77/2E (P), 77/2F (P) & 79/1A (P), Chikkarampalayam Village, Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu vide Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8393/EC.No:5492/2023 dated: 09.01.2023
- Now, the proponent has submitted an application requesting the following amendment in the EC issued earlier:

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Description	As in EC issued dated. 09.01.2023	Amendment Sought
CER details	As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost is Rs.7.5 Lakh and the amount shall be spent on the committed activities for Government School, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB	As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost is Rs.1 Lakh and the amount shall be spent for whit washing in Panchayat Union Middle School Chikkarayanpalayam Village, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB

This proposal was taken up for discussion in this 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. Based on the presentation & details furnished by the project proponent, the SEAC decided recommend for amend in CER in the existing EC issued is as follows. However, all the other conditions stipulated in the EC Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8393/EC.No:5492/2023 dated: 09.01.2023are remain unaltered.

Description	As in EC issued dated. 09.01.2023	Amendment Sought
CER details	Proponent the CER cost is Rs.7.5 Lakh and the amount shall be spent on the	As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost is Rs.1 Lakh and the amount shall be spent for whit washing in Panchayat Union Middle School Chikkarayanpalayam Village before obtaining CTO from TNPCB

Agenda No: 384-11

(File No: 6699/2019)

Proposed construction of 720 Tenements at S.F. No. 296/1 & 296/2A, Nethajipuram, Kuniamuthur Village, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (formerly known as M/s. Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board) – For Amendment in Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIS/276842/2022 dated 11.06.2022)

The proposal was placed in the 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023.

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The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following,

- 1. M/s. Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (formerly known as M/s. Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board) has obtained Environmental Clearance vide EC Letter No. SEIAA/TN/F.6699/EC/8(a)/637/2019 dated 07.03.2019 for Proposed construction of 720 Tenements with 13 Blocks each (G+3 floors) with total builtup area of 26,901.40 sq.m.
- 2. Now the PP has applied for the following amendment vide proposal No. SIA/TN/MIS/276842/2022 dated 11.06.2022 is as follows

SL no	Discerption	As per EC	Amendment Sought
1	Water requirement	Total water requirement – 491 KLD	Total water requirement – 511 KLD
2	Fresh water Requirement	Domestic Requirement- 327 KLD	Domestic Requirement- 327 KLD Toilet Flushing- 164 KLD Green belt – 20 KLD
3	Details of treatment	STP- 200 KLD GWTP- 300 KLD	Untreated sewage disposed into Coimbatore Corporation UGD line
4	Treated sewage & mode of Disposal with quantity	 Toilet – Flushing- 164 KLD Green belt development- 20 KLD UGD line of Coimbatore corporation- 275 KLD 	UGD line of Coimbatore corporation- 459 KLD
5	STP sludge	50 Kg/day- manure for green belt development	Nil

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6	EMP cost	For Operation	For Operation phase
ł		phase	Capital- Cost – Rs 95
-		Capital- Cost – Rs 350	Lakhs
		Lakhs	Recuring cost – Rs
		Recuring cost – Rs 56	
		Lakhs	

This proposal was taken up for discussion in this 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. Based on the presentation & details furnished by the project proponent, the SEAC decided to obtain the following details from the PP.

 Commitment letter to be obtained from Coimbatore Municipal Corporation for supply of water and also for letting out of untreated sewage through UGD.
 On the receipt of the same further deliberation will be done.

Agenda No: 384 – 12 (File No: 9917 /2023) Existing Multi Colour Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.44.5Ha S.F.No.138/1 (Part) and 138/2 (Part), Madhiyanallur Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District by Thiru.H.M.Husain Meera – For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/422209/2023, dt: 15.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in the 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023.

The details of the proposed project are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- Earlier, the project proponent, Thiru.H.M.Husain Meera has obtained EC vide Letter SEIAA-TN/F.No.4784/EC/1(a)/2815/2015 Dated 08.02.2016 for a approved depth of 8m & Quantity of 4510 m3 of Multi Colour Granite.
- 2. AD, Mines Exisitng Pit dimension letter vide Rc.No.337/2020 (G&M), dt: 16.09.2022.
- IRO (SZ), MoEF&CC issued CCR vide Lr. EP/12.1/2023 -24/SEIAA/23/TN /718 Dt:14.06.2023.
- Now, the project proponent, Thiru.H.M.Husain Meera has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Existing Multi Colour Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.44.5Ha S.F.No.138/1 (Part) and 138/2 (Part), Madhiyanallur Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu.

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- 5. The project/activity is covered under category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 6. The Mining Lease was issued Dt: 12.02.2016 for the period of 20 Years. The approved current scheme mining plan for the period of 5 Years & production should not exceed ROM of 15180m³ & 6072m³ of Granite (Recovery 40%) & 9108m³ of Granite Waste (Reject 60%)]. The annual peak production is ROM of 3060m³ & 1224m³ of Granite (Recovery 40%) & 1836m³ of Granite Waste (60 Reject %)]. The depth of mining is 28m BGL.

SI. No	Salient Features of the Proposal					
t.	Name of the Owner/Firm	:	Thiru.H.M.Hussain Meera S/o.H.Mohamed Kassim, No.A-54 Viralimalai Roasd, Annavasal Village and Post, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu - 622101.			
2.	Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/Limesto ne)	:	Multi Colour Granite			
3.	S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	138/1 (Part) and 138/2 (Part)			
4.	Village in which situated	:	Madhiyanallur			
5.	Taluk in which situated	:	Illuppur			
6.	District in which situated	:	Pudukkottai			
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	1.44.5Ha			
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	10°26'06.51"N to10°26'13.82"N 78°44'05.71"E to 78°44'09.57"E			
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	58– J/11			
10.	Type of mining	:	Opencast Semi Mechanized of Mining			
11.	Life of Project Lease Period	:	25 Years 20 Years upto 11.02.2036			
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	Mining Plan Period	[:	5 Years		
	Mining Plan Details	:	As per appr plan	oved scheme o	of mining
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)		ROM (m³)	Multi Colour Granite Recovery 40% (m ³)	Granite Waste Reject 60% (m ³)
			441041m ³	176416m ³	264625m ³
12.	Mineable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	ROM (m³)	Multi Colour Granite Recovery 40% (m ³)	Granite Waste Reject 60% (m ³)
			75615m ³	30246m ³	45369m ³
	Annual Peak Production in m3	:	ROM (m³)	Multi Colour Granite Recovery 40% (m ³)	Granite Waste Reject 60% (m³)
			15180m3	6072m ³	9108m³
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	33m		
13.	Depth of water table	:	54m BGL		
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	32Nos.		
15.	Water requirement: 1. Drinking water 2. Utilized water 3. Dust suppression 4. Green belt	:	2.1KLD 0.6KLD 0.8 KLD 0.7 KLD		
16.	Power requirement	_	TNEB		
17.	Approved Mining Lease by Industries Department, with date.	:		5.22, Industrie , dated: 12.02	
18.	Approved Mining Plan by Commissioner, Commissionerate Department of Geology and Mining with date	:	Rc.No.3107, 02.09.2022	/MM2/2021. c	lt:
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19.	500m Cluster Letter by Assistant Director, Department of G&M, Pudukkottai District.		Rc.No.337/ 02.02.2023	-	M), dt:	
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius		Letter dt:08.09.2022			
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs.219.57 L	akh		
			1st Five Yea plan	irs as per ap	proved	mining
22.	EC Recommendation		Max Total	ROM (m³)	Multi Colo ur Grani te Reco very 40% (m ³)	Granite Waste Reject 60% (m ³)
		:	RoM in m ³	15180m³	6072 m³	9108m
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	3060m ³	1224 m³	1 836 m³
			Max Depth in mtrs	28 m		
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 269 La capital & inflation co	recurring	cost w	vith 5%
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs.5 Lakhs			

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity of ROM of not exceeding 3060m³ by maintaining the ultimate pit depth of 28m BGL subject to the standard conditions as per the

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Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 5) Within six months from the commencement of quarrying operations, the PP shall ensure that all the statutory competent persons and non-statutory workmen are undergone the 'Refresher' training under Mines Vocational Training Rules 1961 in Group Vocational Training Centre, Trichy. A copy of the compliance report shall be submitted to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region, the AD/Mines & Geology, the DEE/TNPCB and the SEIAA-TN.
- 6) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural

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stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.

- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9) The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory (I/II Class) Mines Manager of the concerned mine and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- 10) The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 11) The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University, Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 12) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 13) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 14) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 15) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.

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- 16) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 17) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 18) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 19) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 20) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 21) Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 22)Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear

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plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.

- 23) The Project Proponent shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the quarry wall of the existing quarry during the fourth year of mining operations for determining the safe slope angle and determining stability measures, by involving any one of these reputed Research and Academic Institutions CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, IIT-Madras, NIRM-Bangaluru, NIT Surathkal Dept of Mining Engg, Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 24) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 25) The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory (I/II Class) Mines Manager of the concerned mine and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- 26) The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 27) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 28) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.

29)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.

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- 30) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 31) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 32)The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 33)To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 34) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 35) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 & the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 36) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.

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- 37) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 38)All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 39)That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 40) As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-1A.111 dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 41) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 42)As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.111 dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 43)As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs.5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the Government High School, Mathiyanallur, Pudukkottai District before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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(File No: 9966/2023)

Existing Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 3.02.0Ha S.F.No.405/1B1A2 (Part) & 405/1B2, Chendarapally Village, Bargur Taluk, Krishnagiri District by Thiru.B.S.Ravi - For Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance (Form -6). (SIA/TN/MIN/299197/2023, dt: 04.04.2023)

The proposal was placed in the 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023. The details of the proposed project are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- Earlier, the project proponent, Thiru.B.S.Ravi has obtained EC from DEIAA-TN, vide Lr.No.19/DEIAA-KGI/EC No.15/2018, dated: 27.02.2018 for the Existing Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 3.02.0Ha S.F.No.405/1B1A2 (Part) & 405/1B2, Chendarapally Village, Bargur Taluk, Krishnagiri District,Tamil Nadu and for a approved depth of 17.5 m & Quantity of 11365 m³ of Grey Granite for a period of 5 Years.
- The project proponent, Thiru.B.S.Ravi has applied for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance (Form -6) for the Existing Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 3.02.0Ha S.F.No.405/1B1A2 (Part) & 405/1B2, Chendarapally Village, Bargur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 3. MoEF&CC OM F.No.1A3-22/28/2022-1A.111 Dt: 13.12.2022.
- 4. MoEF&CC vide OM F.No.1A3-22/11/2023-1A.111 (E208230) Dt: 28.04.2023.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent. SEAC noted that the PP has obtained EC from DEIAA-TN, vide Lr.No.19/DEIAA-KGI/EC No.15/2018, dated: 27.02.2018 valid upto 26.02.2024 as per MoEF&CC Notification vide S.O. 221(E) & Dt:18.01.2021. Hence, this proposal seeking automatic extension of validity of EC cannot be considered as per MoEF&CC OM F.No.1A3-22/28/2022-1A.111 Dt: 13.12.2022.

Further, EC was obtained from DEIAA-TN, vide Lr.No.19/DEIAA-KGI/EC No.15/2018, dated: 27.02.2018. Hence, as per MoEF&CC vide OM F.No.1A3-22/11/2023-1A.111 (E208230) Dt: 28.04.2023 all valid ECs issued by DEIAA shall be reappraised through SEIAA/SEAC in compliance to the order of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A 142/of 2022.

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In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided that the project proponent shall apply for Fresh EC with mandatory documents and shall withdraw the application seeking Extension of validity of EC. Further, the proposal is not eligible for automatic extension of validity of EC as per MoEF&CC OM F.No.1A3-22/28/2022-1A.111 Dt: 13.12.2022 and MoEF&CC vide OM F.No.1A3-22/11/2023-1A.111 (E208230) Dt: 28.04.2023.

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(File No.6596/2023)

Existing Lime Stone Quarry over an extent of 4.86.0 Ha at S.F.Nos. 437/1 of Vickramasingapuram Village, Ambasamudram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. B. Sundaram – For Environmental Clearance under violation category (SIA/TN/MIN/423960/2020 dated:29.03.2023).

The proposal was placed in 384th Meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Proponent, Thiru. B. Sundaram, has applied for Environmental Clearance under Violation for the Existing Lime Stone Quarry over an extent of 4.86.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 437/1 of Vickramasingapuram Village, Ambasamudram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- ToR issued vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6596/ToR-475/2018, dated: 07.06.2018 under violation Category.
- ToR Amendment issued vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6596/SEAC- CXVIII/TOR-475(A)/2018 Dt.30.07.2018. Public Hearing is mandatory.
- 5. ToR Extension under violation issued vide Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6596/ToR-475/Ext/ dated:26.09.2022.
- 6. EIA Report Submitted on 31.03.2023

Based on the presentation made by the proponent SEAC decided to obtain the following details from the PP.

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- Since the Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) is located within 10km & its ESZ is yet to be notified, hence the PP shall obtain and submit NBWL Clearance.
- 2. The PP shall furnish 3rd scheme of mining plan and approval letter obtained from Competent Authority.
- 3. The PP shall furnish a letter from AD/DD Mines stating that details of quarries located within 500m radius as per the prescribed format.

On receipt of the same, the subject will be taken up for further deliberation and to decide on future course of action.

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(File No: 9918/2023)

Proposed Multi Colour Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.93.0Ha at S.F.No. 1320/1A, 1320/1B1, 1320/1B2, 1322/1A, 1322/1C, 1322/1B, 1325/3A, 1325/3B, 1325/2B4, 1325/2B5 & 1325/2B6 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl. Stanco Traders-For Environmental Clearance. (S1A/TN/MIN/424931/2023, 06.04.2023).

The proposal was placed in this 384th Meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Tvl. Stanco Traders has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Multi colour Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.93.0Ha at S.F.No. 1320/1A, 1320/1B1, 1320/1B2, 1322/1A, 1322/1C, 1322/1B, 1325/3A, 1325/3B, 1325/2B4, 1325/2B5 & 1325/2B6 of Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a)
 "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. Mining Lease was executed on 13.03.2006 for a period of 20 years till 12.03.2026.
- 4. Earlier, EC was accorded to the project proponent vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.4888/EC/1(a)/2902/2016 dated.17.02.2016 for a quantity of 2250m³ of multi-colour granite up to a depth of 45m with a maximum

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validity of 5 years.

- CCR From MoEF&CC, IRO (SZ) vide E.P/12.1/2023-24/SEIAA/06/TN/563 Dt:09.05.2023.
- 6. Now, the proponent has submitted an application seeking Environmental Clearance for the 3rd scheme of mining (2021-22 to 2025-26) for the production of 20182m³ of multi-colour granite for an ultimate depth of 103m Below ground level.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the project proponent:

- i) From the presentation made by the PP, it was informed that the amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS. Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 which means that the mine boundary is changed. The PP is requested to provide the total extent and quantity of combined/amalgamated area of five leases with specifying each G.O wise.
- ii) From the presentation made by the PP, it has been observed that amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 vide Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/32/2016/479, dated. 28.03.2017 & Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/33/2016/484, dated. 28.03.2017. The PP shall indicate whether the permission was obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining to carry out the quarrying operations in a single lease as per the permission granted by the DMS, DGMS/Chennai Region from 2017 and the PP shall provide the documentary proof for the amalgamation permission obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining and the validity of lease period.
- iii) The PP shall provide the details on the proposal given in the Second Scheme of Mining (i.e., 2013 to 2018) for which the prior EC was granted by the SEIAA and also to specify the achieved quantity against the proposed quantity.

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- iv) Based on the approved scheme of mining submitted by the proponent in Parivesh Portal, it is ascertained that the proponent has achieved a depth of 47m during the earlier EC period (2016-2021) against the approved depth of 45m. Hence, the proponent shall furnish an explanation for exceeding the approved depth and the ambiguity in the existing pit depth. The PP shall provide the details of any permission obtained in the form of Modified Mining Plan approved by the competent authority for carrying out the quarrying operations for a depth of 47 m under the provisions of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 and the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
- v) As per the scheme of mining approval letter issued vide Rc.No.3687/MM2/2022 Dated: 10.02.2023, it is ascertained that

"...The Lessee has an undertaking vide Sworn affidavit dated 08.02.2023 to the effect that he shall abide by the final orders of the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.No. W.P.No.10242/2020 regarding the compensation for E.C. Violation"

Hence, the proponent shall furnish complete details regarding the pending court case at Madurai bench of Madras High Court.

- vi) Further, during the presentation, proponent disclosed that AD/Mines levied penalty for excess quantity mined. Hence, the proponent shall submit the details regarding the quantity for which penalty was levied.
- vii) The PP shall exhibit the technical justifications for proposing the depth of existing quarry to 103 m with maintaining the stability of the quarry wall in a safe manner.
- viii) The PP shall withdraw any duplicate files if already made with the SEIAA.
- ix) The PP shall disclose the details pertaining to the legal cases pending against the proposal if any.

After receipt of the above particulars, further deliberations will be done.

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(File No: 9939/2023)

Proposed Multi-Colour Granite mining lease over an extent of 2.34.30 Ha at S.F.Nos. 1123/4A, 1123/4B, 1123/5A, 1123/5B, 1123/6A, 1123/6B, 1125/6 & 1123/8(P) of Irudukottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. K.P.R Granites -For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/423041/2023, 22.03.2023).

The proposal was placed in this 384th Meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, M/s. K.P.R Granites has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Multi-Colour Granite mining lease over an extent of 2.34.30 Ha at S.F.Nos. 1123/4A, 1123/4B, 1123/5A, 1123/5B, 1123/6A, 1123/6B, 1125/6 & 1123/8(P) of Irudukottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
 - The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a)
 "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
 - 3. As per the mining plan the lease period is 20 years. The mining plan is for the period of five years & production should not exceed 63,050m³ of RoM and 22,068m³ of Multi Colour Granite @35% recovery and 40,983m³ of Granite waste @65% with an ultimate depth of mining 30m Below ground level.

Fil	9939 File No 423041/202 22.03.2023		,	Category	B2 1(a)
SI. No	I		Featu	ires of the Proposal	
1.	Name of th	he Owner/Firm	•	M/s. K.P.R Granites No.2/223, Avvai N Noolahalli-Post, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District Pin-636 813.	agar.

4. The salient features of the project as follows

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Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/Limeston e)	:	Multi Colour Granite Quarry
S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	1123/4A. 1123/4B, 1123/5A, 1123/5B, 1123/6A. 1123/6B, 1125/6 & 1123/8(P)
Village in which situated	:	Irudukottai
Taluk in which situated	:	Denkanikottai
District in which situated	:	Krishnagiri
Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	2.34.30Ha
Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	12°25'49.74254"N to12° 25'57.76416"N 77° 50' 0.93213"E to77°50' 8.43377"E
Topo Sheet No.	:	57 H /15
Type of mining	:	Open Cast mechanized mining
Life of Project	:	20 years
Lease Period		20 years
Mining Plan Period	:	5 years
Mining Plan Details	:	As per approved Mining Plan Multi-Colour Granite
Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	RoM–11,34,884m³, Recoverable Reserves @ 35% -3,72,553m³, Granite waste @65%– 6,91,885m³
Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	RoM3,63,151m ³ , Recoverable Reserves @ 35% -1,09,004m ³ , Granite waste @ 65%- 2,02,436m ³
Annual Peak Production in m3	:	ROM – 29550 m³
Ultimate Depth in meters	:	30m BGL
Depth of water table	:	65m Rainy Season-70m Summer Season
Man Power requirement per		27 Nos.
	Stone/Sand/Granite/Limeston e) S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up Village in which situated Taluk in which situated District in which situated Extent of quarry (in ha.) Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site Topo Sheet No. Type of mining Life of Project Lease Period Mining Plan Period Mining Plan Details Geological Resources m ³ (RoM) Minable Resources m ³ (RoM) Annual Peak Production in m ³ Ultimate Depth in meters Depth of water table	Stone/Sand/Granite/Limeston e):S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up:Village in which situated:Taluk in which situated:District in which situated:Extent of quarry (in ha.):Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site:Topo Sheet No.:Type of mining:Life of Project:Lease Period:Mining Plan Period:Geological Resources m³ (RoM):Minable Resources m³ (RoM):Annual Peak Production in m3:Depth of water table:Litimate Depth in meters:

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	Τ	Ţ-	3.3 KLD	
	Water requirement:	:	1.3KLD	
15.	 Drinking water Dust suppression 		1.0 KLD	
	3. Green belt		1.0 KLD	
16.	Power requirement	:	TNEB	
17.	Precise area communication approved by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce (MME.2) Department.	•	Letter No.26 18.11.2022	565/MME.2/2022-1, Dated:
18.	Mining Plan approved by Commissioner, Department of G&M.	:	Rc.No.72/M 10.03.2023	IM4/2022, Dated:
19.	Department of G&M, Deputy Director, 500m Cluster Letter	:	Roc.No.985 21.03.2023	/2019/Mines dated
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter Dated	l: 17.03.2023
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs.1,01,52,50	00/-
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.
				Multi-Colour Granite
22.	EC Recommendation	•	Max Total Excavation RoM in m ³	RoM-63,050m ³ , Recoverable Reserves @ 35% -22,068m ³ , Granite waste @ 65%- 40,983m ³
		:	1.3KLD 1.0 KLD 1.0 KLD TNEB Letter No.2665/MME.2/2022-1, Da 18.11.2022 Rc.No.72/MM4/2022, Dated: 10.03.2023 Roc.No.985/2019/Mines dated 21.03.2023 Letter Dated: 17.03.2023 Letter Dated: 17.03.2023 Rs.1.01.52.50/- Validity Multi-Colour Grani Max Total Excavation RoM in m ³ RoM-63,050m ³ , Recoverable Reserves 35% -22,068m ³ , Grant waste @ 65% - 40,98 Annual Peak	Recoverable Reserves @
		:	Depth in	30m BGL
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23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).		Capital cost – Rs.92,99,776/- Recurring cost/annum – Rs. 12,55,316 /-
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 7.40,000 /- as accepted by the PP

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for a annual peak production capacity of not exceeding 13125m³ of ROM by restricting the ultimate depth of mining up to 30m BGL considering the safety aspects as agreed by the PP & QP, subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure 1 of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles
 - * are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones: and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 3. The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University. Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 4. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory Mines Manager & other statutory competent persons and the Geologist in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 respectively before obtaining the CTO.
- 5. The PP shall inform/send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.

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- 6. The proponent shall construct the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 7. Within a period one month from the execution of lease deed, the PP shall ensure that the persons deployed in the quarry shall undergo initial/periodical training in the DGMS approved GVTC situated in Hosur or Salem.
- 8. The PP shall extract the dimensional stone blocks through non-explosive techniques such that the surrounding structures are not impacted.
- The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 10. The PP shall carry out the tree plantation to act as a barrier to reduce noise level and dust pollution along the boundary of the quarrying site considering the wind direction before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 11. The PP shall ensure that the Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from soil, OB and mineral reject (Granite waste) dumps. The water so collected in such sump should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted and maintained properly.
- 12. The PP shall ensure that the Diamond Wire Saw Machine Operators/Technicians shall be adequately trained in safe operation/proper maintenance of Machine and the rope.
- 13. In the interest of safety, the PP of the planned quarry where the Diamond Wire Saw Machines are proposed and OEM of such machines are advised to comply with the safety provisions as given in DGMS (Tech) Circular No. 02 of 2019 so that accidents are mitigated adequately.
- 14. The PP shall conduct a Slope Stability study after a period of three years from the commencement of quarrying operation through any one of these reputed scientific institutions such as Central Mining & Fuel Research Institute/Dhanbad.

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NIRM/Bengaluru, IIT(ISM)/Dhanbad, IIT/Madras, NITK Surathkal-Dept of Mining Engg, Anna University Chennai – CEG Campus and any other CSIR labs, to study the efficacy of the slope stability of highwall in the proposed quarry for the safe operation.

- 15. The Project Proponent shall also install necessary dust and noise extraction system around mineral handling area with proper enclosures before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 16. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 17. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals.
- 18. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 19. The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.
- 20. Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices.
- 21. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 22. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for/periodical

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de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.

- 23. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 24. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 25. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 26. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted.
- 27. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 28. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 29. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) by the proponent without fail.
- 30. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will

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render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.

- 31. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 32. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under.
- 33. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 34. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 35. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF & CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 36.As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 37. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 5.4 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for Government High School, Sandanappalli Village as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

S.No	Description		CER Cost INR	
1.	Painting for Buildings		50,000/-	
2.	Incinerator		10,000/-	
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3.	Plantation for school Ground	30,000/-
4.	Toilet renovation & maintenance	3,00,000/-
5.	Compound wall	1,00,000/-
	Total	5,40,000/-

38. In addition to the above, the PP shall remit Rs. 2.0 lakhs to DFO of concerned District as Conservation/mitigation measures for the Cauvery North WLS since the site is within 10km radius.

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(File No: 9919/2023)

Existing Multi Colour Granite lease over an extent of 3.29.0 Ha at S.F.No. 1320 /2A, 1323/1B1, 1323/1B2, 1325/4B, 1325/5A1, 1325/5A2, 1325/5A3, 1325/5A4, 1325/5A5, 1325/5A6, 1325/5B1 & 1325/5B2, in Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl.Standard Granites, - For Environment Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/424980/2023 dated 06.04.2023)

The proposal was placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The Project Proponent gave a detailed presentation on the proposal. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Tvl.Standard Granites has applied seeking Environment Clearance for the existing Multi Colour Granite lease over an extent of 3.29.0 Ha at S.F.No. 1320 /2A, 1323/1B1, 1323/1B2, 1325/4B, 1325/5A1, 1325/5A2, 1325/5A3, 1325/5A4, 1325/5A5, 1325/5A6, 1325/5B1 & 1325/5B2, in Thiruthangal Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006., as amended.

3. EC Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.4656/EC/1(a)/2907/2016 dated 17.02.2016 Based on the presentation and the documents furnished by the Project Proponent, the SEAC decided to call for the following additional details:

i) From the presentation made by the PP, it was informed that the amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1)

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of the MMR 1961 which means that the mine boundary is changed. The PP is requested to provide the total extent and quantity of combined/amalgamated area of five leases with specifying each G.O wise.

- ii) From the presentation made by the PP, it has been observed that amalgamation permission has been obtained from the Director of Mines Safety, DGMS, Chennai Region for combining the five leases under Reg. 111(1) of the MMR 1961 vide Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/32/2016/479, dated. 28.03.2017 & Lr. No. CSZ/CNR/Granite/Perm-111(1)/33/2016/484, dated. 28.03.2017. The PP shall indicate whether the permission was obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining to carry out the quarrying operations in a single lease as per the permission granted by the DMS, DGMS/Chennai Region from 2017 and the PP shall provide the documentary proof for the amalgamation permission obtained from the Directorate of Geology and Mining and the validity of lease period.
- iii) The PP shall provide the details on the proposal given in the Second Scheme of Mining (i.e., 2013 to 2018) for which the prior EC was granted by the SEIAA and also to specify the achieved quantity against the proposed quantity.
- iv) Based on the approved scheme of mining submitted by the proponent in Parivesh Portal, it is ascertained that the proponent has achieved a depth of 75m during the earlier EC period (2016-2021) against the approved depth of 35m. Hence, the proponent shall furnish an explanation for exceeding the approved depth and the ambiguity in the existing pit depth. The PP shall provide the details of any permission obtained in the form of Modified Mining Plan approved by the competent authority for carrying out the quarrying operations for a depth of 75 m under the provisions of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 and the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
- Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project shall be furnished.

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- vi) Further, during the presentation, proponent disclosed that AD/Mines levied penalty for excess quantity mined. Hence, the proponent shall submit the details regarding the quantity for which penalty was levied.
- vii) The PP shall exhibit the technical justifications for proposing the depth of existing quarry to 75 m with maintaining the stability of the quarry wall in a safe manner.
- viii) The PP shall withdraw any duplicate files if already made with the SEIAA.
- ix) The PP shall disclose the details pertaining to the legal cases pending against the proposal if any.

After receipt of the above particulars, further deliberations will be done.

Agenda No: 384 - 18

(File No: 9933/2023)

Proposed Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 2.17.5Ha at S.F.No. 261/3, 261/5, 261/10B, 261/16A, 261/16B, 261/16D & 261/16E1A, in Sulamalai Village, Bargur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.M.Ajithkumar, - For Environment Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/422472/ 2023 dated 17.03.2023)

The proposal was placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The Project Proponent gave a detailed presentation on the proposal. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, Thiru.M.Ajithkumar has applied seeking Environment Clearance for the proposed Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 2.17.5Ha at S.F.No. 261/3, 261/5, 261/10B, 261/16A, 261/16B, 261/16D & 261/16E1A, in Sulamalai Village, Bargur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended.

File	e No	9933	Category	B2
SI. No		Salient Fea	tures of the Proposal	

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1.	Name of the Owner/Firm	:	Thiru.M.Ajithkuma S/o. Michael, No.4635, Moorthi Kalaiyar Kovil, Sivagangai District	i Nagar West,
2.	Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/ Limestone)	:	Grey Granite	
3.	S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	S.F.NoS.261/3, 261 261/16B, 261/16D	1/5, 261/10B, 261/16A, & 261/16E1A
4.	Village in which situated	:	Sulamalai Village.	
5.	Taluk in which situated	:	Bargur Taluk,	
6.	District in which situated	:	Krishnagiri District	
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	2.17.5 Ha	
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	12° 30' 23.5763"N to 12° 30' 18.9740"N 78° 17' 14.1837"E to 78° 17' 09.7887"E	
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	57-L/7	
10.	Type of mining	:	Open cast mechanized mining	
	Life of Project	:	20 years	
11.	Lease Period		20 years	· _
	Mining Plan Period	:	5 years	
	Mining Plan Details	:	As per approved Mining Plan	As modified by SEAC
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	562425	-
12.	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	165650	-
	Annual Peak Production in m ³	:	5850	-
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	28m BGL	
13.	Depth of water table	:	54-62m	
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	18 Nos.	

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[Water requirement:		2.0 kLD	·	
	1. Domestic and		1.0 kLD		
15.	Drinking water	:			
	2. Dust suppression		0.50 kLD		
	3. Green belt		0.50 kLD		
			TNEB (Domestic ac	tivity)	
16.	Power requirement		DG set (industrial a		
	Precise area communication		Letter No.3588105/		
ļ	approved by the Assistant		Dated:27.01.2023		
17.	Geologist , Assistant	:			
	Director(i/c), Dept. of				
	Geology & Mining				
	Mining Plan approved by	-	Rc.No.6161/MM4/2	2022	
	Assistant Geologist , Assistant		Dated:24.02.2023		
18.	Director(i/c), Dept. of	:			
	Geology & Mining				
	Assistant Geologist , Assistant		Rc.No.557/2022/N	lines,	
	Director(i/c), Dept. of		Dated:01.03.2023		
19.	Geology & Mining 500m				
	Cluster Letter				
	VAO Certificate Regarding		Letter Dated: 01.03	.2023	
20.	Structures within 300m				
	Radius				
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP	:	Rs.1,26,34,000/-		
21.	cost)	ŀ	13.1,20,34,000/-		
		·		30 years subject to	
		:	Validity	the following	
				upper limits.	
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22.	EC Recommendation	:	Max Total RoM in m ³	42250	
		\vdash	Annual Max RoM		
		:	in m ³	9000	
1		⊢	Ultimate Pit		
		:		28m BGL	
		_	Depth in mtrs	05.250/	
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).		Capital cost – Rs. 16		
25.	LIME COST (III KS. Lakii).	:		um – Rs. 11,28,100 /-	
		+	+5% inflation cost		
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs.5,00,000 /- as ac	cepted by the PP	
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Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity of not exceeding 9000 m³ of RoM by maintaining the ultimate pit depth of 28 m as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 5) Within a period one month from the execution of lease deed, the PP shall ensure that the persons deployed in the quarry shall undergo initial/periodical training in the DGMS approved GVTC situated in Hosur or Salem.
- 6) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural

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stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.

- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 10) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 11) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 12) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.
- 13) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 14) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 15) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 16) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.

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- 17) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions. carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 18) Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 19) Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 20) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 21) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 22)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 23) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical

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- 24) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 25) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 26)To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 27) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 28) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957& the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 29) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS). Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 30) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.

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- 31) All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 32)That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 33)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 34) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 35)As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 36)As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 5.0 lakh and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in the Village Government School, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

Agenda No: 384 - 19

(File No: 9947/2023)

Existing Devarmalai Limestone Mine over an area of 166.535Ha in Devarmalai and Melapagudi villages, Kulilthalai Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Chettinad Cement Corporation Private Limited- Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/414400/2023 dated 18.03.2023)

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The proposal was placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent vide letter dated 15.06.2023 has reported the following:

We, Chettinad Cement Corporation Private Limited were granted environmental clearance for our Devarmalai Limestone Mine over an area of 166.535Ha for producing 8.0 lakh TPA of limestone in Devarmalai and Melapagudi villages, Kulilthalai Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu J-11015/414/2006-IA.II(M) dated 12.09.2007.

At the time of grant of EC, Reserves in approved mining plan was 12.653 Million Tons based on which, the life of mine is mentioned in preamble of EC as 16 years as per then approved Mining Plan (Based on the exploration level carried out as on 2007 & 0.8 Million Tons per annum production level).

Subsequent to the approved mining plan obtained in 2007, we had carried out Exploration and UNFC reserves increased from 12.653 Million Tons to 47.66 Million Tons. Hence our Mine life based on approved mining plan is around 59.5 years. As per the MOEFCC notification dt 12. Apr 2022 "The prior Environmental Clearance granted for mining projects shall be valid for the project life as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier"

With reference to above notification, our current EC is valid for 30 years i.e., from 12.09.2007 to 11.09.2037 based on the mine life calculated as per reserves proved in the current approved mining plan. As such, we requested for amendment of mine life mentioned in the existing EC and Validity of the EC up to 11.09.2037.

But our Current Approved Mining plan period is valid upto March 2024. We are in the process of obtaining approval for review the Mining plan for a further period of five year i.e., upto March 2029. We are in the application stage. Hence we would like to reapply later after obtaining approval of Review of Mining plan for the period upto March 2029.

In the view of above, we would like to withdraw the application (Proposal No: SIA/TN/MIN/414400/2023, SEIAA File No 9947). Based on the above, we would like to intimate that we are not attending the scheduled SEAC appraisal of the above said proposal planned on 16.06.2023 SI. No 19.

Kindly consider the above request and consider our withdrawal proposal and return our application.

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The Committee, therefore, decided to defer the proposal to allow SEIAA to consider the withdrawal request of the Project Proponent.

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(File No: 9961/2023)

Proposed Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.42.0 Ha at S.F.No45/2E in Allerahalli Village & 754/1A (P), in Kadappasandampatti Village, Pochampalli Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. M.Jayapal, - For Environment Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/424417/2023 dated 01.04.2023)

The proposal was placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The Project Proponent gave a detailed presentation on the proposal. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following

- The Project Proponent, Thiru. M.Jayapal has applied for Environment Clearance for the the Proposed Grey Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.42.0 Ha at S.F.No45/2E in Kadappasandampatti Village, Pochampalli Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.

Fi	le No	9961		Category	B2			
SI. No	. No Salier			nt Features of the Proposal				
1.	Name of t	he Owner/Firm	:	Thiru. M.Jayapal, S/o.Mologugoundar Echankadu Village, Mathur Post. Pochampalli Taluk, Krishnagiri District. Tamil Nadu-635203				
2.	1	uarrying (Ordinary d/Granite/Limesto	:	Grey Granite				
3.	S.F Nos. c with area	of the quarry site break-up	:	45/2E & 754/1A (P)	<u> </u>			
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4.	Village in which situated	: 	Allerahalli & Kadappasandampatti Villages		
5.	Taluk in which situated	:	Pochampalli Taluk.		
6.	District in which situated	:	Krishnagiri District		
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	: [_]	1.42.0 Ha		
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all		12°22'56.0101"N to	12°22'51.9892"N	
0.	corners of the quarry site	:	78°23'9.5701"E to 7	78°23'4.3926"E	
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	57 L/7		
10.	Type of mining	:	Open cast semi-me	chanized mining	
	Life of mine	:	37 years		
11.	Lease Period	Γ	20 years		
	Mining Plan Period	:	2 years		
	Mining Plan Details	:	As per approved	As modified by	
			Mining Plan	SEAC	
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	460255 m³	-	
12.	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	260639 m³	-	
	Annual Peak Production in m ³	:	2280 m ³	-	
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	26m BGL		
13.	Depth of water table	:	50-55m	<u> </u>	
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	21 Nos.		
	Water requirement:		2.9 kLD		
	1. Domestic and		0.9 KLD		
15.	Drinking water	.			
15.	2. Utilized water	:	1.0 KLD		
	3. Dust suppression &		1.0 KLD		
	Green belt	 			
- 16.	Power requirement		TNEB		
10.			litres of HSD will b		
	Precise area communication		Letter G.O.3(D).		
17.	approved by the Assistant	:	(MME-2) Department.		
	Geologist , Assistant		Dated:12.02.2007		

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	Director(i/c), Dept. of Geology & Mining		 	
18.	Mining Plan approved by Assistant Geologist , Assistant Director(i/c), Dept. of Geology & Mining	:	Rc.No.2136/MM4/ Dated:30.03.2023	2023
19.	Assistant Geologist , Assistant Director(i/c), Dept. of Geology & Mining 500m Cluster Letter		Rc.No.1820/2022/I Dated:16.12.2022	Mines,
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius		Letter Dated: Nil	
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs.1,40,90,000/-	
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.
22.	EC Recommendation	:	Max Total RoM in m ³	14820
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	2280
		:	Ultimate Depth in m	26 m
23.	Total EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs.49,71,307/-	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5,00,000 /- as a	accepted by the PP

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production of not exceeding 2280 m³ of RoM by maintaining the ultimate pit depth of 26 m as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MoEF & CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

1) The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan

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approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.

- 2) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
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- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.
- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 9) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP. $\int dr$

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- 10) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 11) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 12) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.
- 13) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 14) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 15) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 16) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 17) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 18) Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (préferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local

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forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.

- 19) Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 20) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 21) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 22)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 23) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 24) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 25) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that

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the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

- 26)To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 27) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 28) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 & the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 29) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 30) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 31) All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 32)That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and

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complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.

- 33)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 34)The mining lease holders shall, after œasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 35)As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 36)As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in Village Government School before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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(File No: 9989/2023)

Existing Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry lease over an extent of 2.44.0Ha at S.F.No. 31/7B, 32/1, 32/3, 32/4, 32/5A1, 32/8A, 32/10 and 34/6 in Eeriyur Village, Chinnasalem(formerly Kallakurichi) Taluk, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.M. Ramasamy, - For Environment Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/424417/2023 dated 15.04.2023)

The proposal was placed in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The Project Proponent gave a detailed presentation on the proposal. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following.

1. The Project Proponent, Thiru.M. Ramasamy has applied for Environment Clearance for the existing Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry lease over an extent of

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2.44.0Ha at S.F.No. 31/7B, 32/1, 32/3, 32/4, 32/5A1, 32/8A, 32/10 and 34/6 in Eeriyur Village, Chinnasalem(formerly Kallakurichi) Taluk, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu.

- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended.
- 3. EC Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.4013/EC/1(a)/2726/2015 dated 11.01.2016

File No		9989		Category	B2		
I. No	. No Salient			Features of the Proposal			
1.	Name of the Owner/Firm		•	Thiru. M. Ramasam S/o. Thiru. Muthugo No.912, Muthugou Harur, Dharmapuri Tamil Nadu-63690	ounder. nder Colony, District,		
2.	Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/ Limestone)		:	Black Granite (Dole	rite)		
3.	S.F Nos. of with area t	the quarry site preak-up	:	S.F.No. 31/7B, 32/1 32/5A1, 32/8A, 32/			
4.	Village in which situated		:	Eeriyur Village,			
5.	Taluk in w	hich situated	:	Chinnasalem(forme Taluk,	rly Kallakurichi		
6.	District in v	which situated	:	Kallakurichi District			
7.	Extent of a	uarry (in ha.)	:	2.44.0Ha			
8.		Longitude of all the quarry site	:	11°36'49.93"N to 12 78°58'45.50"E to 71			
9.	Topo Shee	No.	:	58-1/14			
10.	Type of mi	ning	:	Open cast mechani:	zed mining		
11.	Life of Proj	ect	:	17 years			

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	Lease Period		20 years
	Mining Plan Period	:	5 years
	Mining Plan Details	:	As per approved Mining Plan
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	8,05,076 m³
12.	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	3,56,079 m³
-	Annual Peak Production in m ³		24,366 m ³
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	44m BGL
13.	Depth of water table	:	57-62m
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	32 Nos.
	Water requirement:	:	1.6 KLD
15.	1. Domestic and		0.4 KLD
13.	Drinking water 2. Dust suppression		0.7 KLD
	3. Green belt		0.5 KLD
16.	Power requirement		TNEB
			liters of HSD will be utilized
17.	Precise area communication approved by the Assistant Geologist, Assistant Director(i/c), Dept. of	:	Letter G.O.(3D). No.15, Industries (MME-1) Department, Dated:19.03.2008
	Geology & Mining		
18.	Mining Plan approved by Assistant Geologist , Assistant Director(i/c), Dept. of	•	3 rd Scheme of Mining: Rc.No.1510/MM4/2023
	Geology & Mining		Dated:10.03.2023 ∧

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19.	Assistant Geologist , Assistant Director(i/c), Dept. of Geology & Mining 500m Cluster Letter		Rc.No.B/G&M/628/2013/Mines, Dated:13.03.2023	
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius		Letter Dated: 13.04.2	2023
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs.1,40,90,000/-	
		:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.
22.	EC Recommendation	:	Max Total RoM in m ³	1,04,507
			Annual Max RoM in m ³	24,366
		:	Ultimate Depth in mtrs	44 m
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Capital cost - Rs.32,68,800/- Recurring cost/Annum-Rs. 11,78,380 /-	
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5,00,000 /- as ac	ccepted by the PP

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity of not exceeding 24,366m³ of RoM by maintaining the ultimate pit depth of 44m as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MoEF & CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

 The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O., 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.

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- 2) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 3) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 4) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 5) Within a period one month from the execution of lease deed, the PP shall ensure that the persons deployed in the quarry shall undergo initial/periodical training in the DGMS approved GVTC situated in Hosur or Salem.
- 6) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
- 7) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.
- 8) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 10) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.

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- 11) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 12) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.
- 13) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 14) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 15) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 16) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 17) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 18) Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the

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boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.

- 19) Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 20) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 21) As the ultimate depth in this case exceeded 40m, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 3 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving any of the reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA. MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.
- 22) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 23) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.

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- 24) Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 25) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 26) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 27) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 28)To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 29) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 30) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957&the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 31) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District

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Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.

- 32) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 33)All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 34) That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 35)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 36) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 37)As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.

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38) As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in the Village Government School before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

Agenda No: 384–22

(File No: 10091/2023)

Existing Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 2.63.0 Ha at S.F.No. 202/1 (P) & 202/2 (P) of Ekkattampalayam Village, Perundurai Taluk, Erode District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. P. Mahendran - For Environmental Clearance.

(SIA/TN/MIN/430225/2023, Dated: 22.05.2023)

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru. P. Mahendran has applied for Environmental Clearance for the existing Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 2.63.0 Ha at S.F.No. 202/1 (P) & 202/2 (P) of Ekkattampalayam Village, Perundurai Taluk, Erode District, Tamil Nadu.
- Earlier, the Proponent, Thiru. P. Mahendran, has applied for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for the above said Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry, since earlier EC was issued DEIAA vide Lr. No. DEIAA-ERD/F.No.17505/2016/EC No. (1/17) Dated 27.06.2017.
- The same was apprised in 369th SEAC Meeting held on 20.04.2023 and 378th SEAC meeting held on 11.05.2023. During the presentation, PP requested to defer the proposal. Hence, SEAC decided to defer the proposal.
- 4. As per the OM issued by MOEF&CC Dt. 28.4.2023, the PP has applied for EC for fresh appraisal.
- 5. The project/activity is covered under category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to obtain the following details.

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- a. From the KML it is seen that there are a numbers of existing pits located within 500m, but the same was not mentioned in AD 500m cluster letter. Hence, the PP shall furnish a fresh letter indicating the existence of expired/abandoned/existing/proposed quarries from the AD mines & Geology.
- b. PP shall furnish the details of fencing, green belt & garland drain with photo evidence.

On the receipt of the same further deliberation will be done.

Agenda No: 384-23

(File No: 10106/2023)

Existing Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 3.66.5 Ha at S.F.No. 35/1, 36/1A, 36/1B, 36/1C, 36/1D, 36/2, 38/2 and 38/3B of Poonthandalam Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Sai Jothi Quarry - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/430589/2023, Dated: 24.05.2023)

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s. Sai Jothi Quarry has applied for Environmental Clearance for the existing Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 3.66.5 Ha at S.F.No. 35/1, 36/1A, 36/1B, 36/1C, 36/1D, 36/2, 38/2 and 38/3B of Poonthandalam Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Fil	File No 10106 / 2023			Category	B2
SI. No		Salier	ent Features of the Proposal		
1.	Name of t	he Owner/Firm	:	M/s. Sai Jothi Quarry Sai Prakash Leomuthu No.41, Madley Road, Thyagaraya Nagar, Chennai - 600 017.	ı (Managing Partner),

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2.	Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/Limeston e)	:	Rough Stone	and Grav	el		
3.	S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	35/1, 36/1A, 36/1B, 36/1C, 36/1D, 36/2, 3 and 38/3B				
4.	Village in which situated	:	Poonthanda	lam			
5.	Taluk in which situated	:	Kundrathur				
6.	District in which situated	:	Kancheepura	រកា			
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	3.66.5		-		
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	12°57'55.18" 80°04'05.49				
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	66-D/01		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
10.	Type of mining	:	Opencast M	Opencast Mechanized Mining			
	Life of Project	:	5 years				
11.	Lease Period	:	5 years				
	Mining Plan Period	:	5 years				
	Mining Plan Details	:	As per approved Mining Plan		As modified by SEAC		
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	Rough Stone	Gravel	Rough Stone	Grave	
			7,67,055 m ³	762 m ³	7,67,055 m ³	762 m³	
12.			Rough Stone	Gravel	Rough Stone	Grave	
	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)		1,49,054 m ³	-	1,49,054 m ³	•	
	Annual Peak Production in		Rough Stone	Gravel	Rough Stone	Grave	
	m ³		34,125 m ³	-	34,125 m ³	-	
	Ultimate Depth in meters	:	54m bgl		54m bgl		
13.	Depth of water table	:	60m-65m b	gl			
14.	Man Power requirement per day:	:	20 Nos.				
15	Water requirement: 1. Drinking water		2.5 KLD 1.0 KLD				
15.	 2. Utilized water 3. Dust suppression 4. Green belt 	:	- 1.0 KLD 0.5 KLD				
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16.	Power requirement	:	1,19,248 Liters of HSD			
17.	Precise area communication approved by Assistant Director (i/c), Department of G&M.	:	Na.Ka.No.264/Q2/2022, Dated: 27.01.2023			
18.	Mining Plan approved by Assistant Director (i/c), Department of G&M.	:	Rc.264/Q2/2022, Dated: 13.03.2023			
19.	Department of G&M, Assistant Director (i/c) 500m Cluster Letter	:	Rc.No.264/Q2/2022, Dated: 16.05.2023			
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter furnished			
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 8,75,42,000/-			
22.	EC Recommendation	:	Validity	30 years sub following u Rough Stone	-	
		:	Max Total RoM in m³	1,49,054 m ³	-	
		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	34,125 m³	•	
		:	Ultimate Depth in mtrs	54m bgi		
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Capital Cost – Rs. 39,23,550/- Recurring Cost – Rs. 16,23,920/-			
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5,00,000/-			

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for a production quantity of total RoM quantity of 1,49,054 m³ to an ultimate depth of 54m BGL and the annual peak production shall not exceed 34,125 m³ of RoM as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure 1 of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

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- 20) The PP shall carry out maximum of only one round of controlled blast per day, restricted to the maximum of 50 to 60 number of holes per round with maintaining maximum charge per delay in such a manner that the blastinduced ground vibration level (Peak Particle Velocity) measured in the houses/structures located at a distance of 500 m shall not exceed 2.0 mm/s and no fly rock shall travel beyond 20 m from the site of blasting.
- 21) Within a period one year from the commencement of quarrying operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies to optimize the controlled blast design parameters for controlling the blast-induced ground vibrations and fly rock from the blasting operations carried out in the proposed quarry, by involving anyone of these reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.
- 22) The PP shall also ensure that the blasting operations are not carried out on a 'day after day' basis and a minimum 24 hours break should be observed between blasting days to reduce the environmental impacts effectively.

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- 23) If 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is required, then the PP shall obtain special permission from DGMS.
- 24) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
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- 26)Within a period one year from the commencement of quarrying operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and existing quarry wall, by involving anyone of these reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.
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- As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 42)As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 5.0 iakh and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in the Village Government School, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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Agenda No:- 384- TA-01

(File No: 6538/2018)

Existing Black Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.01.0 Ha at S.F.No.431/3, 431/4D5, 431/4D6, 431/4D8, 431/4D9, 431/4D10 & 431/4F, Agaram Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. P. Arunraja – for Environmental Clearance under violation category. (SIA/TN/MIN/413332/2023, Dt.07/01/2023)

Earlier, this proposal was placed in this 369th SEAC meeting held on 20.04.2023. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the web portal (parivesh.nic.in). The project proponent gave a detailed presentation.

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru. P. Arunraja has applied for Environmental Clearance under violation category for the Existing Black Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.01.0 Ha at S.F.No.431/3, 431/4D5, 431/4D6, 431/4D8, 431/4D9, 431/4D10 & 431/4F, Agaram Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- ToR issued under violation category vide Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6538/TOR-501/2018, Dated : 21.06.2018.
- As per the Hon'ble High Court of Madras order dated 13.10.2017 in W.P.No.11189 of 2017, amendment in the ToR was issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F – 6538/SEAC- CXVIII/TOR- 501(A)/2018 Dt. 30.07.2018.
- 5. The PP has furnished the EIA Report under violation

Based on the presentation made and documents furnished by the project proponent, the SEAC decided to constitute a sub-committee to make on-site inspection to assess the present status of the proposed project, environmental settings and to assess ecological damage assessment whether it is being carried out in accordance with CPCB Guidelines, remediation plan, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation.

After the receipt of the additional details from the proponent and the evaluation report by the Sub-committee, the SEAC will deliberate on the issue of Environmental

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Clearance under violation category. SEAC also decided to direct SEIAA-TN to initiate action to be taken for violation cases in accordance with law.

Based on that the following sub committee members Dr. M.R. Ramasubramaniyan & Dr. K.S. Kavi Kumar were inspected the site 20.05.2023 and the sub committee report is as follows.

1.0 Context and Chronology

- The lease for operating a black granite quarry located in S.F. No. 431/3, 431/4D5, 431/4D6, 431/4D8, 431/4D9, 431/4D10 & 431/4F in Agaram village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu was first given to Thiru R. Ranjith. The extent of quarry was 1.01.0 Ha Patta land.
- The lease was obtained under G.O. (3D). No. 3 Industries (MME.2) Department, dated 25.01.2008, and was for a period 20 years (28.02.2008 to 27.02.2028).
- The lease was subsequently transferred to Thiru P. Arunraja, vide G.O. (MS) No. 110, Industries (MME.2) Department, dated 19.05.2015
- After the scheme of mining expired on 27.02.2013, fresh mining scheme was prepared under the Rule 18 (3) of GCDR, 1999 for a period of 2013-2014 to 2017-2018.
- The first scheme of mining was prepared and submitted for the period 2013-14 to 2017-18; and the second scheme of mining has been prepared for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23.
- In view of statutory obligation, the project needs Environment Clearance from the District Level EIA Authority in view of extent less than 5Ha as per EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) Notification, 2006 and its amendment notification S.O 141 (E) dated 15.01.2016 and it is classified under Category "B2".
- However, the quarry falls under violation category as the work continued after 15.01.2016 without Environmental Clearance as per the notification S.O. 804(E), dated 14-03-2017.
- Subsequently, the proponent applied for grant of Terms of Reference to SEIAA-TN vide online proposal number: SIA/TN/MIN/23318/2018.
- The proposal was placed before the State Expert Appraisal Committee in its 107th meeting held on 14.04.2018, and subsequently before the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority in its 319th meeting held on 21.06.2018.
- The proponent was issued ToR under violation category vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6538/TOR-501/2018, dated 21.06.2018. Further, amended ToR was issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F-6538/SEAC-CXVIII/TOR-501(A)/2018, dated 30.07.2018.

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- The proponent has furnished the EIA Report along with ecological damage assessment, remediation plan, natural resource augmentation plan, and community resource augmentation plan to SEIAA/SEAC.
- The proposal was appraised by SEAC in its 369th meeting held on 20.04.2023.
- The SEAC constituted a sub-committee comprising, Dr. M. R. Ramasubramaniyan and Dr. K.S. Kavi Kumar, to make site inspection and present the status of the project (and the environmental settings). The sub-committee was also requested to assess the ecological damage along with the remedial plan and augmentation plan submitted by the proponent.
- The sub-committee inspected the project site on 20.05.2023, interacted with the proponent and the EIA coordinator.

2.0 Main Issue(s)

- The proponent operated the quarry between 15.01.2016 and 10.01.2017 without Environmental Clearance.
- During this period, the proponent has excavated 416.038 cu.m. of granite. The following table shows this along with the permit date details:

Permit Date	Excavated Quantity (in cu.m.)
15.04.2016	20.751
27.05.2016	59.442
14.06.2016	13.43
04.07.2016	78.616
18.08.2016	95.34
15.09.2016	24.963
19.11.2016	63.428
02.01.2017	60.068
Total	416.038

- The proponent has obtained eight permits from the Department of Geology and Mining, Krishnagiri during the violation period.
- The proponent further claimed that with around 5 days of operation for each permit, the total number of days quarry operated during the violation period would work out as 40 days. However, there is no documented proof to substantiate this claim as the proponent has not maintained a pit-head register.

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• In the absence of reliable information on the actual number of operation of the mine during the violation period, the total number of violation days during the recorded violation period (viz., 15.01.2016 to 10.01.2017) would work out as 300 days.

3.0 On-site Inspection – Observations

- The environmental and socio-economic settings of the quarry include:
 - o Nearest habitation 310 m (NE); Moramadugu
 - o Nearest reserve forest 16.2 km (W); Udedurgam RF
 - o Nearest wildlife sanctuary 16 km (W); Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary
 - Nearest water bodies 4.9 km (E) KRP Dam; 5.5 km (NE) Ponnaiyar river
 - o Ground water table is at 40-42 m depth from the surface
 - No streams crossing the mining area
- The mine appeared to be not in working condition presently (site photographs included in the report substantiate this).
- The mining operation in the past didn't seem have had proper bench formation.
- The fencing around the mining area and the garland drainage were also not in proper shape – possibly due to the non-working condition of the quarry for substantial period (2017 to 2023).
- While trees could be seen in the area in and around the mining site, there seemed to be no planned plantation.
- The approach road to the mine is currently occupied by other users (again due to prolonged absence of operations at the project site), and the proponent will have to develop the transport road again. In fact, the approach to the mine presently has a fully grown (and blooming) mango orchard.
- The depth of the existing pit is around 26 m, and the proposed ultimate depth of the pit is 32 m. With the ground water table from the nearby locations assessed as 40-42 m, the mining operations may not intersect the ground water table.
- The water in the existing pit can be diverted to nearby areas as it may not contain any impurities.
- There is no significant waste at the mining area.
- The proponent had employed adequate and qualified people during the violation period (as per the records).

4.0 Damage Assessment:

• Thiru P. Arunraja operated the existing black granite quarry (extent 1.01.0 Ha) between 15.01.2016 and 10.01.2017 and excavated 416.038 cu.m. of granite.

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The PP obtained eight permits from the Department of Geology and Mining, Krishnagiri during the violation period. The last permit was taken on 02.01.2017 and there was no production from the mine since then for want of EC.

- For damage cost assessment two methodologies are followed as outlined below

 (i) SEAC-TN Methodology, and (ii) CPCB Methodology. It may be noted that, while the SEAC-TN methodology uses the extent of mine area as the basis for the damage assessment, the CPCB methodology relies on violation period for estimating the damages. Thus, the two methodologies complement each other.
- The highest among all the estimated damages can be considered as the applicable damage.

As per the CPCB Guidelines, the Environmental Compensation value is estimated as **Rs**. **12,00,000**. However, the CPCB guidelines indicates that the minimum environmental compensation shall be Rs. 5000 per day. Accordingly, the EC for 300 days of violation works out as **Rs**. **15,00,000**.

Summary

Taken together, the above estimates suggest that the environmental compensation in case of Thiru P. Arunraja would be Rs. 15,00,000 (the highest among the above three estimates) with the break-up as follows:

Activity Head	Total Cost (in Rs.)
Cost of Ecological Remediation	7,50,000
Cost of Natural Resource Augmentation	3,00,000
Cost of Community Resource Augmentation	4,50,000
Total	15,00,000
	Cost of Ecological Remediation Cost of Natural Resource Augmentation Cost of Community Resource Augmentation

Further, based on the project cost estimate of Rs. 28,00,000 and an applicable 2% towards community welfare, the CER for the violation period would work out as Rs. 56,000.

5.0 Statutory Procedures:

- 1. The PP should give bank guarantee for **Rs. 15,00,000** for successful implementation of the Activities within one year. The Bank Guarantee will be released after successful implementation of the Activities.
- 2. CER fund of Rs. 56,000 has to be spent by the PP directly and the receipt shall be submitted to SEIAA-TN.

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3. Credible action under Section 19 of the E(P) Act shall also be stipulated before the award of the Environmental Clearance.

6.0 <u>Recommendation</u>:

Hence the sub-committee opines that Environmental Clearance may be granted to Thiru P. Arunraja subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent shall remit the amount of Rs. 15.00 lakhs in the form of bank guarantee to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and submit the acknowledgement of the same to SEIAA-TN.
- The proponent shall carry out the works outlined under ecological remediation (Rs. 7.50 lakhs), natural resource augmentation (Rs. 3.00 lakhs), and community resource augmentation (Rs. 4.50 lakhs) within a period of one year. In case of non-fulfilment of these activities, the bank guarantee will be forfeited to TNPCB without further notice.
- The proponent shall remit the amount suggested under CER (Rs. 56,000) to the beneficiary in the form of DD. A copy of the receipt from the beneficiary shall be submitted to SEIAA-TN.
- The proponent shall submit the proof for the action taken by the State Government/TNPCB against the project proponent under the provisions of Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 as per the EIA notification dated 14.03.2017 (and amended 08.03.2018).
- The proponent shall actively develop greenbelt (with over 500 trees planted) around the mine, reconstruct the fencing and develop the garland drainage around the mine area. The proponent shall also re-develop the transport route from the mine.

Based on the subcommittee report and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for a production quantity of RoM- 11994 m³ to an ultimate depth of 32m BGL for the period 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 and the annual peak production shall not exceed 5568 m³ of RoM as per the approved mining plan subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

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- 5) The proponent shall actively develop greenbelt (with over 500 trees planted) around the mine, reconstruct the fencing and develop the garland drainage around the mine area. The proponent shall also re-develop the transport route from the mine.
- 6) The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier, vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O, 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 7) The PP shall inform send the 'Notice of Opening' of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 8) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.

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- 9) The proponent shall appoint the statutory competent persons relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, as amended from time to time.
- 10) The PP shall construct a garland drain of size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain should be provided prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
- 11) Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural stream. Geo-tagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.
- 12) The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 13) The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the approved EMP.
- 14) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology should be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 15) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
- 16) The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the EC to the concerned Panchayat/local body.
- 17) Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required, in coordination with the concerned Govt. Authority.

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- 18) Perennial sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 19) The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures are undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
- 20) Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 21) The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 22)Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 23)Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs.
 (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 24) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around

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- 25) The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 26) The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as per the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 27)Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 28) The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 29) The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 30) The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

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- 31) To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 32) The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 33) The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957& the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 34) The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 35) The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 36)All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 37)That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.

38)As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEFCC, the Project Proponent shall, undertake re-

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grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.

- 39) The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.III 40) dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
- 41) As accepted by the Project Proponent the CER cost of Rs. 0.56 lakh and the amount shall be spent for the committed activities in Government School in Agaram Village, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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(File No: 6236/2017)

Proposed Multicolour Granite Quarry lease over an extent of 1.53.0 Ha in S.F.Nos. 404/1(P), 2(P), 5(P), 6(P), & 405/1(P) of Vadachinneripalayam Village, Kangeyan Taluk, Tirupur District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl. Twilight Stone Private Ltd-for Environmental Clearance Violation. (SIA/TN/MIN/43892/2018, Dated: 30.09.2019)

Earlier, the proposal was placed in 341st Meeting of SEAC held on 29.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, Tvl.Twilight Stone Private Ltd has applied for Environmental Clearance Violation for the proposed Multi colour Granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.53.0 Ha at S.F.No404/1(P), 2(P), 5(P), 6(P), & 405/1(P) of Vadachinneripalayam Village, Kangeyan Taluk, Tirupur District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. Tor Issued vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6236/TOR-344/2018 dated 14.05.2018.

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4. The PP has furnished the EIA Report under violation indicating the 'High level damage' for the ecological assessment & EMP measures due to the mining operations carried out for the violation period in the mines in accordance with the MoEF & CC Notification No. S.O.804 (E), dated. 14.03.2017.

Based on the presentation made and documents furnished by the project proponent. the SEAC decided to make site inspection by the sub-committee to be constituted by the SEAC to assess the present status of the project and environmental settings as the proposal falls under violation category. Further the subcommittee will assess the ecological damage and to check the Remedial Plan & Community Augmentation Plan submitted by the PP during the inspection. On the receipt of the sub-committee report, further deliberation will be carried out.

Besides, the SEIAA shall immediately initiate take action u/s 19 of E(P) Act 1986 against the PP for the committed violation.

As per the above letter the sub-committee visited the site on 28.01.2023.

The Sub Committee report has placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023.

The observations made in the field and recommendation derived on the basis of the field visit are as below:

SI. No.	Mining Plan/Scheme	Plan Period	Approval by CGM Reference
1	Mining Plan	2006-2011	Mining plan approved 12965/MM5/2005 dated 23.02.2006. Prepared for the year of 2006 – 2011
2	1 st Scheme of Mining	2011-2016	Submitted, Deemed approval under Rule 18(2) of GCDR 1999
3.	2 nd Scheme of Mining	2016-2021	Submitted
4.	3 rd Scheme of Mining	2021-2026	Not yet approved

Mining plan details:

Observations of the SEAC sub-committee - Site inspection

1. The granite quarry of M/S TWILIGHT STONES (P) LTD over an extent of 1.53.0 Ha is locatedin Vadachinneripalayam Villages, Kangeyam Taluk, Tirupur District.

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- As submitted and verified, the mining Lease was under G.O (3D) No.47 Industries (MMB-1) Department dated 28.02.2006 for a period of 20 years. The lease deed was executed on 27.03.2006 and will expire on 26.03.2026.
- 3. A copy of the present SOM 2021-22 to 2025-26 were submitted for approval. Any Mining Plan/Scheme if not approved within 90 days, the lessee shall continue the quarry operation and considered as deemed approval as per Rule 18 (5) of Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999.
- 4. No consent from TNPCB was obtained for the Mine.
- 5. The Lease is accessible from SH 83 A Erode Dharapuram Road 2.9km. The village road is located at the distance of 750m in South direction.
- 6. Habitation is located at Kungarupalayam- 718m -S
- There is another one quarry located within 500 m radius of the M/S TWILIGHT STONES (P) LTD
- The Lease is fenced with barbed wire in all sides and boundary pillars marked are noticed with geo Coordinates.
- 9. Mine is not in operation and Pit is filled with rain water.
- 10. As reported, the mine is not in operation since Jan 2017.
- 11. The mine offices, Rest Shelter, First Aid facility, are available adjacent to mining lease area.
- 12. Garland drains will be developed around the Pit.
- 13. Developed Green belt is noticed in around mine offices, Rest Shelter, First Aid facility. However, PP has now planted new saplings along the peripheries of the Lease.
- 14. As informed, environment friendly Mining activity, mechanized method using excavator was carried out in the Lease during the Violation Period upto a depth of 22 m BGL and no ground water- table intersection was encountered.
- 15. Mineral transportation route exists to reach SH-42 for the transportation of minerals.
- 14. Status of Mining Operation

The Mining activities were stopped from 10.01.2017 and there was no production from this Mine since then. The mining plan was approved by Department of Geology

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and Mining, Guindy, Chennai vide Letter letter no:12965/MM5/2005 dated 23.02.2006..The first scheme of mining was prepared for the year 2011 – 2016. To comply with the Rule 18(2) of GCDR 1999, the present scheme of mining was submitted for the period 2021-22 to 2025-2026. Any Mining Plan/Scheme if not approved within 90 days, the lessee shall continue the quarry operation and considered as deemed approval as per Rule 18 (5) of Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999. However, since this proposal comes under violation case, the PP shall obtain a letter of approval of 3rd Scheme of Mining from the Directorate of Geology and Mining (DGM) for the proposed quarry operations by ensuring that no violation is made while extracting the mineral. Consents to Operate from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) are to be obtained after getting EC from SEAC.

15. Present Condition of the Mine Pit and Dump

The physical nature of the limestone deposit:

Strike length (m)	170 m
Width (m)	66 m
Strike Direction	E – W
Dip Angle	Vertical
Depth Proved (m)	30 m

Existing Pit Dimension

Pit	L (m)	₩ (m)	D (m)
	139m 89m		17m (RL 292m-
			RL275m)

Waste Dump details: No waste dump at present

16. Violation Category

M/s Twilight Stones (P) Ltd continued to operate the mines without obtaining Environment Clearance (EC) after 15.01.2016 under EIA Notification, 2006 and declared as violation case as per MoEF CC Notification S.O 804(E) dated 14.03.2017.

19. Enumerate the aspects of Violation

Quantification of the effects on human health of particulate matter emissions, for which inhalation is the only relevant exposure route. In this case, it is necessary to

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quantify the pollutant emission, describe its dispersion and the extent to which the population is exposed, apply a concentration-response function and finally evaluate the economic impact. A pathway for estimating impacts Impact Pathway Approach is shown below.

20. Quantification of Damage Cost

Assessment of the damages caused during quarry operations are given below:

20.1 Air Environment

The major source of air pollution due to emission generation by is quarry machineries & transportation of granite. Drilling, Haul roads, Waste dump & Open pit activities are considered for air emission generation.

Emission calculation References:

> The drilling emission is calculated with the equation of Chakraborty, et al. (2002).

- The emission factors for the haul roads the equation from the literature Chaulya. (2006).
- Haul Roads & Waste dump emission calculated based on the literature Chakraborty, et al., (2002).
- Open pitEmission calculation as per the open pit estimation is another tool than the area source in AERMOD. (Neshuku, 2012).

20.2 Water Environment

There is no wastewater generation in the quarry. The sewage generated is being collected in Septic tank followed by soak pit. Assuming 100% of the sewage is collected in soak pit contaminating.

20.3 Solid Waste

Municipal solid waste will be generated. If not managed properly, waste will affect the health of staff and employees as well as locals in the surrounding areas and will also be aesthetically unpleasant.

22.4 Removal of Trees

The quarry Lease area is fully rocky terrain. The quarry is in operation since, 1984. As per proponent information there is no removal of trees.

Source: European Environmental Agency - EEA Technical report N15/2011 "Revealing the

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costs[of air pollution".

21. ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

M/s Twilight Stones (P) Ltd has operated Multicolour granite quarry in Vadachinneripalayam Village during 2016-2017(Violation period) to achieve small quantity of granite. Operating the quarry after 15.01.2016 without ECis the Violation. Lease is not in operation from 10.01.2017. During the violation period the impacts on the Environmental Components viz. Air, Water, Land, Biological andSocio-economic Environment are assessed as below

22. Damage Cost Evaluation

SEAC Sub-committee inspected the project site and the documents of project cost detailswere verified. The level of damage is assessed by the following criteria:

- Low level Ecological damage: Only procedural violation work / operation at sitewithout obtaining EC.
- 2. Medium level Ecological damage:
 - a. Procedural violation started the construction at site or operation without obtaining EC.
 - b. Infrastructural violation such as deviation from awarded EC, CTO & Mining Plan approvals.
 - c. Non operation of the project.
- 3. High level Ecological damage: a. Procedural violation (started the construction oroperation at site without obtaining EC).
 - a. Infrastructural violation such as deviation from awarded EC, CTO & Mining Planapprovals..
 - b. Operated (occupied) without Statutory Approvals.

THE PROPOSAL FALLS IN LOW LEVEL ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE CATEGORY.

SI.No	Environmental	Mine Activity	Impact on the	Damage	Damage
	Component		Environment	:	Cost
1.	Land Use	Production of	Mining was carried	No damage	Nil
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	·	few quantities of	out in already		
	•	granite Over an	excavated pit. No		
		Extent of	loss of vegetation.		
	1	1.53.0Ha by			
		Semi mechanized			
		Method of			
	1	Mining			
2	Air Quality &	Drilling, mild	The sprinkling of	The growth of	Rs.60,00
	Ecology	blasting for pre	water along the	the plants	
		splitting of rock.	haul road was not	around the	
	:	wire saw cutting	adopted during	quarry area was	
		of rocks and	violation period.	affected.	
		transportation of	The fugitive dust		
		granite were the	generated during		
		mine activities	transportation was		
		taken placing	deposited on the		
		during violation	plants in the		
		period.	surroundings		
3	Noise &	Drilling, mild	Mild blasting only	All the workers	Rs.60,00
	Vibration	blasting for pre	carried out for this	were provided	
	•	splitting of rock,	granite quarry. So it	with PPE such as	
		wire saw cutting	did not produce	ear muffs and	
		of rocks and	high noise level and	earplugs.	
		transportation of	ground vibration.	The greenbelt	
		granite were the		has to be	
		mine activities		developed	
		taken placing		around the lease	
		during violation		area to suppress	
		period.		the noise within	
				lease area.	
4	Dewatering for	No surface or	The rain water	No Damage	Nil
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	consumption	ground water	collected in the pit		
		drawls for mine	had enhanced the		
		water demand.	ground water level.		
		No ground			
		water table			
		intersection			
		observed			
5	Wastewaters	No effluent and	Domestic sewage	No damage due	No
		no mine pit	generation was	to the activity	damage
		discharge	0.75 KLD and was		cost
			biologically treated	İ	
	:		in the septic tank		
	:		followed by a		
			dispersion trench.		
6	Solid wastes	The granite	The rejects were	No major	Rs.75,000
		rejects were	properly dumped	damages.	
		generated during	as per scheme of	Garland	
		violation period.	mining during	drainage &	
			violation period.	Parapet has to	
				be developed	
				around dump.	
7	Socio –	Direct and	The living standard	The project	Nil
	economics	indirect	of the people	gave boost to	
		employment was	(workers) in nearby	economic	
		given more than	village has been	development in	
		20 people	improved	the region. No	
				damage.	
8	Occupational	Mining and allied	Occupational	No workers	Rs.25,000
	Health and Risk	activities.	health and safety	were suff ere d	
		1	standards were	due to mining	
			adopted	activity	
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9	Public Health	Mining andallied	As mild blasting No village Rs.25,000
		activities.	and wire saw people were
			cutting were suffered due to
	1		adopted for mining mining activity
			operation, there
			was no impact to
			nearby villages

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Environment Remediation Plan, Cost and Time Schedule (As proposed)

S.No	Environmental	Remediation Plan/	Budge	tary Pro	ovision	Total Rs.
	component	Activity Description	1	Rs. Lakhs		Lakhs
			1	ll	111	
1	Air Quality and	Additional Green				
	Ecology	Belt by Planting 300				
		Trees in Mine lease	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.6
		boundary @ Rs.200	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
		per tree including its				
		maintenance				
2	Noise &	All the workers were				_
	Vibration	provided with PPE				
		such as ear muffs and				
		earplugs.				
		The greenbelt has to	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6
:		be developed				
		around the lease area				
		to suppress the noise				
		within lease area.				
3	Solid wastes	Development of				
		garland drainages &	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.75
		Parapet around the	0.25	0.25		0.75
 		dumps				M
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S.No	Environmental component	Remediation Plan/ Activity Description	Budgetary Provision Rs. Lakhs		Total Rs. Lakhs	
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4	Occupational Health and Risk & Public Health	Conducting Medical Camp for the workers and people in nearest habitation	0.2	0.15	0.15	0.5
	Tota	ai	0.85	0.8	0.8	2.45

Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan (Proposed)

si. No.	Activity Proposed	Budgetary Provision, Rs. Lakhs		Total,Rs. Lakhs	
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1	Plantation in common areas of villages like bus stops, Govt hospitals, VAO offices (50 Trees)	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.2
2	Installing 3 numbers of solar street light with post in nearby villages	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.45
	Total	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.65

Natural Resource Augmentation Plan

Community Resource Augmentation Plan

si. No.	Budgetary Activity Proposed Provision, Rs. Lakhs		•	Total,Rs. Lakhs	
		L	li	111	
1	Developing Library facility in the nearest Government school	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
2	Installation of RO Plant for safe drinking	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.75
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water supply to three Government schoo				
Nearest Village. (Capacity = 50LPH - Nos)	32			
Total	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.05

22. CER Budget-Proposed

Project Cost is Rs.79.0 Lakhs. About Rs.5.00 Lakhs has to be allotted as Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Budget in compliance with MoEF & CC OM dated 01.05.2018 for execution within 2 years period. PP will spend the CER cost for developing library and sanitary facilities in the Government school in the nearest villages.

Summary of Budget Allocation proposed for Remediation, Natural Resource Augmentation & Community Resource Augmentation plan (Proposed by PP)

SI. No.	Activity Proposed	Budgetary Provision, Rs. Lakhs		Total,Rs. Lakhs	
		1	n	111	
1	Cost of Damage Remediation Plan	0.85	0.8	0.8	2.45
2	Natural Resource Augmentation Plan	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.65
3	3 Community Resource Augmentation Plan		0.35	0.35	1.05
	Total	1.42	1.37	1.36	4.15

However, as per the CPCB Guidelines, the Environmental Compensation value is estimated as **Rs. 12,00,000**. However, the CPCB guidelines indicates that the minimum environmental compensation shall be Rs. 5000 per day. Accordingly, the EC for 300 days of violation works out as **Rs. 15,00,000**.

Taken together, the above estimates suggest that the environmental compensation in case of **M/s Twilight Stones (P) Ltd** would be Rs. 15,00,000 (the highest among the above two estimates) with the break-up as follows:

SI. No.	SI. No. Activity Head		Total Cost (in Rs.)
1 Cost of Ecological Remediation			7,50,000
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2	Cost of Natural Resource Augmentation	3,00,000
3	Cost of Community Resource Augmentation	4,50,000
	Total	15,00,000

5.0 Statutory Procedures:

- 1. The PP should give bank guarantee for Rs. 15,00,000 for successful implementation of the Activities within one year. The Bank Guarantee will be released after successful implementation of the Activities.
- 2. CER fund of Rs. 5,00,000 has to be spent by the PP directly and the receipt shall be submitted to SEIAA-TN.
- 3. Credible action under Section 19 of the E(P) Act shall also be stipulated before the award of the Environmental Clearance.

Penalty for Violation

Affidavit has been submitted in proper format to pay Penalty as per SOP of MOEFCC or court order as applicable and 100% penalty is claimed by the DGM has to be paid by the Proponent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The proponent has violated by carrying out the mining during the year 2015-16
 & 2016-17 without valid EC.
- Low level ecological damages has been forced on the activity of the Proponent and penalty has been calculated as Rs. 2.45 Lakhs.
- The proponent also agreed to pay the Budget allocation proposed for Remediation, Natural Resource Augmentation and Community Resource Augmentation plan based on EIA Model which is Rs. 4.15 Lakhs.
- The proponent committed to spend Rs. 5.00 Lakhs towards the CER activity for Government higher secondary school at Vadachninneripalayam Village.
- The green belt development for the nearby village including Plantation in common areas of villages like bus stops, Government Hospitals, VAO offices (50 Trees).
- A concrete house for mines office exist near the quarry area. Since not blasting will be conducted for this mine, the house present nearby will not have any impact due to mining.

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• In concluding views, the subcommittee member suggests the Honourable Committee to issue Environmental Clearance requested by the proponent.

Now the proposal was placed in 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. Based on the inspection report and documents furnished, SEAC decided that (i) the PP shall submit the third scheme of mining (2021 – 2026) approved by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, (ii) the PP shall submit the 'No Dues Certificate' from the Directorate of Geology and Mining.(iii) the PP shall submit the updated the cluster certificate showing the existence of any expired/abandoned/existing/proposed quarries in the same location, obtained from the concerned AD (Mines).

Based on the receipt of the above documents, the SEAC will deliberate further deliberations.

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(File No: 6551/2018)

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.38.0 Ha. at S.F. Nos. 109/17, 109/25A1, 109/25B, 109/26B & 109/28 of Ulagiyanallur Village, Kallakurichi Taluk, Villupuram District, by Tmt. R. Bhuvaneshwari – For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/27887/2018 Dated:25.06.2018)

Earlier, this proposal was placed in 115th Meeting of SEAC held on 28.06.2018. The details of the minutes are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Mining lease was granted Vide letter G.O.(3D) No.27 dated 07.09.2009 of Govt. Of Tamil Nadu for 20 Years for the period from 12.10.2009 to 11.10.2029.
- 2. The mining plan was approved by the Department of Geology & mining, Guindy, Chennai vide letter No.1141/MM5/2009, dated 20.08.2009 which was valid up to 11.09.2014.
- 3. The PP has applied for ToR and the application was treated under violation, since the mining operation was carried out without obtaining environmental clearance.
- 4. ToR was issued vide letter no. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6551/ToR-413/2018 dated 05.06.2018.

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- 5. ToR amendment was issued vide letter no. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6551/SEAC CXVIII/TOR 413(A)/2018 dated 30.07.2018.
- Public Hearing As per MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F.No.22-28/2020.IA.III Dated: 12.11.2020 (Point No.5).

The project proponent made a presentation on the EIA study conducted. The members of SEAC interacted with the proponent regarding the environmental aspects of the project. The observations and recommendations of the SEAC regarding the project proposal are as follows:

- 1. In the presentation it was informed that there is no blasting activity involved. However in the EIA report (page no.17-21) it has been mentioned that the development of the quarry, removal of overburden will be done by blasting with explosives in drill holes by the jackhammer, further the quantities of the explosive to be used is also given. While informing about the employment potential provisions for drillers and blasters has also been indicated. Thus there is a contradiction regarding adoption of drilling and blasting activities for removing the overburden/side burden in the quarry. The proponent should clarify the above contradiction.
- 2. The proposed dumping area has been indicated in the plan. Since the quantity of waste generated will be of the order 85% the quantities which can be accommodated in the dumping area has not been worked out.
- Specific mitigation augmentation for the dust pollution in the nearby nala (Mayura nadi) needs to be spelt.
- 4. The quarry working is proposed to a depth of 17m. As per CGWB the depth of water table is indicated at 20m. Necessary geo hydrological studies needs to be carried out and reported by undertaking geo physical testing and also drilling in the area if needed for ascertaining the depth of water table and also the quantity of yield in the mine. The study is recommended in view of the fact that the ground water table as stated by CGWB and the maximum depth of mining proposed are very close. Therefore there is a necessity to confirm the actual ground water table condition at the specific site.

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After ascertaining the correct ground water table condition during the monsoon and summer, the proponent should plan the mining activity in such a manner that at no point of time the mining would intersect the ground water table.

- 5. The production and dispatch of Black Granite as indicated by the proponent needs to be authenticated by the department of Mines and Geology. For the years 2012 and 2013 it has been found that the production is more than the proposed quantity as per the mine plan.
- 6. In chapter 4 of the EIA report, it is stated that the following environmental parameters are relevant for the proposed project: Air quality, Noise levels, Ground vibration, Water resources and Quality, Land use pattern, Soil quality, Flora and Fauna, Socio economic conditions and Occupational health. The deficiency in the description of the impact of the project on the above environmental parameters is as follows:
 - a. Air quality : The impact on air quality has been predicted for particulate matter, SO2 and NOX using computer modelling. The results of the computer modelling should be verified and validated using field measurements of similar projects or from relevant studies reported in literature.
 - b. Noise levels : The sources of noise have been indicated but the impact on the background noise has not been predicted scientifically based on the different source of noise.
 - c. Ground vibration : Ground vibration effect has been completely ruled out in the report. But drilling will induce vibration which might have impact on the habitations nearby. This is to be ascertained scientifically and proper mitigation recommended.
 - d. Land Degradation : Even though land degradation is stated to be an adverse impact, there is no description of how the land degraded due to the mining activity.
 - e. Soil quality : The impact on the soil quality has not been described.
 - f. Flora and Fauna : The impact on flora and fauna due to the mining operation especially the land use, dust, noise and vibrations has been described but the

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description is very generic in nature. The proponent should describe only the impacts that are applicable to the project activity.

g. Occupational health : As part of the occupational safety and health, a periodical comprehensive health check up must be part of the environmental management plan for taking care of the adverse impacts of noise and dust. This has not been covered in the report.

The SEAC critically analyzed the EIA report with reference to the technical points that should be covered as per the ToR issued to the proponent. The observations of the SEAC with reference to the ToR compliance is as follows:

- a. ToR conditions specified in section (F) at page no.7 of ToR have not been complied with.
- b. For a few cases the proponent has merely stated that "Proper mitigation measures will be planned". But they have not been specified in the report.

In view of the observations presented above, the SEAC decided to defer the project proposal of the proponent Smt. R. Bhuvaneshwari submitted for Environmental Clearance to SEIAA –TN on 26.06.2018 for mining of Black Granite over an extent of 1.38.0 Ha. at S.F. Nos. 109/17, 109/25A1, 109/25B, 109/26B & 109/28 of Ulagiyanallur Village, Kallakurichi Taluk, Villupuram District and direct the proponent to revise the EIA/EMP report in line with the SEAC observations and submit the same to SEIAA-TN for further necessary action.

Now the proposal was placed in 368th SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2023.

The Project proponent has made a presentation along with clarification for the above shortcomings observed by the SEAC.

SI.No	SEAC Query	Reply by PP	
1.	In the presentation it was informed that there is no blasting activity involved. However in the EIA		
	report (page No.17- 21) is has been mentioned that the development of the quarry, removal of overburden will be done by blasting with explosives in drill holes by the jackhammer,	Initially for the development of the quarry and the removal of overburden / side burden we have used old practice of mining methods ie. drilling, controlled blasting in drill holes by	

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	further the quantities of the explosive to be used is also given. While informing about the employment potential provisions for drillers and blasters has also been indicated. Thus there is a contradiction regarding adoption of drilling and	the jackhammers. Hence our RQP declared the same in our initial mining plan Now that in the new scheme of mining plan for plan period 2019-20 to 2023-24, which was approved by Commissioner, Department
	blasting activates for removing the overburden/side burden in the quarry. The proponent should clarify the above contradiction.	of Geology and Mining, Vide Rc. No: 704/MM4/2023 dated: 17.02.2023 and stated that Blasting is done only if required .The RQP had cited our state of Blasting machineries from abroad to support blasting free quarrying. But the Proponent Tmt. R. Bhuvaneshwari is willing to give self declaration to add a clause condition while issuing EC that no blasting will be done and in violation of that clause the SEIAA Tamil nadu have a liberty to issue closure notice and we are bound to accept it unconditionally.
2.	The proposed dumping area has been indicated	Agreed and Accepted. As per the 2"d Scheme
	in the plan. Since the quantity of waste generated	of Mining (2019-2024), a dumping area of
	will be of the order 85% the quantities which can	0.175 (Ha) is allocated (mentioned in Pg. no.
	be accommodated in the dumping area has not	28).
	been worked out	
3.	Specific mitigation augmentation for the dust	Mayura Nadi (seasonal stream) is about -95
	pollution in the nearby nala (Mayura nadi) needs	meters towards North.
	to be spelt	We have provided 7.5 m safety distance within the project boundary and the project site.
		In addition to that 5m will be providing as safety distance towards North direction of the
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		lease area. Dense Greenbelt will be developed
		with native species. Use of Italian Atlas Copco
		Rock Buggy machine with inbuilt 11/ h dust
		collecting system Use of Italian Atlas Copco
		Rock Buggy machine with inbuilt dust
		collecting system.
4.	The quarry working is proposed to a depth of	As per Report on Hydro geological!
	17m. As per CGWB the depth of water table is	investigation certified by the Department of
	indicated at 20m. Necessary geo hydro	Applied Geology, University of Madras,
	geological studies need to be carried out and	Guindy Campus, the ground water table is at
	reported by undertaking geo physical testing and	32m. Hence the proposed mining activity of
	also drilling in the area if needed for ascertaining	17m depth will not impact the ground water
	the depth of water table and also quantity of	table.
	yield in the mine. The study is recommended in	
	view of the fact that the ground water table	
	condition at the specific site. After ascertaining	
	the correct ground water table condition during	
	the monsoon and summer, the proponent should	
	plan the mining activity in such a manner that at	
	no point the mining would intersect the ground	
	water table	
5.	The production and dispatch of black granite as	Firstly I wish to state that EC was not required
	indicated by the proponent needs to be	for mining of minor minerals in areas less than
	authenticated by the department of mines and	5 hectares prior to year 2016. Only after
	Geology. For the years 2012 and 2013 it has been	amendment in EIA notification no. S.O. 141(E)
	found that the production is more than the	dated 15th January 2016 by the MOER we are
	proposed quantity as per the mine plan	coming under the purview of EC and that EC
		is mandatory after 15.1.2016 only for minor
		minerals. As per Section 3(e) of MMDR Act,
		Granite is a minor mineral. The observation
		mentioned is for year 2012 and 2013, I wish
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		to submit that the quantity which we have lifted is authenticated by obtaining necessary permit from Mines and Geology Deparfinent after inspection and paying applicable seigniorage fees only. However, we are coming under purview of EC after 2016. The proponent never sold or transported blocks without any authentication by the mines department.
6.	 In chapter 4 of the EIA report, it is stated that the following environmental parameters are relevant for the proposed project: Air quality, Noise levels, Ground Vibration, Water resources and quality. Land use pattern. Soil quality. Flora and fauna. Socio economic conditions and Occupational health. The deficiency in the description of the impact of the project on the above environmental parameters is as follows: a) Air quality: The impact on air quality has been predicted for particulate matter. SO2 and NO, using computer modelling. The results of the computer modelling should be verified and validated using field measurements of similar projects or from relevant studies reported in literature. b) Noise levels: The sources of noise have been indicated but the impact on the background noise has not been predicated scientifically 	quality, Noise levels, Ground Vibration, Water resources and quality, Land use pattern. Soil quality, Flora and fauna. Socio economic conditions and Occupational health are modified in Chapter 4 of EIA report
	based on the different source of noise.	

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	c)	Ground Vibration: Ground Vibration effect	
		has been completely ruled out in the report.	
		But drilling will induce vibration which might	
		have impact on the habitations nearby. This is	
		to be ascertained scientifically and proper	
		mitigation recommended.	
	d)	Land degradation: Even though land	
		Degradation is stated to be an adverse impact,	
		there is no description of how the land	
		degraded due to the mining activity.	
	e)	Soil quality: The impact on the soil quality has	
		not been described.	
	f)	Flora and Fauna: The impact on flora and	
		fauna due to the mining operation especially	
		the land use, dust, noise and vibrations has	
		been described but the description is very	
		generic in nature. The proponent should	
		describe only the impacts that are applicable	
		to the project activity.	
	g)	Occupational health: As part of the	
		occupational safety and health, a periodical	
		comprehensive health checkup must be part	
		of the environmental management plan for	
		taking care of the adverse impacts of noise	
		and dust.	
7.	Th	e SEAC critically analyzed the EIA report with	According to ToR conditions in section (F)
	ref	erence to the technical point that should be	NoC obtained from Department of Geology
	cov	vered as per the ToR issued to the proponent.	and Mining and complied with the conditions
	Th	e observations of the SEAC with reference to	specified in section (F) of ToR.
	the	e ToR compliance is as follows:	

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a) ToR conditions specified in section (F) at page no.7 ToR have not been complied with.
b) For a few cases the proponent has merely stated that, "Proper mitigation measures will be planned". But they have not been specified in the report.

During presentation, the PP made a representation to SEAC that public hearing may be waived for this proposal, in terms of latest Oms on the subject. SEAC after detailed discussions, decided to accept the PP's request for waiving of public hearing. Further, as the project comes under violation category, the Committee decided to make site inspection by a Sub-Committee to be constituted by SEAC. On receipt of the Inspection Report, the Committee will deliberate further and decide future course of action. As per the above letter the sub-committee visited the site on 25.02,2023.

The Sub Committee report has placed in 384th SEAC meeting held on 16.06.2023.

The observations made in the field and recommendation derived on the basis of the field visit are as below:

OBSERVATIONS OF THE SEAC SUB-COMMITTEE DURING THE PROJECT SITE INSPECTION

- 1. Sub Committee has visited Ulagiyanallur Granite Quarry during the Inspection to have over all mining scenario in the Region.
- 2. The Lease over an extent of 1.38.0 Ha is being operated in the Ulagiyanallur village. It is wire fenced in all sides.
- 3. The settlements/habitations are observed in 490 m from Lease boundary in eastern sides.
- 4. There was no mining activities in the quarry during the site visit
- 5. Rain water accumulated in the Quarry and atleast two bottom most benches are covered in water, as noticed.
- During Violation Period, Environmental friendly Mining activities, involving the Drilling & highly mild controlled Blasting to cause hairline fracturing and Diamond Wire Saw cutting, were carried out in the Lease.

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- 7. There was no Top Soil and Over Burden generation during the Period and thus only the Granite Rejects produced from the quarry are formed as waste dump within the Lease area.
- 8. No Ground Water-table intersection as noticed in the existing benches of the quarry.
- Dedicated Haul Roads from Quarry to Panchayat/village road and from Panchayat Road to the SH exists and very minimal transportation through village road (during the Violation Period) was carried out (maximum of 2 load trucks).
- 10. Green Belt, was partially developed along the periphery of quarry pit including in Safety Barriers but not maintained due to the violation issues.
- 11. The Water tanker trucks possessing the water sprinklers were deployed along the Haul Road during the violation period and is not in the working condition.
- 12. Garland Drains are partially provided along the periphery but its maintenance has to be improved.
- 13. Green belt developed along the boundaries is infested with Procopius juliflora which are to be eradicated and additional green belt shall be developed.
- 14. M/s. Tmt. R. Bhuvaneshwari is carrying out various CSR activities in the Region, as reported in the EIA Report.
- 15. The PP have also carried out an extensive hydrogeological study through the Department of Applied Geology. University of Madras stating that the project area is considered to have poor groundwater potential and the mining of Granite for a depth of 32 m from ground level will not have any impact in the area over ground water conditions.

STATUS OF MINING OPERATION

The mining activities were stopped on 10.01.2017 and there was no production from this Mine since then.

MINING PLAN APPROVALS

The present scheme of mining submitted for the years 2020-21 to 2023-24 (Plan Period for 4 years) under Rule 19 (b) of TNMCR 1959 & Rule 18 (2) (b) of GDCR, 1999 was approved in accordance with the law by the CGM vide letter No. Rc. No.704/MM4/2023, dated. 17.02.2023.

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PRESENT CONDITION OF THE MINES PIT AND DUMP (Incorporate your data)

\triangleright	The physical	nature of the	Black	Granite	deposit:
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• Strike length (m)	:	69 m
• Width (m)	:	43m
• Strike direction	:	SW-SE
• Dip	:	Almost vertical
• Depth proved (m)	:	More than 30 m as it Dolerite rock
		formation

Pit Dimension

Description	Length	Width	Depth	No of
	(m)	(m)	(m)	Benches
Present pit	63.18	35.44	15.11	3

Waste Dump details : The dumps have been maintained at an average height of 5m and the angle of slope of dumps at 45° from horizontal. The waste dump has been earmarked in the Scheme of Mining plate.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

The PP has operated the quarry during the violation period from 15.01.2016 to 10.01.2017 and obtained necessary transport permit to a quantity of 291.018 cbm. The PP was directed to pay the amount of Rs.61,20,982/- to the Department of Geology and Mining towards 100% cost value of the mined mineral against the permitted EC quantity.

However, the PP has obtained interim order for the collection of the said cost of mineral. However, the PP has submitted an affidavit that he will abide to any directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court regarding payment of cost of mineral in future since the Writ Appeal No. 688 of 2022 is pending in Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

Accordingly, the Director of Geology and Mining has issued 'No Objection Certificate' to the PP for getting EC vide Letter Rc. No.704/MM4/2023, dt. 16.03.2023.

DAMAGE COST CALCULATION

1. SEAC METHODOLOGY:

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Based on the inspection of the project site and other documents furnished by project proponent, M/s. Tmt. R. Bhuvaneshwari, SEAC Sub-Committee recommends the following Estimation made towards the Ecological remediation cost, Natural resources augmentation cost and Community resources augmentation cost under violation category for the concerned lease of Ulagianallur Black Granite Mine, Kallakurichi Taluk & District, following the SEAC Guidelines after discussing the following related legal provisions made from time to time by various agencies/courts.

Step 2: (i) Application of SEAC Methodology

SEAC Sub-committee inspected the project site and the documents of project cost details were verified.

The level of damages are assessed by the following criteria:

1. Low level Ecological damage: Only procedural violation – work/operation at site without obtaining EC.

2. Medium level Ecological damage:

- a. Procedural violation started the construction at site or operation without obtaining EC.
- b. Infrastructural violation such as deviation from awarded EC. CTO & Mining Plan approvals.
- c. Non operation of the project.
- 3. High level Ecological damage:
 - a. a. Procedural violation (started the construction or operation at site without obtaining EC).
 - Infrastructural violation such as deviation from awarded EC, CTO & Mining Plan approvals.
 - c. Under Operation (occupied) without Statutory Approvals.

Thus, the Proposal falls in **High Level Ecological Damage** as the operations were carried out without obtaining prior EC but however the quantity excavated as per the approved Mining Plan and total environmental compensation amounts to Rs. 5,17,500/= which includes the CER amount of Rs. 1,03,500.

2. APPLICATION OF CPCB GUIDELINES

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It was curtained that the quarry was operated during the violation period from 15.01.2016 to 10.01.2017 and the number of working days estimated as 300 days excluding Sundays. Hence, with applicable values of PI-80 (Red Category Industry), N-300 days (quarry working days of violation period), R-Rs.100 (based on nature of violation as the granite quarrying has been considered to be least polluting mining industry; Max. Rs.250-), S-0.5 (cumulatively Small-Scale Unit), LF-1.00 (1 for city/town having population less than one million), the Environmental Compensation computed is as follows:

EC : $80 \times 300 \times 100 \times 0.5 \times 1.00 = Rs.12,00,000/-$ (Maximum) However, applying the point (g) where the Environmental Compensation shall be

₹5000/day, the minimum Environmental Compensation computed for the above violation case is as Rs. 15,00,000/=.

SI. No.	Activity Proposed	Total, Rs.
1	Cost of Ecological Damage Remediation Plan	7,50,000
2	Natural Resource Augmentation Plan	3.00,000
3 Community Resource Augmentation Plan		4,50,000
Grand Total		15,00,000

The Project Cost is Rs.2.25 crores. CER Budget is arrived as 2% of the Project Cost i.e. 4,50,000/- and hence the CER of Rs. 5,00,000/-.

CONCLUSIONS:

As the Proposal falls in High Level Ecological Damage during the Violation Period, the Sub-Committee is of the opinion that the higher Environmental Compensation value has been arrived based on the CPCB Guidelines is Rs. 15,00,000/- which is higher than the other estimation - Environmental Compensation values of Rs. 5,17,500/- based on SEAC-TN model and Rs. 1,76,249/- based on the EIA estimates prepared by the EIA coordinator. Therefore, the aforesaid value of Rs. 15,00,000/- must be compensated for Remediation, Natural Resource Augmentation and Community Resource Augmentation plan as follows:

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Based on the CPCB Guidelines for the violation cases, the CER value is estimated as Rs. **5.00.000/-**. However, the PP had committed to provide the following budget towards the Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) during the SEAC Sub-Committee Inspection.

Name of the Village	Particulars	CER Amount
Panchayat Union		
Primary School -	Repairs and Maintenance of Water Tank, Upliftment	
Esanthai. Pethanur	of Toilet facilities for the Students & Teachers, Tree	
P.O., Chinnasalem	Plantation and Environmental related Books for the	Rs. 5,00,000
Union, Kallakurichi	Library etc.	
District.		
	Rs. 5,00,000	

STATUTORY PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED:

- The Bank Guarantee for Rs. 15,00,000/- must be given to TNPCB for successful implementation of the Schemes within the period of two years. The Bank Guarantee will be released after successful implementation of the Remediation Plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan.
- 2. CER fund of Rs. 5,00,000 must be spent by the PP as committed during the appraisal and receipt has to be produced before executing the lease.
- 3. Credible Action under Section 19 of the E(P) Act shall also be complied for awarding the EC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The SEAC Sub-Committee observed that the Mining of Black Granite in an extent of 1.38.0 Ha SF No. 109/17, 109/25A1, 109/25B, 109/26B & 109/28 for Environmental Clearance under violation comes under the "High level Ecological damage category"

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as per the SEAC Violation norms. Hence, the subcommittee opines the grant of Environmental Clearance for Mining of Black Granite in an extent of 1.38.0 Ha SF No. 109/17, 109/25A1, 109/25B, 109/26B & 109/28 of M/s Tmt. R. Bhuvaneshwari may be considered for not exceeding the annual peak production capacity of 3334 m³ of ROM with an ultimate pit depth of not exceeding 17 m below ground level subject to the following conditions in addition to the normal conditions:

- 1. The amount prescribed for Ecological remediation (Rs. 7,50,000), natural resource augmentation (Rs. 3,00,000) & community resource augmentation (Rs. 4,50,000), totaling Rs. 15,00,000 shall be spent towards the activities committed by the PP in the EIA Report. Hence, the SEAC decided to direct the project proponent to remit the amount of Rs. 15,00,000 in the form of bank guarantee to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and submit the acknowledgement of the same to SEIAA-TN. The funds shall be utilized for the remediation plan, Natural resource augmentation plan & Community resource augmentation plan as indicated in the EIA/EMP report.
- 2. The project proponent shall carry out the works assigned under ecological damage, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation within a period of one year. If not, the bank guarantee will be forfeited to TNPCB without further notice.
- 3. The amount committed by the Project proponent for CER (Rs. 5,00,000) shall be shall be spent for the benefit of the beneficiary to the activities committed by the proponent. A copy of receipt from the beneficiary shall be submitted before executing the lease. However, the PP shall supervise the work and submit the status of the work complied pertaining to the CER within a period of one year to the DEE/TNPCB and the SEIAA after the execution of the lease.
- The project proponent shall submit the proof for the action taken by the state Government/TNPCB against project proponent under the provisions of Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Ac, 1986 as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.03.2017 and amended 08.03.2018.

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- 5. The company shall submit the 'No Dues Certificate' obtained from State Government i.e. Department of Geology & Mining to the SIEAA before grant of EC, if not produced earlier.
- 6. The PP shall ensure that the plantation shall be carried out in a phase manner as a part of mine closure activities spelt out in the progressive mine closure plan.
- 7. The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory (I/II Class) Mines Manager of the concerned mine under violation category and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- The PP shall strictly adhere with the safety provisions as laid for the operation of Diamond Wire Saw machines and use of Cranes vide DGMS Tech Circulars No: 02 of 29.11.2019 & No. 10 of 19.07.2002 respectively.
- 9. The PP shall ensure that the Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from soil, OB and mineral reject (Granite waste) dumps. The water so collected in such sump should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted and maintained properly.
- 10. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 11. The proponent shall obtain a 'Star Rating' system awarded by Anna University, Chennai annually to the mining lease being operated for their efforts and initiatives taken for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF).
- 12. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF & CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.

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File No	6551/2018 SIA/TN/MIN/27887/2018 Dated 25.06.2018	:	Category	B1	
SI. No	Salient	Salient Features of the Proposal			
1.	Name of the Owner/Firm	:	Tmt. R. Bhuvaneswari W/o. A.C.R. Rajganesan Shakthi complex, No. 572, Kamarajanar Road Attur Town, Salem-636 102		
2.	Type of quarrying (Ordinary Stone/Sand/Granite/Limestone)	:	Black Granite		
3.	S.F Nos. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	109/17,109/25A1, 109/25B, 109/26B & 109/28		
4.	Village in which situated	:	Ulagiyanallur Village		
5.	Taluk in which situated	:	Kallakurichi Taluk		
6.	District in which situated	:	Villupuram District		
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	1:	01.38.0 Ha		
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	:	: 11°37'39.87"N to °58'55.08"E.		
9.	Topo Sheet No.	:	: 58M/02 &581/14		
10.	Type of mining	:	open cast semi mechanized		
	Life of Project	:	20 Years		
11.	Lease Period		20 Years		
	Mining Plan Period	:	4 Years		
12.	Mining Plan Details	;	As per approved Mining Plan Black Granite	As modified by SEAC	
	Geological Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	21203m³	Λ.	

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	Minable Resources m ³ (RoM)	:	13336m ³	
	Annual Peak Production in m ³	:	3334m³	
	Maximum Depth in meters	:	17m	
13.	Depth of water table	:	32m	
14.	Man Power requirement per day	:	21 Employees	
	Water requirement:		3.0 KLD	
	1. Drinking water		1.0 KLD	
15.	2. Utilized water	:	0.7 KLD	
	3. Dust suppression	Į	0.6 KLD	
	4. Green belt		0.7 KLD	
16.	Power requirement	:	TNEB	
17.	Precise area communication approved by the Industries (MME-1) Department	:	Letter No.3249/MME.1/2009-2 dated 07.07.2009	
18.	Mining Plan approved by Department of G&M.	:	Rc. No. 704/MM4/2023,dated:17.02.2023	
19.	Department of G&M, Deputy Director 500m Cluster Letter	:	Rc.No. B/G&M/03/2023 Dated: 10.3.2023	
20.	VAO Certificate Regarding Structures within 300m Radius	:	Letter Dated: 06.03.2023	
21.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs.20,50.000	
22.	EC Recommendation	:	Validity	30 years subject to the following upper limits.
				Black Granite
			Max Total RoM in m ³	13336m ³

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		:	Annual Max RoM in m ³	3334m³
		:	Max Depth in mtrs	17m
23.	EMP cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 8,92,000	
24.	CER cost (in Rs. Lakh).	:	Rs. 5,00,000	
25.	EIA report submitted on	:	25.06.2018	
26.	ToR details	:		olation category vide SEIAA- /ToR-413/2018 Dated:
27.	Public hearing details	:	NA	

Now the proposal was placed in 384th meeting of SEAC held on 16.06.2023. Based on the inspection report and documents furnished, SEAC decided to accept the recommendation made by the subcommittee and decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the annual peak production capacity shall not exceed 3334 m³ of ROM with an ultimate pit depth of not exceeding 17m below ground level subject to the standard conditions & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- 1. The amount prescribed for Ecological remediation (Rs. 7.50,000), natural resource augmentation (Rs. 3,00,000) & community resource augmentation (Rs. 4.50,000), totaling Rs. 15,00,000 shall be spent towards the activities committed by the PP in the EIA Report. Hence, the SEAC decided to direct the project proponent to remit the amount of Rs. 15,00,000 in the form of bank guarantee to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and submit the acknowledgement of the same to SEIAA-TN. The funds shall be utilized for the remediation plan, Natural resource augmentation plan & Community resource augmentation plan as indicated in the EIA/EMP report.
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- As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020, the proponent shall adhere the EMP of Rs.1.55.000 Lakhs as committed.
- 14. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory Mines Manager and the Mining Engineer in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 respectively.
- 15. The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 16. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 17. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the working parameters of mining plan which was submitted at the time of EC appraisal wherein year-wise plan was mentioned for total excavation i.e. quantum of Granite, waste, over burden, side burden and top soil etc. No change in basic mining proposal like mining technology, total excavation, mineral & waste production, lease area and scope of working (viz. method of mining, overburden & dump management, O.B & dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining etc.) shall not be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment. Forest and Climate Change, which

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entail adverse environmental impacts, even if it is a part of approved mining plan modified after grant of EC or granted by State Govt. in the form of Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.

- 18. The Proponent shall ensure that the overburden, waste rock and non-saleable granite generated during prospecting or mining operations of the granite quarry shall be stored separately in properly formed dumps on grounds earmarked. The physical parameters of the waste dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by DGMS w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of waste dumps. Such dumps shall be properly secured to prevent the escape of material in harmful quantities which may cause degradation of the surrounding land or silting of water courses.
- 19. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 20. The Proponent shall ensure that the Noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be submitted to TNPCB once in 6 months.
- 21. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 22. The purpose of Green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University and local school/college authorities. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.

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- 23. Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably ecofriendly bags) should be planted in proper espacement as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 24. The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations and the abandonment of the granite quarryas assured in the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 25. Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 26. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 27. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 28. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 29. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.

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- 30. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted, as per
- 31. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 32. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the Granite Conservation and Development Rules 1999, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 33. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 34. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 35. Prior clearance from Forestry & Wild Life including clearance from committee of the National Board for Wildlife as applicable shall be obtained before starting the quarrying operation, if the project site attracts the NBWL clearance, as per the existing law from time to time.
- 36. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 37. The recommendation for the issue of environmental clearance is subject to the outcome of the Hon'ble NGT. Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.AND. 186 of 2016

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O.A.No.580/2016 (M.A.No.350/2016) and O.A.No.200/2016 and and O.A.No.404/2016 (M.A.No.1182/2016) O.A.No.102/2017 and (M.A.No.758/2016, M.A.No.920/2016, M.A.No.1122/2016, M.A.No.12/2017 & O.A.No.520 of M.A.No.843/2017) and O.A.No.405/2016 and 2016(M.A.No.981/2016, M.A.No.982/2016 & M.A.No.384/2017).

- 38. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under. The Project Proponent shall adhere to various circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) from time to time.
- 39. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 40. All the commitments made by the proponent during the Public Hearing, as per the minutes of Public Hearing should be implemented in total.

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- 1. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the required number of statutory officials and the competent persons in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferrous Mines Regulations, 1961.
- The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
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- 5. The reject/waste generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked waste dump site(s) only. The physical parameters of the waste dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by DGMS w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of waste dumps.
- 6. The proponent shall ensure that the slope of dumps is suitably vegetated in scientific manner with the native species to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion and surface run off. The gullies formed on slopes should be adequately taken care of as it impacts the overall stability of dumps.

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- 7. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 8. The Project Proponent shall carry out slope stability study by a reputed academic/research institution such as NIRM, IIT, Anna University for evaluating the safe slope angle if the proposed dump height is more than 30 meters. The slope stability report shall be submitted to concerned Regional office of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Chennai as well as SEIAA, Tamilnadu.
- 9. The Proponent shall ensure that the Noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be submitted to TNPCB once in 6 months.
- 10. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 11. The purpose of Green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University and local school/college authorities. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
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- 13. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) The Proponent shall carry out only the Controlled Blasting operation using NONEL shock tube initiation system during daytime. Usage of other initiation systems such as detonating cord/fuse, safety fuse, ordinary detonators, cord relays, should be avoided in the blasting operation. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks should be implemented meticulously under the supervision of statutory competent persons possessing the 1 / II Class Mines Manager / Foreman / Blaster certificate issued by the DGMS under MMR 1961, appointed in the quarry. No secondary blasting of boulders shall be carried out in any occasions and only the Rock Breakers (or) other suitable non-explosive techniques shall be adopted if such secondary breakage is required. The Project Proponent shall provide required number of the security sentries for guarding the danger zone of 500 m radius from the site of blasting to ensure that no human/animal is present within this danger zone and also no person is allowed to enter into (or) stay in the danger zone during the blasting. (ii) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 14. Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 15. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 16. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 17. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried materials shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take

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े • adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried rough stones; and transport of rough stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

- 18. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 19. After mining operations are completed, the mine closure activities as indicated in the mine closure plan shall be strictly carried out by the Proponent fulfilling the necessary actions as assured in the Environmental Management Plan.
- 20. The Project proponent shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition that is fit for the growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 21. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 22. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMRD, 1956, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 23. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 24. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the

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Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.

- 25. Prior clearance from Forestry & Wild Life including clearance from committee of the National Board for Wildlife as applicable shall be obtained before starting the quarrying operation, if the project site attracts the NBWL clearance, as per the existing law from time to time.
- 26. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 27. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 28. The Project proponent shall install a Display Board at the entrance of the mining lease area/abutting the public Road, about the project information as shown in the **Appendix** –11 of this minute.

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ł	Aegie marmelos	Vilvam	aliciano
2	Adenaanthera pavonina	Manjadi	மஞ்சாடி, ஆனைக்குன்றிமனி
3	Albizia lebbeck	Vaagai	97606
4	Albizia amara	Usil	டகில்
5	Ванћіпіа ригритеа	Mantharai	மந்தாரை
6	Baultinia racemosa	Aathi	-9.66
7	Bauhinia tomentos	Iruvathi	Sourie
8	Buchanania axillaris	Kattuma	an Gue
9	Borassus flabellifer	Panai	
10	Butea monosperma	Murukkamaram	(DOCEENTIO
11	Bobax ceiba	llavu, Sevvilavu	ଞ୍ଚିତ୍ରକା
12	Calophyllum inophyllum	Punnai	
13	Cassia fistula	Serakondrei	FFEGERABD
14	Cassia rozburghii	Sengondrai	Grifering
15	Chloroxylon sweitenia	Purasamaram	
16	Cochlospermum religiosum	Kongu, Manjalllavu	கோங்கு, மஞ்சன் இலவு
17	Cordia dichotoma	Narovoli	55april.
18	Creteva adansoni	Mavalingum	INTERNING
19	Dillenia indica	Uva, Uzha	L.FT
20	Dillenia pentagyna	SiruUva, Sitruzha	Ag LAT
21	Diospyro sebenum	Karungali	- Constant
22	Diospyro schloroxylon	Vaganai	
23	Ficus amplissima	Kalltchi	5.00 Bith
24	Hibiscus tiliaceou	Aatrupoovarasu	appliers
25	Hardwickia binata	Aacha	
26	Holoptelia integrifolia	Aayili	ஆயா மரம், ஆயிலி
27	Lannea coromandelica	Odhiam	فساهو
28	Lagerstroemia speciosa	Poo Marudhu	r note
29	Lepisanthus tetraphylla	Neikottaimaram	தைய கொட்டடை மரம்
30	Limonia acidissima	Vila maram	alleur write
31	Litsea glutinos	Pisinpattai	aniur. Brailian
32	Madhuca longifolia	Illuppai	இலுப்பை
33	Manilkara hexandra	UlakkaiPaalai	
34	Mimusops elengi	Magizhamaram	ເວລີເຊຍອາຍັ
35	Mitragyna paroifolia	Kadambu	EL LÓL
36	Morinda pubescens	Nuna	
37	Morinda citrifolia	Vellai Nuna	Оснойского диани
38	Phoenix sylvestre	Eachai	TŠELOTI Ú
39	Pongamia pinnat	Pungam	

Appendix -I List of Native Trees Suggested for Planting

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40	Premna mollissima	Munnai	(paigaa
41	Premna serratifolia	Narumunnai	5 0 (yakatar
42	Premna tomentosa	Malaipoovarasu	noon in the second
43	Prosopis cinerea	Vanni maram	வள்ளி மரம்
44	Pterocarpus marsupium	Vengai	Sectors.
45	Pterospermum canescens	Vennangu, Tada	Gantisenting
46	Pterospermum xylocarpum	Polavu	Linxal
47	Puthranjiva roxburghi	Karipala	6 STURN
48	Salvadora persica	Ugaa Maram	The right
49	Sapindus emarginatus	Manipungan,	1000 LISSON
		Soapukai	Conception in
50	Saraca asoca	Asoca	
51	Streblus asper	Piray maram	பிரகம் மரம்
52	Strychnos nuxvomic	Yetti	न्म
53	Strychnos potatorum	Therthang Kottai	OBBERTE GERLEN.
54	Syzygium cumini	Naval	57000
55	Terminalia belleric	Thandri	தான்றி
56	Terminalia arjuna	Ven merudhu	Gaugi UGGI
57	Toona ciliate	Sandhana vembu	சந்தன வேம்பு
58	Thespesia populnea	Puvarasu	yays.
59	Walsuratrifoliata	vaisura	M ERET
60	Wrightia tinctoria	Veppalai	GOLLITEDEN
61	Pithacellotium dulce	Kodukkapuli	GERGEENLING

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Appendix -II

Display Board (Size 6' x5' with Blue Background and White Letters)

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கரங்கங்களில் குவாரி செயல்பாடுகளுக்கான கற்றுச்துறல் அனுமதி கீழ்கள்ட நிடந்தனைகளுக்கு உட்டட்டு வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது 2004------, தேதிபிடப்பட்டு, சுற்றுச்துறல் அனுமதி _____தேதி வரை செல்லத்தக்கதாக உள்ளது.

பாமை பகுதி வனர்ச்சி	தவார்யின் எல்லையைச் சுற்றி வேலி அமைக்க வேஸ்டும்		
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	காற்றில் மாக ஏற்படாதவாது கரங்க பளிகளை மேற்கொள்ள வேள்டும்.		
	வாகளங்கள் செல்லும் பாதையில் மாச ஏற்படாத அன்றிற்ற தன்னரிரை முறையாக		
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edeniitaas:	இதைச்சல் அனைவயும் தூசி மாசபாட்டையும் குறைப்பதற்காக குவாற்பின் எல்லையை எத்தி அடர்த்தியான பகவை பகுதியை ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டும்.		
கரங்கத்தில் வேடி வைக்கும்போ நடவடிக்கைகளை உள்ளிப்பாக சொ	குழ நிலத்திர்வுகள் ஏற்படாதவாறும் மற்றும் சற்சன் பறக்காதவாகும் பாதுகாப்பு		
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	தை உறுதி செட்டில் வகையில் நிலத்தடி நீரின் தரத்தினை தொடத்து கன்கணிக்க வேன்டும்.		
க ரங்கத்திலிருந்து கணிக பொருட்க பா துகாப்போடும் மற்றும் கற்றுது ழல	னை எடுத்துச் சேல்வது கிராம மக்களுக்கு எந்தத் சிரமத்தினையும் ஏற்படுத்தாதவாது 9 பாதிக்கவாத வன்னம் வாகனங்கனை இயக்க வேன்டும்.		
مجنعنية وبيغدنية	r கரங்க மூடல் திட்டத்தில் உள்ளவாது கரங்கத்தினை முட வேண்டும்.		
வற்றை நடவதற்கைகளை முடித்தபின்னர் வறப்பட் பகுதி மற்றும் கழங்க நடவதறைகளைல் நடையுது ஏற்படக்கூடிய			
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முழுகமைகள் நியத்தனைகளை அடும் பார்வேஷ் (http://painet.nic.in) என்றே இணையதலத்தைப் பார்வையிடவும். மேலும் எந்தவித			
கற்றதழல் சாந்த் புகார்களுக்கு பெ அறுவலகம் 044 – 28722325 (அல்லது)	ான்னையில் உள்ள வற்றுக்குழல் மற்றும் வன அமைச்சகத்தின் ஒருக்கினைத்த வட்டார தமிழ்தாடு மாச கட்டுப்பாடு வாரியத்தின் மாவட்ட கற்றுக்குழல் பொறியானை அனுகவும்.		

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