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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority **West Bengal Minutes of SEIAA Meeting**

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Subject: 43rd meeting of SEIAA (Reconstituted on 17.05.2023)

Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector Venue:-

- III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106

From:-21 June 2024 To:-21 June 2024

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed construction of 3 Nos. G+1 Storied Building at Block A, B, C, Under Group - D Mercantile, MC – 9, Kolkata West International City, R.S. Plot No. :20 to 21, 23 to 24, 39, 41 to 45, 47 to 52, 54 to 73, 79 to 87, 89 to 91, 93 to 97, 112, 116 to 118, 121, 126 to 128, 150 to 160, 163 to 164, 216 to 218, 222 to 223, 835 to 843, 845 to 848, 60/1068, 61/1069, 62/1070, 65/1071, 66/1072 150/1073, 1305 to 1307, 1311, L.R. Plot No.: 24 to 25, 27 to 28, 37, 39 to 43, 45 to 50, 52 to 76, 82 to 90, 92 to 99, 118 to 119, 122 to 123, 126, 131 to 133, 155 to 166, 169 to 170, 222 to 224, 228 to 229, 849 to 853, 856 to 857, J.L No.: 54 and 106, Khatian No.: 985 and 1004, Mouza-Kona, Balitikuri, Bankra, Pakuria, Tetulkuli, Khalia & Salap, PO & PS-Domjur, Dist.- Howrah, West Bengal by M/s. KOLKATA W INT CITY PRIVATE LIMITED.

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/441704/2023, File No.: EN/T-II-1/526/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/INFRA2/441704/2023 dated 20 September 2023 seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proponent applied under SL. No. 8(a) Building / Construction projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006.

Earlier the PP obtained EC vide No. 572/EN/T-II-1/126/2008 dated 09.03.2016 for their township project for a built up are 2922411.278 sqm. on a land parcel of 367.811 acres. The present project proposal is within the above township.

SEAC, during its 35th meeting held on 10.04.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 40th meeting held on 13.05.2024 and 41st meeting held on 27.05.2024. It was observed that some documents required to be uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal. The project proponent uploaded documents on 13.06.2024.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of M/s, KOLKATA W INT CITY PRIVATE LIMITED located is as follows:

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Howrah

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at online proposal no. SIA/WB/INFRA2/441704/2023.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the submission uploaded by the project proponent on 13.06.2024 as well as recommendation of SEAC and approved the EC based on the Building Permit No. 35/KMDA/SPU/KWIC-75/05 dated 03.07,2023 issued by the KMDA with the following additional conditions -

1. At least 5% of the total parking capacity to be provided with electrical charging points for e-vehicles.

- 2. The designated tree plantation area in the DFO approved plan should be used exclusively for tree plantation only, not for any other purpose. Total 1100 saplings per ha to be planted in the designated plantation area.
- 3. PP should ensure proper insulation to prevent heating of the water in overhead water tank and distribution pipe.

Recommendation of SEIAA

Approved for EC.

CONCLUSION

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Complaint against devastation of environment by the developers of "Urban Palms" / "Vastu Vihar" / "The Senses" / "Shelcon Flora" / "Gulmohar Villas" / "Sun City" / "Beaumonde" / "NS Amara" / "Skydale" / "Intellia" / "Darpan 88" / "Upwan" / "HillMan 360 East" / "Nirvana 38" / "Revanta 82".

A complaint as mentioned above was received by SEIAA, WB through email.

State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), West Bengal discussed the above complaint and observed that few of the above projects were also mentioned in a previous complaint by Mr Ankur Sharma which was forwarded to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board. As per the communications received it is understood that West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB) has conducted hearings in respect of the following project units on 22.12.2023 and 26.12.2023-

- 1. M/s. N.S. Developers, Project: 'N.S. Amara' at Mouza: Baragharia, P.S.Matigara, Siliguri, Dist: Darjeeling,
- 2. M/s. Sun City, Project: 'Harish Estates' at Mouza: Baramohansingh, P.O. Kadamtala, P.S. Matigara, Siliguri, Dist: Darjeeling,
- 3. M/s. Neev Lifestyle LLP, Project: 'Beaumonde' at Mouza: Ujanu, P.S. Matigara, Siliguri, Dist: Darjeeling,
- 4. M/s. Technoculture Building Centre (P) Ltd., Project: Vastu Vihar Panchkalguri, P.O. + P.S. Matigara, Dist. Darjeeling, Pin 734010.
- 5. M/s. MK Group, Project: 'The Senses' at Mouza: Baragharia, P.O. & P.S. Matigara, Dist: Darjeeling, and on 22.12.2023, viz., M/s. Technoculture Building Centre (P) Ltd., Project: 'Vastu Vihar' located at Mouza: Panchkalguri, P.O. & P.S. Matigara, Dist: Darjeeling

After conducting hearing in December, 2023, WBPCB has also issued directions to these units on 30.05.2024 vide its letters to these project units, whereas these units are directed to not undertake any further construction activity. In these directions PCCF, Wildlife is also informed wherever any unit is being constructed in violation of ESZ of Mahananda

Wildlife Sanctuary. A copy of the directions issued is also provided to SEIAA, WB as these are EC violation cases.

After detailed deliberation, SEIAA decided following-

- A- The above project units for which hearings were done on December 22, 2023 and December 26, 2023 and directions were issued on May 30, 2024, it may be ensured that all the works in the project units concerned are stopped as the same is being done without Environmental Clearance (EC). Such violations are viewed very seriously by the SEIAA. It is also a matter of fact that Hon'ble Supreme Court has temporarily stayed the processing of such cases for EC and under these circumstances such willful defaulters may take unlawful steps to complete the projects and sale the units without getting the EC. Hence compliance of the directions issued by the WBPCB cannot be left to the discretion of the violators of the law in these cases project proponents. To ensure that no further construction/work is done in violation of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as amended till date, the project units, onsite offices etc. should immediately be kept under lock and seal with the help of local police. SEIAA also decided to forward these complains to the local Police authorities and municipal bodies for taking necessary action.
- **B-** It is observed that SEIAA has not got any communication about inspection/hearing/directions issued for the following projects—
- 1. Urban Palms- Sanat trade Centre, Sevoke road, Siliguri, 734001, West Bengal.
- 2. Gulmohar Villas- beside Barsana hotel, Siliguri, West Bengal,734010
- 3. Darpan 88- opposite Sikkim plaza, Sevoke Road, Siliguri, West Bengal.
- 4. Nirvana 38- Jyotinagar, Zilla parishad road,41, West Bengal, Siliguri
- 5. Revanta 82- jyotinagar,41,Zilla parishad road, Siliguri, West Bengal
- 6. Skydale- Matigara, opposite citycentre mall, Siliguri, West bengal,734010
- 7. Intellia- Zilla parishad road, Don Bosco school, Siliguri,734004
- 8. Upwan- Uttorayon Township, Siliguri
- 9. Hill man 360 East- NH31, beside Indira Gandhi maidan, Siliguri, 734001
- 10. Shelcon Flora- near Gyan Jyoti college, Siliguri

SEIAA decided that necessary inspection in this respect may be done by WBPCB and closure /stop work notice may be issued if violations are observed. It may be ensured that those units operating without EC or clearance for ESZ of Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary are kept in locked and sealed condition, so that no work can be done without EC. Local police may be asked to provide required assistance in the matter. SEIAA also decided to forward these complains to the local Police authorities and municipal bodies for taking necessary action

2. Complaint received against filling up of water bodies/ponds and flouting of environmental norms at "Jeevika" at Holding no. 594/1, S.K. Deb Road, P.S. – Lake Town, North 24 Parganas – 700048.

After detailed discussion SEIAA decided to forward above complaints to WBPCB to cause field inspections to check veracity of the complaint and take further necessary action. SEIAA also decided to forward these complaints to concerned District Magistrate and Municipal bodies for taking necessary action.

3. Complaint received against filling up of water bodies/ponds and flouting of environmental norms at "Cellesta" at Holding No. 116, Dakshindari Road, Ward No. 33, P.S. – Lake Town, North 24 Parganas – 700048.

After detailed discussion SEIAA decided to forward above complaints to WBPCB to cause field inspections to check veracity of the complaint and take further necessary action. SEIAA also decided to forward these complaints to concerned District Magistrate and Municipal bodies for taking necessary action.

4. Complaint received from Mr. Ashish Kumar against construction of a huge housing complex having a built-up area of more than 20,000 sq.m. without having any Environmental Clearance at Shristinagar Tarang at Kanyapur, Shristinagar, Asansol, Paschim Burdwan, West Bengal – 713305 and filling of a part of Garui and Nunia river.

After detailed discussion SEIAA decided to forward above complaints to WBPCB to cause field inspections to check veracity of the complaint and take further necessary action. SEIAA also decided to forward these complaints to concerned District Magistrate and Municipal bodies for taking necessary action.