



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

Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 26/07/2022

The 34th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 on 26/07/2022 at 3.30 p.m.

The following Members were present

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

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

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 41th Meeting of SEAC held on 16th July, 2022.

1. **Proposal of EC for mining of Sand and Stone from “Balanga Sand and Stone Material Mahal at Hel River Bed” under Kachugaon Forest Division proposed by Sri Bisinta Mushahary. SEIAA. 3052/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/277902/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 41/2:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand and gravel from “Balanga Sand and Stone Material Mahal at Hel River Bed” under Kachugaon Forest Division proposed by Sri Bisinta Mushahary is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. The proposal is appraised and necessary documents furnished by the proponent are scrutinized thoroughly. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam and recommendation of the concerned DFO as well as the LOI issued by him is discussed. The committee after detailed deliberation recommended the proposal approving to *extract 50000 cu.m. sand and stone aggregate from the proposed mining site within a period of five years. It is also recommended to extract 10000 cu.m. sand and stone aggregate from the approved location annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kachugaon Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved mining site and not beyond the same. Compliance of all the terms and condition by the proponent shall have to be ensured by the DFO, Kachugaon Forest division.

SEIAA Resolution 34/01:

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

Indreswar Kalita
26/07/22

Sri Indreswar Kalita, ACS,
Addl. Secretary, Env & Forest, Assam
cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma

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Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

2. **Proposal of EC for mining of River Silt from “Panikhaiti River Silt Area No. 2 Mining Permit Area on Brahmaputra River Bed” proposed by the MD, AMDCL. SEIAA.2074/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 260233/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 41/3:

The project proposal asking for mining of river silt from “Panikhaiti River Silt Area No. 2 Mining Permit Area on Brahmaputra River Bed” proposed by the MD, AMDCL is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam, report of the DFO, Kamrup East Division, report of the MD, AMDCL, report of the ADM, Kamrup Metro District as well as report of the E.E. Ghy East WR Division are discussed in detail. Replies of the EDS and ASD furnished by the proponent are also discussed. The committee after having due deliberation recommended the proposal approving to *excavate 50000 cu.m. river silt from the proposed mining site within a period of five years with the condition that excavation is allowed 100 meters away from the present bank line of the river Brahmaputra. The proponent is allowed to extract 25000 cu.m. river silt from the approved mining site annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan,*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved mining site and not beyond the same. Compliance of all the terms and condition by the proponent shall have to be ensured by the DFO, Kamrup East Forest division.

SEIAA Resolution 34/02:

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

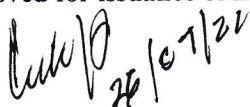
3. **Proposal of EC for On Shore Oil & Gas Exploration in OALP-I Block AA-ONHP-2017/10 for drilling One location OKBA in Kobochapori Area of Dhemaji District in the State of Assam proposed by the Oil India Limited, SEIAA. 3045/2022. (SIA/AS/IND2/271219/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 41/4:

The project proposal asking EC for “on shore Oil & Gas Exploration in OALP-I Block AA-ONHP-2017/10 for drilling one location OKBA in Kobochapori Area” of Dhemaji District in the State of Assam proposed by the Oil India Limited is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. Requisite documents submitted by the proponent as per SOP is thoroughly scrutinized and appraised accordingly. Reply furnished by the proponent to the query on EDS is also discussed. The proponent was invited to give a presentation describing the details of the project proposal and accordingly necessary presentation is given before the Hon’ble Members of the SEAC, Assam and participated in the subsequent deliberation. Detailed discussion is held and the *committee recommended the project proposal for oil exploration in OALP-I Block AA-ONHP- 2017/10 for drilling location OKBA in Kobochapori in the District Dhemaji is recommended subject to fulfillment of the conditions given in the SOP. Also, OIL should take care for zero level liquid discharge to the outside of the project site. Care should also be taken not to disturb the surrounding wetlands. Plantation work with suitable indigenous species is to be carried out in the project site irrespective of success or failure of the project.*

SEIAA Resolution 34/03:

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cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

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Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma,
Member, SEIAA, Assam



Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury,
Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

4. **Proposal of EC for mining of limestone from “New Umrangshu Limestone Mine” near village Umrangsu in the District of Doma Hasao proposed by the MD, Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited. SEIAA. 1146/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/72212/2019)**

SEAC Resolution 41/5:

The project proposal requesting EC for mining of Limestone from “New Umrangshu Limestone Mine” near village Umrangsu in the District of Doma Hasao, Assam proposed by the MD, Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents furnished by the proponent are scrutinized and appraised. The proposed site was inspected by a subcommittee of SEAC on 28th & 29th Oct/2020 and subsequently necessary TOR was issued on 23rd Dec 2020. Necessary approvals granted by the Ministry of Mines, GOI dated 01-12-2016 and order of the Govt. of Assam in the department of Mines and Minerals dated 10-01-2017 as well as NOC issued by the Principal Secretary (N), N C Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong is discussed. Report of the Public Hearing conducted on 8th Dec.2021 is also appraised and deliberated.

The proponent was invited to give presentation describing details of the proposed activities incorporated in the EIA report and accordingly presentation is given before the committee and participated in the subsequent discussion. It is estimated 11,924,683 Tones of minable reserve available within the proposed mining site of 31 hect area asking at the rate 4,44,500 TPA. The life of the mine is estimated 27 years against the lease period of the proposed mining site is 30 years.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Guwahati Regional Office (under Kolkata Region), Indian Bureau of Mines in the Ministry of Mines approved the project proposal vide letter No. IBM/GHY/AS/DH/IST/MP-77 dated 01-12-2016. The recent notification issued by the MoFCC, GOI vide S.O. 1807 (E) dated 12th April 2022 under paragraph 9 (a), sub paragraph (i) & (ii) under item no. (iv) Speaks as “ *the prior Environment 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.*”

Due deliberation is held and considering of the MoFCC notification cited above, the committee recommended the project proposal for granting EC for a period of 27 years allowing to excavate 4,41,655 TPA minable materials from the proposed mining site. The proponent shall have to strictly adhere to all the terms and condition laid down both in the EIA & approved Mining Plan during the mining period. Further, mining operations and associate activities are restricted to the mining lease area only.

SEIAA Resolution 34/04:

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



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

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Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma,
Member, SEIAA, Assam



Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury,
Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

5. **Proposal requesting for EC against mining of sand and gravel from “Soulmari Sand Gravel Minor Mineral Unit” under Dhubri Forest Division proposed by Sri Biswajit Brahma. SEIAA. 1820/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/75089/2021).**

SEAC Resolution 41/6:

The project proposal requesting EC for mining of sand & gravel from “Soulmari Sand Gravel Minor Mineral Unit” under Dhubri Forest Division proposed by **Sri Biswajit Brahma** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Necessary TOR was issued in favour of the proponent on 30th Sept. 2021 being the proposal comes under B 1 category. Mining Plan is prepared for five years against the mining contract period is 7 years as mentioned in the LOI issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhubri Division. Accordingly, EIA report along with report on Public Hearing conducted on 7th Feb 2022 has been submitted to this end. Subsequently, the proponent was invited to give presentation describing the details of the project activities in the 37th SEAC meeting held on 25th May 2022. The proponent with the assistance of his consultant given detail presentation before the committee and participated in the subsequent deliberation. The committee after detailed deliberation asked the proponent to submit certain additional information for consideration of the project proposal and the proponent had agreed to it. The proponent again invited to give presentation before the committee in the 41st SEAC meeting to meet up the quarries made as ADS. The proponent/ consultant has given necessary presentation on 16th July 2022 before the SEAC and participated in the subsequent deliberation.

The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal considering the guide lines of the EIA notification, 2006 approving to *extract 125000 cum. sand and 85000 cu.m gravel from the proposed mining site within a period of five (5) years. The committee approves to extract 25000 cu.m sand and 17000 cu.m. gravel from the approved mining site per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhubri Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved mining site and not beyond the same. Compliance of all the terms and condition by the proponent shall have to be ensured by the DFO, Dhubri Forest division.

SEIAA Resolution 34/05:

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

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



(Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury)
Chairman,
SEIAA, Assam



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

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Member, SEIAA, Assam



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