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Minutes of the 698th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 23.02.2023

The meeting of 698th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 23.02.2023 the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Shri Paras Nath

Member, SEIAA, U.P

2. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P

Chairman SEIAA did not participate in the meeting. 698th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) meeting was convened and conducted in reference to the letter no. 135/81-7-2023-103(parya)/2007 dated 7-2-2023 of Department of Environment Forest and Climate Change, GoUP

Agenda: A- Minutes of 728th SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 17/02/2023 (Part)

1. **Discussion on legal notice of Mr. Arvind Kumar Rai, Advocate High Court Allahabad/National Green Tribunal, New Delhi regarding Cancellation of the erroneous Environment Clearance granted in the favor of Group housing Project " Rishita Mulberry Heights", Group Housing, Pocket-6, Sector-C, Hitech Township, District-Lucknow, UP, M/s Rishita Developers Pvt. Ltd.**

SEIAA gone through the legal notice and recommendation of SEAC-1 stating that- to give proper opportunity, SEAC opines that project proponent Mr. Sudhir Kumar Agarwal, M/s Rishita Developers Pvt. Ltd. and consultant M/s Sawen Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. should be asked to appear before the SEAC-1 and explain about the facts mentioned in the legal notice. Mr. Arvind Kumar Rai (himself or through its representative) may also be requested to present & put up his point of view before SEAC-1 and assist the committee in arriving at correct factual situation.

SEIAA opined that instead of one representative of SEIAA, SEAC-2 Chairman and Members may be requested to join the meeting and look in to the complaint and submit their recommendation/ Factual report/ action to be taken before SEIAA, till then :-

1. EC issued vide letter no. 222/parya/SEIAA/5381-4624/2019 dated 28.07.2020 be kept in abeyance till further order.
2. Issue show cause notice to the project proponent /consultant along with the copy of the said letter asking them to submit their reply letter with in 15 days clearly explaining as to why EC issued to them vide letter no. 222/parya/SEIAA/5381-4624/2019 dated 28.07.2020 should not be cancelled.
3. Send a letter to DM, VC, Lucknow Development Authority that no construction be carried out till the time EC kept in abeyance.
4. A committee shall be constituted comprising of a member nominated by Member Secretary UPPCB, Shri T. U. Khan, Shri Umesh Chand Sharma and a representative of LDA, the committee shall inspect the site and submit its report to SEIAA.



Agenda: B- Minutes of 717th SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 09/01/2023

1. **"Building Stone (Khanda, Gitti, Boulder,) Mining Project" at located Araj No./Plot No./Gata No.- 2061, Khand No.-2B, at Village – Bhatauti, TehsilMeja, District- Prayagraj, Shri Vijay Kumar Agarwal, M/s Bansal Highway Infratech Pvt.Ltd., Area 4.048 ha., File No. 7409/ 6977/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/408483/2022**

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
4. The mining lease holders 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 which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
5. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University
6. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 5000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management



plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 25 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.

10. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
11. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
12. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
13. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
14. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
15. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.

2. **"Khanda Boulder (Dolo Stone)" Project Village- Billimarkundi, Tehsil- Obra, District- Sonbhadra, Shri Santosh Kumar, Area : 1.00 ha., File No. 7414/7100/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/ MIN/408721/2022**

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.



4. The mining lease holders 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 which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
5. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University
6. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 5000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 25 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
10. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
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13. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
14. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.



15. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.

3. River Bed Ordinary Sand Mining Project along river Ganga, at Gata No./Zone-03, Khand No.-02, Village-Katri Jalesher Alipur, Teshsil & District- Kannauj, M/s Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, Area: 37.065 Ha., File No. 7417/6508/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/408921/2022

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and opined to refer back to SEAC, to review the case in light of replenishment study Validated by DGM.

4. Ordinary Earth mine at Khasra/Gata no.- 370, Village- Jata, Tehsil-Nawabganj, District-Barabanki, M/s Shiv Construction, Shri Shiv Maurya, Area- 0.808 ha., File No. 7418/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/408971/2022

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC but SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 3 months from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 3 months or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
3. The mining lease holders 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 which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
4. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
5. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years.



Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.

6. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 5 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
 7. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
 8. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
 9. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
5. **"Sand/Morrum Mining at Gata No.- 2/4, 2/23, 2/24, 2/28, Khanda No.- 02, located at Village- Benda Khadar, Tehsil & District- Banda, Geeta Sharma, Area-21.0 Ha., File No. 4847/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/294881/2022**

SEIAA noted that the above project has already been taken in its 693rd meeting.

6. **Building Stone, Khanda, Boulder, Ballast (Gitty) Gata No. 989, Khand No.- 02, Village- Makarbai, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Mahoba, Shri Shiv Vijay Singh, Area- 0.809 Ha., File No. 6755/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/70043/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC-1 to issue additional ToR to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. SEIAA added following points to ToR-

- 1- Monitoring Data will be collected after issuance of TOR.
- 2- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 3- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
- 4- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 5- Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
- 6- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 7- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 8- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.

- 9- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipment's or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 10- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India topo sheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
- 11- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - (i) If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (ii) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
- 12- In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - a. Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
- 13- Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
- 14- Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- 15- In consultation with District Environment Authority or an authority nominated by concerned DM, Project Proponent will prepare a conservation and management plan for the rejuvenation and management of water bodies having a total surface area of not less than ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six-monthly implementation status will be presented by the Project Proponent before the nominated authority in the district.
- 16- Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
- 17- Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.

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- 18- Along with the EIA-EMP report, PP / consultant will also submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed entire ToR while preparing draft EIA-EMP report for PH. Further, PP / consultant will submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed issues raised during public hearing and have incorporated the same in final EIA-EMP report. A presentation to this effect should be made before SEAC at the time of EIA-EMP presentation.
- 19- Project Proponent in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data on six-monthly basis.

7. Ordinary Sand Mining from river bed of Devha at Gata No-199, 228, 229 & 429, Village – Pakariya Naugawan Ehtmal, Tehsil and District- Pilibhit, Shri Achal Kumar Sharma, Area – 2.190 ha., File No. 7300/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/404035/2022

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and opined to refer back to SEAC, to review the case in light of replenishment study Validated by DGM.

8. Ramraj Soil Mining Project at Khasra No.- 123, 177, 178, 179, 180, Village- Dhanaikheda, Tehsil- Sitapur, District- Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, Area- 3.3544 ha, M/s Ramraj Coal Movers & Logistics, File No. 7443/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/410509/2022

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1. Validity period of this EC is 6 months from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 6 months or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
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 6. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 20 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
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**Nodal Officer
SEIAA, UP**

MoM prepared by Secretariat in consultation with
MS& Member on the basis of decisions
taken by SEIAA during the meeting.



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