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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES OF 111<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE JK EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 2023 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

In pursuance of Meeting Notice issued vide No: EAC/JK/23/14986-15009 Dated: 12/06/2023, the 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting of JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. via video Conferencing. The following attended the meeting:-

No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. S.C. Sharma, IFS(Rtd.)	Chairman
2	Mr. M.A Tak, IFS(Rtd.)	Member
3	Engineer B.B. Sharma	Member
4	Prof. Anil Kr. Raina	Member
5	Mr. A.R. Makroo	Member
6	Dr. G.M.Dar	Member
7	Mr. Humayun Rashid	Secretary

The Secretary, JKEAC welcomed the Chairman, Members of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee, the project proponents and the consultants.

The meeting proceeded as per following sequence: -

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 01**

Title of case:	Grant of Environment Clearance for Minor Mineral (Stone Quarry) block, Area (1.14 Ha) at Magnipora (Turkpora) Tehsil Alooosa & District- Bandipora, UT- J&K in favour of M/s Shri Namdar Gojar Awan
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Stone Quarry (Minor mineral)
Category(B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/425736/2023
File no:	JKEIA/JK/

Consultant with validity	M/S P & M Solutions Valid till: 06/06/2023
Presenter of consultant:	Manas Vyas
Project proponent representative of Project proponent:	Shri Namdar Gojar Awan

### CASE SUMMARY

Status	Area (Ha)	Land Title	Khasra No.	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
					Capital	Recurring	
New Project	1.14	Propriety Land	403,503,504,505, 507,509,511	5.05	0.25	0.15	0.10

Dimensions of the Pit (Mts) (L *W* H)	Mining Methodology	Topography (mRL)		Cluster situation (Yes/No)
		Highest Contour	Lowest Contour	
Not provided	Open cast semi-mechanized method	1876	1786	NO

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Ultimate Pit Depth (mts.)	Bench Height (M)	Mining period (Years)	Total mineable reserves per annum (MTPA)	Water Requirement (KLD)	Bulk density proposed	Haulage Route (Kms)
NP	NP	6	5	37692.84	4.51	2.8	0.60

### **PROJECT EVENT DATES**

Date of Letter of Intent/Approval	Revalidation of LOI, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval
01/09/2022	---	NP	24/01/2023

ToRs granted on	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	Fresh case	NA

### **APPRAISAL PROCESS**

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

#### **STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION**

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	Common application form uploaded
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	submitted	
4	District Survey Report	Valid DSR missing	
5	(EMP/CER)	submitted	

#### **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES**

S. No.	Department	Status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference

1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	As per the NOC issued by the Revenue Dept. the land under the quarry block is partly propriety land (508,504,505,507,509) & partly shamilat (511,503,403)
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued conditionally	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	Ambiguous	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

### WATER REQUIREMENT

Source	Purpose	Avg. Demand/day (KLD)
Portable water/ private tankers	Drinking & domestic purpose	0.16
	Afforestation/Greenbelt	0.75
	Dust Suppression	3.6
<b>Total water demand</b>		<b>4.51</b>

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	0.10	0.05	
2	Haulage route maintenance	0.10	0.05	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	0.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.05	0.05	

6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	0.00	
7	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.15</b>	

### CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S.No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Education	Construction of separate toilet for (boys & girls) in school of nearby village	0.05	
2	Skill development	Skill development programme camps like computer learning, sewing etc in the nearby village	0.051	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>0.101</b>	

### EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Adjacent to Mining site boundary	Uphill (Mts.)	Downhill (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of Illegal mining	Yes	---	Adjacent	Features of illegal mining activity observed on the downhill side of the quarry block on the latest KML file
2	Settlements around the quarry	Yes	---	165 mtr	Settlement was observed on the downhill of the mining site
3	Educational Institution	Yes	975 mtr	-	Govt primary school located at a distance of

					975 mtrs towards the back side of the quarry block.
<b>4</b>	Hospital/Health Institution	<b>Not identifiable</b>	-	-	Not identifiable
<b>5</b>	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc.)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Within block</b>	<b>Within Block</b>	Open forest/ scattered trees were observed both within & outside quarry mining block
<b>6</b>	Stream/River in close vicinity	<b>Not identifiable</b>	-	-	Not identifiable
<b>7</b>	Springs and other drinking water sources in close vicinity	<b>Not identifiable</b>	-	-	Not identifiable
<b>8</b>	Haulage route	<b>Yes</b>	-	<b>70 mtr</b>	Approach road is located adjacent to the mining site
<b>9</b>	Distance w.r.t National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ	<b>Not identifiable</b>	-	-	Not identifiable
<b>10</b>	Involvement of forest land or any other relevant specific feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of Environmental Clearance to the proposed project	<b>No</b>	-	-	As per NOC of Forest Dept. the quarry block site is 1600 m away from the nearest forest boundary line.

**DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:**

The Minor Mineral Stone Quarry project has been submitted by the PP under B2 category with an area of 1.14 Ha. After the PowerPoint presentation was made by the consultant, the JKEAC observed as:-

- a) As per the NOC issued by the Revenue Dept. the land under the quarry block falls under Proprietary & Shamlat category. Therefore, the Committee desired that the PP should obtain an NOC from the Local village community head/ PRI and also provide funds under EMP/CSR for the villages around the site.
- b) The PP shall obtain a clear title verification in respect of land under quarry indicating the ownership of land.
- c) As per features on Multi-date Google image of Sept, 2016 and October, 2022, illegal stone quarrying has been observed in operation within and outside the designated

- site. This needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell headed by the concerned Dy. Commissioner to fix responsibility.
- d) As per the documents submitted by PP, the quarry operations will involve drilling & blasting and this was not agreed by the JKEAC. Therefore, the committee desired that the PP should get the mining plan revised afresh, specifically in respect of methodology of mining.
  - e) Feature indicating a dug well on Google image appears to be at a distance of 78m. This needs to be clarified by consultant with photographs /video of the same.
  - f) A valid District Survey Report (DSR) is not part of the documentation which is mandatory for appraisal.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

In view of the above mentioned observations, the Committee unanimously desired to return the case to JKEIAA as not fit for appraisal. Compliance to above observations shall be made part of the documentation for initiating the appraisal process.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 02**

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for Riverbed mining project of minor mineral area 9.75 Ha, Block No. 23, Ziarat (RA) Adura upstream, Nallah Rambiarra village Adur Keegam District: Shopian UT of J&K in favour of M/S Shri Mohammad Irfan Ullah S/O Shri Mohammad Shabir Ahmad Shah
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/57750/2020     SIA/JK/MIN/227186/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/
Consultant with validity	Oceao Enviro Management Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd., Valid till:04/08/2024
Presenter of consultant:	None
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	PP

### CASE SUMMARY

Status	Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	9.75	105.10	325	10.07	4.048	2.04

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1.00	3.70	2.1	No

### PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
18/07/2020	10/10/2022	31/12/2022	03/10/2020	23/12/2020

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec 2020	29/06/2021	05/12/2020	NA



### **APPRAISAL PROCESS**

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#### **STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Remarks of the Committee</b>
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	submitted	
4	District Survey Report	Valid DSR missing	
5	(EIA/EMP/CER)	submitted	

#### **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>status as per NOC</b>	<b>Remarks/ Reference</b>
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Not as per prescribed format	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	-do-	
5	PDD	Not submitted	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not as per prescribed format	
7	Revenue Dept.	Not as per prescribed format	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Not as per prescribed format	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	Not as per prescribed format	

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No.	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks	
		Capital	Recurring		
1	Green belt development	1.01	0.26		
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.48	0.24		
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00		
4	Pollution monitoring	0.42	0.42		
5	Dust suppression	2.38	2.38		
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	3.55	0.57		
7	Solid waste management	0.23	0.15		
8	Installation of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10.07</b>	<b>4.02</b>		

### COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Solar lights	Installation & distribution of solar lights in the nearby village and school after discussion with Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat	1.02	
2	Education	Provision of making smart classes in the nearby school after discussion with sarpanch of gram panchayat	1.02	
3	Health	Distribution of free medicines and health sector development in the nearby village	0.00	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilets in the nearby village	0.00	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2.04</b>	

### BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks	
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)		
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00		
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.05		
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	0.50		
4	Personal Computer with power backup	1.00	0.05		
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	1.00	0.02		
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.02		
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.25		
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.96		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>1.85</b>		

### GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER amount not sufficient to cater the local problems of the people	---
5	Opposed the grant of EC to the proposed project as it has serious effect on irrigation channels & orchids/agriculture etc	Yes
6	Irrigation canals should be saved at all cost	Yes
7	River bed protection bed should not be affected	Yes

8	Loss of local land on the bank of river should be assessed first before allotment of mining block to outsiders	---
9	Rates of excavated material should be regulated	Yes
10	Will not allow the outside contractor to carry out the mining activities	---

**EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT**

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Features observed</b>	<b>Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)</b>	<b>Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)</b>	<b>Upstream from mining block (Mts.)</b>	<b>Downstream From mining block (Mts.)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Features indicative of illegal mining activity on Google Image of 02/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if	No	No	-	-	

	any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.					
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Not identifiable
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Active water channel detected inside the mining block

						along pillar A and B
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

**DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:**

- a) The case had earlier been discussed by JKEAC in the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 05/12/2020 during which the committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs subject to clarification from G&M Dept. w.r.t actual size of the mining block on ground.
- b) During deliberations in the instant meeting, the Committee made following observations:
  - i. The PP has submitted a letter issued by Joint Director (G&M Dept.) vide No. MSK/DGM/F-31/B-23-SPN/562-63 dated 12//04/2023 stating that the area under the e-auctioned minor mineral block No. 23, district Shopian is 9.75 Ha which is exclusive of the area covered by a Non-mineral zone (0.46 Ha) observed at the time of preparation of the mineral block. **JKEAC is of considered opinion that maintaining a non-mineral zone of 0.46Ha surrounded by a mining zone of 9.75 Ha will be practically impossible and hard to enforce on ground.**

- ii. Features indicative of two HT Electric Transmission Towers within the mining block were observed on the Google image. But, PP has not submitted the necessary NOC from the concerned dept.
- iii. The NOC issued by AEE and JE of irrigation dept. and the fresh NOC recently issued by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Dept. **are contradictory.**
- iv. Features indicative of heavy illegal mining inside the mining block call for report from the Multidept. District level task force cell to fix responsibility for such devastation of the nallah bed under the block which is yet to be leased out and which lies between already leased out block 22 and 24.
- v. Poor mining reserves due to heavy illegal mining qualify the block for rest for at least 3 years to save local hydrological regime from further degradation.
- vi. Also, a valid DSR is not on record.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the case to JKEIAA for its rejection. Further, JKEIAA may ask the Multi-departmental District Level Task Force Cell to fix responsibility for heavy illegal mining in the block.

<b>Agenda Item Nos.:</b>	<b>03, 04, 05, 06 and 07</b> ( <i>extension of validity of ECs</i> )
<b>Proposal Nos.:</b>	SIA/JK/MIN/299982/2023, SIA/JK/MIN/299975/2023, SIA JK/MIN/299970/2023, SIA/JK/MIN/299985/2023 And SIA/JK/MIN/299967/2023
<b>File Nos.:</b>	SEAC/JK/20/256, SEAC/JK/20/261, SEAC/JK/20/262, SEAC/JK/20/259 and SEAC/JK/20/255
<b>Consultant:</b>	Vitasta Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.

### **Title of the Case:**

Agenda 3: Extension of validity of EC for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 4/3, (Area-9.90 ha.), Bein River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Tapyal, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District- Samba. in favour of M/S Balvinder Singh S/o Shri Kimat Lal R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu, J&K. [balvindarsingh302015@gmail.com](mailto:balvindarsingh302015@gmail.com)

Agenda 4: Extension of validity of EC for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 1/5, (Area-9.51 ha.), Devak River Upstream Railway Bridge, Samba Village- Guraslathia, Tehsil-Vijaypur, District Samba in favour of M/S Kimat Lal S/o Shri Koula Ram R/O Raipur Satwari, Jammu. [kimatlal302015@gmail.com](mailto:kimatlal302015@gmail.com).

Agenda 5: Extension of validity of EC for Proposed Bein River Upstream NH-1A Bridge (River Bed Material) Project Village- Rei, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District- Samba, Block No. 4/2, (Area-9.57 ha.) State – J&K in favour of M/S Mangal Singh S/o Om Parkash R/O Village- Saidgarh, Tehsil- Bishnah, Distt. Jammu. [2020.mangalsingh@gmail.com](mailto:2020.mangalsingh@gmail.com)

Agenda 6: Extension of validity of EC for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 4/4, (Area-9.64 ha.), Bein River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Chak Raghu, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District Samba. in favour of M/S Sahil Choudhary S/o Shri Desh Raj Choudhary R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu, J&K. [sahilmine61@gmail.com](mailto:sahilmine61@gmail.com)

Agenda 7: Extension of validity of EC for Devak River Downstream NH1A Bridge (River Bed Material) Mining Project, Block No. 1/11, Village- Thalori Brahmna, Tehsil- Vijaypur & District- Samba, J&K (Area-9.66 ha.) in favour of M/S Brinder Singh S/o Shri Kimat Lal R/o Raipur satwati, Jammu. [brindersinghjammu@gmail.com](mailto:brindersinghjammu@gmail.com)

### STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

#### Agenda 3: Block No. 4/3

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks
1	Form 6	Submitted	As per JKEIAA circular instructions issued vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/7619-21 Dated 29/07/2022
2	Certified EC conditions compliance report from IRO, MoEF&CC	Not uploaded	
3	Approved revised Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Uploaded on portal	
4	Copy of fresh Public Hearing Report in favour of mining activity	Uploaded on portal	
5	Fresh NOCs from concerned stakeholder depts. as per prescribed format	Not uploaded	
6	Fresh non-involvement in illegal mining certificate from MDLTF Cell	Not uploaded	
7	EIA/EMP	Uploaded on portal	
8	Photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of baseline data / Compliance of ToRs / observations of JKEAC made during appraisal of the case	Not uploaded as per ToRs	
9	Fresh fit for mining cum replenishment certificate from concerned Joint Director, G&M Dept.	Not uploaded	
10	Approved replenishment report formulated by G&M Dept. as per mining guidelines for the mining block	Not uploaded	
11	Copy of registered lease deed	Not uploaded	

#### Agenda 4: Block No. 1/5

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks
1	Form 6	Submitted	As per JKEIAA circular instructions issued vide No.
2	Certified EC conditions compliance report from IRO, MoEF&CC	Not submitted	



3	Approved revised Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	submitted	JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/7619-21 Dated 29/07/2022
4	Copy of fresh Public Hearing Report in favour of mining activity	submitted	
5	Fresh NOCs from concerned stakeholder depts. as per prescribed format	Not submitted	
6	Fresh non-involvement in illegal mining certificate from MDLTF Cell	Not submitted	
7	EIA/EMP	Uploaded on portal	
8	Photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of baseline data / Compliance of ToRs / observations of JKEAC made during appraisal of the case	Not uploaded as per ToRs	
9	Fresh fit for mining cum replenishment certificate from concerned Joint Director, G&M Dept.	Not uploaded	
10	Approved replenishment report formulated by G&M Dept. as per mining guidelines for the mining block	Not uploaded	
11	Copy of registered lease deed	Not uploaded	

Agenda 5: Block No. 4/2

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks
1	Form 6	Uploaded on portal	As per JKEIAA circular instructions issued vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/7619-21 Dated 29/07/2022
2	Certified EC conditions compliance report from IRO, MoEF&CC	Not uploaded	
3	Approved revised Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	uploaded	
4	Copy of fresh Public Hearing Report in favour of mining activity	uploaded	
5	Fresh NOCs from concerned stakeholder depts. as per prescribed format	Not uploaded	
6	Fresh non-involvement in illegal mining certificate from MDLTF Cell	Not uploaded	
7	EIA/EMP	uploaded	
8	Photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of baseline data / Compliance of ToRs / observations of JKEAC made during appraisal of the case	Not uploaded as per ToRs	
9	Fresh fit for mining cum replenishment certificate from concerned Joint Director, G&M Dept.	Not uploaded	

10	Approved replenishment report formulated by G&M Dept. as per mining guidelines for the mining block	Not uploaded	
11	Copy of registered lease deed	Not uploaded	

Agenda 6: Block No. 4/4

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks
1	Form 6	Uploaded on portal	As per JKEIAA circular instructions issued vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/761 9-21 Dated 29/07/2022
2	Certified EC conditions compliance report from IRO, MoEF&CC	Not uploaded	
3	Approved revised Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	uploaded	
4	Copy of fresh Public Hearing Report in favour of mining activity	uploaded	
5	Fresh NOCs from concerned stakeholder depts. as per prescribed format	Not uploaded	
6	Fresh non-involvement in illegal mining certificate from MDLTF Cell	Not uploaded	
7	EIA/EMP	uploaded	
8	Photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of baseline data / Compliance of ToRs / observations of JKEAC made during appraisal of the case	Not uploaded as per ToRs	
9	Fresh fit for mining cum replenishment certificate from concerned Joint Director, G&M Dept.	Not uploaded	
10	Approved replenishment report formulated by G&M Dept. as per mining guidelines for the mining block	Not uploaded	
11	Copy of registered lease deed	Not uploaded	

Agenda 7: Block No. 1/11

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks
1	Form 6	Uploaded on portal	As per JKEIAA circular instructions issued vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/761 9-21 Dated 29/07/2022
2	Certified EC conditions compliance report from IRO, MoEF&CC	Not uploaded	
3	Approved revised Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	uploaded	
4	Copy of fresh Public Hearing Report in favour of mining activity	uploaded	
5	Fresh NOCs from concerned stakeholder depts. as per prescribed format	Not uploaded	

6	Fresh non-involvement in illegal mining certificate from MDLTF Cell	Not uploaded	
7	EIA/EMP/CER	uploaded	
8	Photographs of display screen displaying the date of collection of baseline data / Compliance of ToRs / observations of JKEAC made during appraisal of the case	Not uploaded as per ToRs	
9	Fresh fit for mining cum replenishment certificate from concerned Joint Director, G&M Dept.	Not uploaded	
10	Approved replenishment report formulated by G&M Dept. as per mining guidelines for the mining block	Not uploaded	
11	Copy of registered lease deed	Not uploaded	

**DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:**

- a) The consultant Ms Anjali informed that earlier the above cited mining blocks were granted ECs in terms of G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 implemented by JKEIAA as per its decision translated in the MoM issued vide No. JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 8/8/2020 and in pursuance to Corrigendum issued by JKEIAA vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/1342-54 dated: 29/05/2021 whereunder, the validity of the ECs had been restricted to only 2 years during which period the PP had to undertake fresh Public Hearing of the cases for grant of further extension beyond two years.
- b) She further informed that the PPs have applied for extension to validity of 2 years for which the public hearing has been conducted by the JK Pollution Control Committee and the report thereof stands uploaded on the parivesh portal in each case.
- c) JKEAC opined that the cases submitted under form 6 for extension of validity of the EC do not require to go through fresh appraisal process. But, there is a need to ensure that PPs have undertaken mining activity strictly as per the conditions of the EC granted earlier and that there is sufficient material available for extraction. Therefore, JKEAC desired that the JKEIAA may consider granting extension on case to case basis subject to following conditions as also indicated in circular instructions issued by JKEIAA in this regard:-
  - i. That, compliance of all the EC conditions has been made by the PP during existing validity period of EC.
  - ii. That, the extension request is supported by replenishment report of the pertinent mining blocks duly accepted by JKEIAA.
  - iii. That, the fresh public hearing is in support of continuation of mining activity in the pertinent blocks.

- iv. That PP has not indulged in illegal mining activity beyond the allowed depth, quantity and limits of designated mining block.
  - v. That, the PP has not indulged in mining activity beyond the validity period of the EC.
  - vi. That the PP has implemented the EMP / CER / CSR during the validity period of the EC.
  - vii. That, the stakeholder departments have no objection to continuance of mining activity in the pertinent mining blocks.
  - viii. That, the mining depth prescribed in the revised mining plan is in line with EC conditions.
- d) JKEAC further observed that in the instant cases listed under agenda 3 to 7, most of the essential documents as sought under the above mentioned circular instructions of JKEIAA issued vide No. JKEIAA/2018/IV/106/7619-21 dated 29/07/2022 have not been submitted by the PPs. Therefore, the same may be uploaded on parivesh portal in response to an EDS request by JKEIAA office.
  - e) During discussions, the consultant informed that the certified compliance report of IRO, MoEF&CC was required for expansion of productivity and not for extension of validity. She presented a copy of letter No. 13-03/2020(ENV)/518 dt. 31/08/2020 issued by Dy. Director, Northern Regional office, MoEF&CC addressed to Secretary, SEAC Punjab informing that there was no requirement of certified compliance report for extension of validity of the EC. Accordingly, JKEAC recommended that JKEIAA may drop the same from the checklist in the circular dated 29/07/2022.
  - f) JKEAC also observed that some major stakeholder departments like Irrigation, Flood Control Dept., Fisheries Dept. etc. were not part of the site visit and its eventual report dated 10/05/2023 uploaded on the portal. Therefore, NOCs from stake holder depts. as per prescribed format could cover this aspect, JKEAC opined.
  - g) The Public Hearing report indicates that the local public is not aware of implementation of any work under CER/CSR in the area. Therefore, JKEAC desired that JKEIAA may include submission of financial statement audited by a registered CA supported by proof by way of photographic evidence duly attested by local PRI in the check list of essential documents to be submitted by the PPs in all such cases.
  - h) As per the endorsement of EC letter made to Chairman, JKPC, the Pollution Control Committee was required to forward quarterly monitoring reports of the compliance of EC conditions on ground without which the EC was to be treated as Null and Void. No such report has been found to be on record by JKEAC. JKEIAA may ascertain from its record whether any such monitoring report has been forwarded by JKPC in this regard.
  - i) JKEAC opined that the 2 years validity of the existing EC shall have to be reckoned from the date in accordance with rules on the subject and necessary documentation may accordingly be obtained from the PPs concerned in all such cases.

- j) Further, DMO concerned while certifying the date of commencement of mining operations shall also have to intimate whether mining activity in the block is currently in operation or suspended. If suspended, the date from which it stands suspended with reasons thereof shall also have to be conveyed, it was opined.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

- a) In view of the above deliberations, JKEAC recommended that all the above five cases under agenda 3 to 7 may be considered by JKEIAA for extension beyond 2 years validity of the EC by a further period as decided by JKEIAA, subject to submission of following documents and examination thereof by JKEIAA:-
1. Pending documents as per circular instructions of JKEIAA and as indicated above under, '*Status of Documentation*' with exception to certified compliance report from IRO, Jammu which may be dropped from the checklist of the circular dt. 29/07/22 in view of instructions from MoEF&CC in this behalf.
  2. Certificate from concerned DMO indicating date of commencement of mining operations and intimation whether mining activity in the blocks is currently in operation or suspended. If suspended, the date from which it stands suspended with reasons thereof. This may be included in the checklist of the circular dt. 29/07/22
  3. Proof of implementation of EMP, CER, CSR during validity of earlier EC by way of audited financial statement from registered Chartered Accountant supported by photographic evidence of executed works duly attested by local PRI and concerned stakeholder depts. with seal and signature. This may be included in the checklist of the circular dt. 29/07/22.
- b) **JKEIAA may dispose-off all such cases of extension to validity on the basis of submission of documents as per its updated checklist and only such cases where PP is found to have violated the EC conditions or indulged in illegal mining activity as reported by Multi-dept. District level task force cell may be forwarded to JKEAC for further examination and recommendation of action.**

#### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CONDUCT OF CONSULTANTS

(Excellent/Good /Average/Poor)

(SCALE: 9 to 10= Excellent / 7-8=Good /5-6=Average / 4-5= below average / less than 3= Poor)

S. No.	Component	M/S P&M Solutions.	Oceao Enviro Management Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.,	M/S Vitasta Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.
1	Submission of the documents	5	Absent	5

2	Site Appreciation Note, kml /kmz file, site photo and site videos and PowerPoint presentation	5		5
3	Presentation of factual details of case(s)	4		5
4	Field knowledge of the case(s)	6		5
5	Formulation of PFR, EMP, EIA, CER etc.	5		5
	Overall professional conduct during proceedings	5.0		5.0

The minutes were formulated online by the JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) and are hereby issued with approval of the esteemed Chairman, JKEAC.

**(Humayun Rashid)**  
**SECRETARY**  
**JKUT level Expert Appraisal Committee**

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