

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL  
COMMITTEE, ODISHA HELD ON 02<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2022**

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The SEAC met on 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 at 03:00 PM through video conferencing in google meet under the Chairmanship of Sri B.P. Singh. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Sri. B. P. Singh	-	Chairman
2. Dr. K. Murugesan	-	Secretary
3. Dr. D. Swain	-	Member
4. Prof. (Dr.) H.B. Sahu	-	Member
5. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pattnaik	-	Member
6. Sri. J. K. Mahapatra	-	Member
7. Sri. K. R. Acharya	-	Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) B.K. Satpathy	-	Member
9. Dr. K.C.S Panigrahi	-	Member
10. Dr. Sailabala Padhi	-	Member

The following issues were discussed and decision taken:

**A. RE-EXAMINATION OF 02 PROPOSALS KULASHREE DEVI RIVER SAND QUARRY (EC) AND MUNDILO-PATENIGAON DEVI NADI SAND QUARRY (TOR) REGARDING CLUSTER APPROACH:**

- Two proposals for Environment Clearance have been received by SEAC for re-examination namely:
  - Proposal for EC of Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry, Kulashree village, over an area of 11.40 Ac. Or 4.613 Ha. Tahasil – Niali, District – Cuttack of Tahasildar Niali
  - Proposal of ToR for Mundilo – Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry is a sand mining project over an area of 15.86 Ac. Or 6.42 Ha. Located in villages - Mundilo and Patenigaon, Tahasil – Jagatsinghpur in District – Jagatsinghpur of Sri. Susil Kumar Mahanty (Total cluster area – 11.033 Ha./27.263Ac.)
- The matter was placed in the meeting of SEIAA held on dated 11.02.2022 for consideration. The Authority deliberated on the matter and observed that EC has been granted by SEIAA in favour of Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry vide letter no. 3357/SEIAA dated 18.10.2021 as a Category-B2 proposal. The Tahasildar, Niali had earlier submitted that there is no other mines located within 500 meters from the proposed quarry. Again a proposal for ToR for Mundilo-Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry of Jagatsinghpur Tahasil, Dist-Jagatsinghpur has been submitted by Tahasildar Jagatsinghpur wherein the Tahasildar has mentioned that Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry is coming within 350 meter and forms a cluster. Cluster ToR for the proposal has already been granted by SEIAA vide letter no. 3613/SEIAA dated 18.12.2021. Now the Tahasildar, Niali has submitted the proposal for Transfer of EC and the Authority observed that the submission on cluster for both the cases is contradictory to each other and the SEIAA, Odisha has requested the SEAC, Odisha to verify from map if Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry is part of a cluster with the Mundilo - Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry for which cluster ToR has been granted for cluster.

3. The SEAC, Odisha verified from the map that boundary of the Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry is 610 meter away from the boundary of the Mundilo - Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry. Hence, Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry is not part of a cluster with the Mundilo - Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry.
4. Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry has obtained EC prior to the submission of proposal of Mundilo - Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry by the Tahasildar, Jagatsinghpur. Hence, cluster approach may not be applicable for Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry.

After detailed discussion, the SEAC recommended the following:

- a) The proposal of Kulashree Devi River Sand Quarry may be processed as per merit and their request may be considered.
- b) The proposal of Mundilo - Patenigaon Devi Nadi Sand Quarry may be considered after a joint field verification by SEIAA and SEAC along with the concerned Tahasildar.

**B. PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF M/S SUN ALLOYS & MINERALS LTD. FOR PATAMUNDA MANGANESE MINES OVER AN AREA OF 43.532 HA. AT VILLAGE - PATAMUNDA, TAHASIL - KOIDA, DISTRICT - SUNDERGARH, ODISHA OF SRI RAJIB LOCHAN MOHANTY (MANAGING DIRECTOR) – ToR (UNDER VIOLATION CASE).**

- i) Patamunda Manganese Mines of M/s Sun Alloys & Minerals Ltd. has applied for ToRs for EIA study over mining lease area of 43.532 ha. At Village - Patamunda, Tahasil - Koida, District – Sundergarh.
- ii) The proposal was considered in the SEAC meeting held on 05.01.2022 for issue of ToRs for EIA study under violation case.
- iii) The SEIAA in its meeting held on 18.01.2022 decided to request the SEAC to clarify if it is not a violation case. Accordingly, the SEIAA has requested to re-examine the project proposal and submit the appraisal report.
- iv) The SEAC, Odisha opined the following:
  - a) The Mine was operating since 1997-98 and continued operation till 2009-10 without obtaining Environment clearance. Environment clearance is applicable to the mines under EIA Notification 1994 as well as 2006.
  - b) The SEAC in its meeting held on 05.01.2022, confirmed the case to be of violation of the EIA Notification, 2006 and recommended the specific ToRs for EIA study under violation case. This aspect has already been reflected in the proceedings of the SEAC meeting held on 05.01.2022 under Item No. 06.

After detailed discussion, the SEAC recommended that the case may be considered as violation case and ToRs may be issued under violation case as recommended by SEAC in its meeting held on 05.01.2022.

  
SECRETARY, SEAC

Approved  
  
CHAIRMAN, SEAC