

MINUTES of 210th MEETING OF STATELEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) A.P., MEETING HELD ON 13.03.2023 AT VIJAYAWADA A.P.

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Present:

The following members were present. (Through Video Conference)

1.	Sri P.Venkata Rami Reddy, I.A.S, (Retired).	Chairman
2.	Dr.Thatiparthi Byragi Reddy Professor. Department of Environmental Sciences, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam	Member
3.	Dr.P.V.Chalapathi Rao, I.F.S Special Secretary to Govt., Environment, Forests, Sciences and Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh & Member Secretary, SEIAA, A.P.	Member Secretary

15/03/2023

	15/05/2025
Agenda	5.649 Ha Mining of Black Galaxy Granite of M/s Sri Surya Granites at Sy.No. 965/6, 7
Item:	8, 9, 10 &14 (6.20 Acres), 966/6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (4.90 Acres), 969/9, 11 & 12 (1.43 Acres)
213.03 &	and 970/1&4 (1.43 Acres) Chimakurthy (V&M), Prakasam District, Andhra
210.01	Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/415697/2023
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Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category: B1

The proposed project is for mining of **Black Galaxy Granite in an area of 5.649 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Black Galaxy Granite** – **26,019 m3 /annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of the project and their consultant SV Enviro Labs & Consultants, have attended the meeting.

The project proponent has obtained Standard TOR with public hearing on08.12.2020 and public hearing was held on 03.08.2022.

Public Hearing Details:

Health issues due to pollution, waste dumps issues, Employment and Water treatment plant are the specific issues raised in the Public hearing.

Response of the management during the public hearing:

- **Sri A. Subhaskar Reddy, Mining Advisor of M/s. Sri Surya Granites:**While responding, he informed the following:
 - 90% of employment preference is giving to the local villagers.
 - He informed that those who are interested in working in the mines should report to the vocational training center, and proper training will be collected from Association for providing employment in mines at any time in the future.
 - The vocational training center has been provided in the year 2011 on behalf of all the mines and provided training to about 32,000 persons to work in mines from which 50% are belongs to local villagers and the remaining 50% from other districts.
 - He asked to register their names along with the qualifications of those who are interested to work in mines.
 - He informed that they have engaged an employee to collect blood samples of workers & villagers to analyze malaria, and the same would be submitted to the concerned authorities and medicines are providing at free of cost.
 - The management has planned to set up a clinic in the VTC center by engaging a
 doctor will be provided by APMDC and medicines will be supplied by Granite
 Association till the hospital is constructed.
 - The waste generated from the mines is not disposing outside and dumping the earmarked area. He said that land was identified for disposal of waste from granite factories and put up a request for approval, once get approval from the Revenue department it is easy to maintain factories area clean.
 - Green belt has been developed along the roads and to the extent possible in available patta lands and the mine managements are planned to develop more green belt if allowed in Government lands.
 - M/s. Sri Surya Granites already started constructing the water plant in Chimakurthy village and same will be completed as soon as possible, to available

to all.

- He informed that there is no scope to emanate dust from the mines because of depth went up to 60 to 100 mtrs and there is a possibility generating of dust due to traffic on the roads.
- Water tankers were provided to sprinkle water on the roads daily two times in the morning & in the evening for suppression of dust and the frequency of water sprinkling would be increased.

The base line data was collected from Jan, 2021 to March, 2021.

The predominant wind direction is observed to be South East to North West.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 75.06 μg/m3. The incremental concentration is 2.03 μg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at 3.04m in North West direction of the mine.

The proponent volunteered to provide health camps, Water treatment plant and Bus stand to the **Chimakurthy** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of mine is 11.31 years.**

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3**. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The project proponent shall develop 1000 medicinal plants and fruit plants in surrounding villages.
- **6.** The project proponent shall not dispose of any waste dump in the adjacent canal and shall take canal protection measures.
- 7. The project proponent shall dump granite waste in an earmarked area of 4.08 Ha.
- **8.** The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **9.** The project proponent shall conduct health camps at least every 6 months with help of local PHC.
- **10**. The project proponent shall maintain 0.5km length of approach roads and strengthen the culvert.
- 11. The project proponent shall comply other assurances given in the public hearing.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.04 & 210.02

1.323 Ha Mining of Mica, Quartz & Feldspar of M/s Sadhana Minerals at Sy. No.690/1(P) & 690/4(P) of Chaganam village, Sydapuram Mandal, S.P.S.R Nellore District, A.P. SIA/AP/MIN/416946/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category: B2

The proposed project is for underground mining of **Mica, Quartz & Feldspar in an area of 1.323 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Mica, Quartz & Feldspar – 2787 TPA** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification

2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their consultant M/s. Global Enviro Labs, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines & Geology, Nellore, vide Letter dated: 27.01.2023, there are 02 quarry and 01 LoI issued within the radius of 500 mtrs area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha and obtained LOI on 15/12/2022

The project proponent has submitted approved mining plan as per the NGT norms by leaving 0.502 Ha as non-mining zone. The mining method is by underground mining method

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to the **Chaganam** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of mine is 60 years.**

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- 3. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The project proponent shall follow DGMS Rules and Regulations for the mining activity.

The project proponent shall take safety precautions as per DGMS Rules and Regulations.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.06 & 210.03

4.0 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone of M/s. SRC Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. at survey no. 82, Chamaluru Village, Narpala Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/415706/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category : B2

The proposed project is for mining of **Road metal & Building stone an area of 4.00 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Road metal & Building stone –83334 m3/annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of the project and their consultant Sri G.Eswar Reddy, RQP.,, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines & Geology, Anantapuramu, vide Letter dated: 17.01.2023, there are no existing quarry

leases within the radius of 500 mtrs area and the total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha and obtained LOI on 13.01.2023.

The committee noted that this is a Temporary Permit for 3 years to excavate Road metal and building stone of **2,50,000 m3 in 3 years**.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to the **Chamaluru** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of mine is 3 years**.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3**. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The project proponent shall provide 320m trench on Easter side to prevent surface runoff.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.07 &

210.04

15.0 Ha Mining of Quartz of M/s. Sri P. Vasu at Sy. No. 208/P, Kurli (V), Talupula (M), Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/415787/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category: B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Quartz in an area of 15.000 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Quartz** – **1,38,759 TPA** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their Ampl Environ Pvt., Ltd., have attended the meeting.

The project proponent has obtained Standard TOR with public hearing on08.12.2020 for the production of 8,99,882 TPA and further proponent has obtained TOR amendment for the production of 1,38,759 TPA and public hearing was held on 09.12.2022.

Public Hearing Details:

There is no specific issues raised in the Public hearing.

Response of the management during the public hearing:

Response of the Management:

Sri P. Vasu, Proprietor of the proposed mine of Sri P. Vasu:

He thanked the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel for giving him an opportunity and assured that they will take all precautionary and safety measures to control dust pollution from the mining activity. He also assured that they will

develop the road as requested by the farmers for their agricultural lands.

The base line data was collected from Dec, 2021 to Feb, 2022.

The predominant wind direction is observed to be East to West.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be $58.4 \mu g/m3$. The incremental concentration is $3.2 \mu g/m3$. The GLC of SPM will fall at 300m in West direction of the mine.

The proponent volunteered to provide health camps, Water treatment plant in **Kurli** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of mine is 46 years.**

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- **1**. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The project proponent shall develop 1000 medicinal plants and fruit plants in surrounding villages.
- **6.** The project proponent shall maintain approach roads.
- **7**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **8.** The project proponent shall conduct health camps at least every 6 months with help of local PHC.
- 9. The project proponent shall comply other assurances given in the public hearing.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.08 & 210.05 2.0 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone of Sri. S. Uma Maheswara Rao, Sy. No . 01 of Chinagudaba Village, Garugubilli Mandal, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/412330/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Road metal & Building stonein an area of 2.0 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Road metal & Building stone – 63960 m3/annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their M/s. SV Enviro Labs & Consultants, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines &Geology, Vizianagaram, vide Letter dated: 08.11.2022, there are 16 existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mtrs area. The total cluster area is> 5.0 Ha.

This is a 1st renewal quarry lease.

And whereas, pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 27th February, 2012 in I.A. No.12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.19628-19629 of 2009, in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc. Vs. State of Haryana and Others etc., prior environmental clearance has now become mandatory for mining of minor minerals and the Central Government has published notification number S.O.141(E), dated the 15th January, 2016 making prior environment clearance mandatory for all minerals (major as well as minor) irrespective of size of the mine lease; And whereas, all mine lease holders are required to obtain prior environment clearance.

The committee noted that the proponent operated mine after 2016 without obtaining environmental clearance as required under EIA notification 2006 after promulgation of S.O. 141 (E) dt 15.01.2016 and hence to be treated as identified violation case as per OM 07.07.2021.

NGT order in OA No 136 of 2017 (SZ): So under these circumstances, the application can be disposed of, giving the following directions: (i)The applications which are pending as on 31.3.2016 for Environment Clearance have to be treated as normal applications and not violation applications and the authorities are directed to dispose of those applications in accordance with law. 81 (ii) The persons who have not filed applications on or before 31.3.2016 and filed thereafter, can be treated as violation applications and the MoEF& CC /SEIAA is directed to dispose of those applications as violation cases in accordance with law. (iii) It is also made clear that all mining leases, either major or minor, even less than 5 hectares area, has to apply and get Environment Clearance as per the amended EIA Notification dated 15.1.2016. This will apply to the existing mining leases as well. The points are answered accordingly.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue specific (Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing and following conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall prepare cluster EIA& EMP.
- 2. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit surface runoff prevention measures plan.
- **4.** The project proponent shall submit plan for Restoration of benches and buffer zone in remediation plan and the cost of restoration of benches and buffer zone should be included in Bank guarantee.
- 5. The proponent is liable to pay the penalties as levied by the concerned competent authority, as per the OM No.28.1.2022 and clause No 12 of SOP dated07-07-2021, duly incorporating the total production during the violation period and submit the calculation of penalties based on the project cost and the total turnover during the violation period.
- **6.** Credible action to be initiated through concerned Regional office, APPCB under section 15 read with section 19 of E(P) Act 1986.
- 7. The project proponent shall carry assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and it shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment report by the accredited consultants. The collection and analysis of data for assessment of ecological damage, preparation of remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan shall be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or an environmental laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, or a laboratory of a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research institution working in the field of environment.
- 8. The project proponent shall ensure implementation of Environmental

Management Plan, comprising remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan corresponding to the ecological damage assessed and economic benefit derived due to violation.

- **9.** The project proponent will be required to submit a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan with the State Pollution Control Board.
- 10. The project proponent shall give an undertaking by way of affidavit to comply with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in writ petition (Civil) No.144 of 2014 in the matter of common cause verse union of India and Ors. The undertaking inter-alia includes commitment of the PP not to repeat any such violation in future.
- **11**.The project proponent shall submit proof of Bank Guarantee submission as per S.O.No.804 (E) dated 14.03.2017 and payment of penalty amount as per OM dated 07.07.2021.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue (Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing.

Agenda Item: 213.09 210.06

22.494 Ha Mining of Quartz M/s. Amaram Commodity Ventures at Sy. No: 227/Part Bodanampadu Village, Kurichedu Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh & SIA/AP/MIN/415791/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category: B1

The proposed project is for mining of **Quartzin an area of 22.494 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Quartz - 95856 TPA** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their M/s. SV Enviro Labs & Consultants, have attended the meeting.

The project proponent has obtained Standard TOR with public hearing on 06.07.2022 and public hearing was held on 19.11.2022

Public Hearing Details:

Dust pollutions, cattle fodder and crop compensation are the specific issues raised in the Public hearing.

Response of the management during the public hearing:

Sri A. Subhaskar Reddy, Mining Advisor of the proposed project: He responded to the issues that emerged in the EPH on behalf of the project proponent. He assured as follows:

- Applied for mine lease area to the extent of 22.494Ha. in the total extent the mineral bearing area is in an extent of 5.0ha only.
- The total lease area is covered with Hillock and there is no plain land in the lease area. Mining is permitted up to the depth of 150ft in the hillock area.
- Out of the total extent of 22.494Ha, mining will be carried out in an extent of 5.0Ha and part of area will be kept as buffer zone and the remaining area will be kept as it is with cattle feed etc.,
- Fencing will be provided to the 5.0ha only and the rest of the mining area will be

- kept for cattle grazing, and hence no problem to the cattle grazing.
- No existence of water-related streams and approach roads in the quarry area because of hillock.
- Mining will be carried out without any obstruction to water springs and approach roads available in the core zone & buffer zone.
- The Method of mining will be in semi-mechanized. Heavy machinery will not be engaged in quartz mining like granite mining and only small excavators & JCB will be used for the excavation of mineral followed by manual chipping and quality segregation to get finished product.
- The direct labor requirement will be 50 persons in the mining activity and in allied works such as in quality segregation man requirement of about 100 persons outside the mining area.
- There will be no problems to the village, villagers & farmers due to the mining activity.
- Deep blasting operations will not be conducted. Controlled blasting will be carried out by using jackhammers to break the rock boulders and steps will be taken to restrict fly of rocks beyond the height of 50mtrs for the safeguard of the animals in outside of the lease area.
- Undertaken the grass seeding every year season in the remaining mining area so that green grass will be increased and no decrease of grazing to the cattle. There is no possibility of transportation of more than three trucks daily.
- Sprinkling of water will be carried out regularly to control dust pollution on the roads.
- After the commencement of the mining activity, steps will be taken for laying of metal road or cement road.
- The management will provide financial support to the extent possible for providing a drinking water plant in the village. The conduct of health check-ups and provide of basic infrastructure in the schools under CSR activity. The management always ready to extend their support to the villagers.
- Mining will be carried out duly obtaining all the statutory clearances with all the safety measures and follow all the norms stipulated for mining without any problems to the surrounding villagers.

The base line data was collected from March,2022 to May, 2022.

The predominant wind direction is observed to be South East to North West.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 58.8 μ g/m3. The incremental concentration is 5.85 μ g/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at 0.84km in North West direction of the mine.

The proponent volunteered to provide health camps, Water treatment plant and Beds to PHC to **Bodanampadu** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of mine is 43 years.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads &village Road sides.
- **3**. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5 mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- 5. The project proponent shall develop 2300samplings in surrounding villages.
- 6. The project proponent shall provide Fencing all around the 5.0 Ha of minerals

	 available area and remaining 17.494 Ha should be left for grazing. 7. The project proponent shall develop 17.494 Ha of land for grazing to cattle fodder in the mine lease area with budget of 2.0 lakh per annum. 8. Controlled blasting should be adopted as mentioned in public hearing minutes. 9. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously. 10.The project proponent shall conduct health camps at least every 6 months with help of local PHC. 11.The project proponent shall comply other assurances given in the public hearing. 			
	Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.			
Agenda Item: 213.10 & 210.07	1.832 Ha Mining of Colour Granite Smt. K. Geetheswari at Survey No. 396/1 & 396/2 (Old Survey No. 149), Siddampalli Village, Chittoor Mandal and District, Andhra Pradesh – Terms of Reference – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/412514/2022			
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2 at par with B1			
	The proposed project is for mining of Colour granite in an area of 1.832 Ha. with a proposed of production quantity of Colour granite – 1470 m3/annum with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.			
	The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).			
	The representative of the project proponent and their M/s. Team Labs & Consultants have attended the meeting.			
	The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Chittoor, dated: 14.11.2022 there are 03 existing quarry leases within the radius from 500 mtrs area. the total cluster area is > 5.0 Ha and obtained LOI on 10.03.2022.			
	 The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Standard Terms of Reference with public hearing and following additional TORs: The project proponent shall prepare cluster EIA& EMP. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt. The project proponent shall prepare waste dump management plan for waste disposal. 			
	Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Standard Terms of Reference with public hearing.			
Agenda Item: 213.11 & 210.08	6.250 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone & Gravel of Sri K. Srinivasa Rao survey No.109 of Mamidipalem Village, Anakapalli, Anakapalli District, A.P. SIA/AP/MIN/415792/2023			
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B1			
	The proposed project is for mining of Road metal, Building stone & Gravelin an area of 6.250 Ha. with a proposed of production quantity of Road metal, Building stone –			

2,50,000 m3/annum Gravel – 50,000 m3/annum with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their M/s. Hubert Enviro Care Systemshave attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines &Geology, Vizianagaram, vide Letter dated: 08.11.2022, there are 16 existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mtrs area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha.

The proponent obtained work order on 21.06.2010 and later, proponent has obtained LOI deemed extension up to 31.03.2023. And whereas, pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 27th February, 2012 in I.A. No.12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.19628-19629 of 2009, in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc. Vs. State of Haryana and Others etc., prior environmental clearance has now become mandatory for mining of minor minerals and the Central Government has published notification number S.O.141(E), dated the 15th January, 2016 making prior environment clearance mandatory for all minerals (major as well as minor) irrespective of size of the mine lease; And whereas, all mine lease holders are required to obtain prior environment clearance. The committee noted that the proponent operated mine after 2016 without obtaining environmental clearance as required under EIA notification 2006 after promulgation of S.O. 141 (E) dt 15.01.2016 and hence to be treated as identified violation case as per OM 07.07.2021.

NGT order in OA No 136 of 2017 (SZ): So under these circumstances, the application can be disposed of, giving the following directions: (i)The applications which are pending as on 31.3.2016 for Environment Clearance have to be treated as normal applications and not violation applications and the authorities are directed to dispose of those applications in accordance with law. 81 (ii) The persons who have not filed applications on or before 31.3.2016 and filed thereafter, can be treated as violation applications and the MoEF& CC /SEIAA is directed to dispose of those applications as violation cases in accordance with law. (iii) It is also made clear that all mining leases, either major or minor, even less than 5 hectares area, has to apply and get Environment Clearance as per the amended EIA Notification dated 15.1.2016. This will apply to the existing mining leases as well. The points are answered accordingly.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue specific (Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing and following conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall prepare cluster EIA& EMP.
- 2. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit surface runoff prevention measures plan.
- **4.** The project proponent shall submit plan for Restoration of benches and buffer zone in remediation plan and the cost of restoration of benches and buffer zone should be included in Bank guarantee.
- 5. The proponent is liable to pay the penalties as levied by the concerned competent authority, as per the OM No.28.1.2022 and clause No 12 of SOP dated07-07-2021, duly incorporating the total production during the violation period and submit the calculation of penalties based on the project cost and the total turnover during the violation period.
- **6.** Credible action to be initiated through concerned Regional office, APPCB under section 15 read with section 19 of E(P) Act 1986.

- 7. The project proponent shall carry assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and it shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment report by the accredited consultants. The collection and analysis of data for assessment of ecological damage, preparation of remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan shall be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or an environmental laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, or a laboratory of a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research institution working in the field of environment.
- 8. The project proponent shall ensure implementation of Environmental Management Plan, comprising remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan corresponding to the ecological damage assessed and economic benefit derived due to violation.
- 9. The project proponent will be required to submit a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan with the State Pollution Control Board.
- 10. The project proponent shall give an undertaking by way of affidavit to comply with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in writ petition (Civil) No.144 of 2014 in the matter of common cause verse union of India and Ors. The undertaking inter-alia includes commitment of the PP not to repeat any such violation in future.
- 11. The project proponent shall submit proof of Bank Guarantee submission as per S.O.No.804 (E) dated 14.03.2017 and payment of penalty amount as per OM dated 07.07.2021.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue (Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing.

Agenda Item: 213.12 & 210.09

131.568 Ha. Mining of Limestone of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Private Limited. (SJCPL) at USHB Erragudi Village, Sy.No.20 of Hussainapuram & Sy.No. 390 of Yanakandla Village, Mandal Banaganapalli, Nandyal District (Erstwhile Kurnool), Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/407505/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023.

Category: B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Limestone** in an area of **131.568 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of Mining of Limestone production – 0.6 Million TPA with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of the project and their consultant BS Envi Tech (P) Ltd., have attended the meeting.

The project proponent has obtained TOR from MoEF&CC dt.07.09.2021 and public hearing was held on 12.10.2022.

The decision of SEAC in the 208th Meeting:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to raise ADS for submission of Modified mining plan as per NGT norms and compliance for Public hearing minutes.

It is observed that there are habitations in the near vicinity of the proposed mine.

However, the proponent raised his concern about the applicability of NGT order in O. A No. 304/2019 for limestone mining.

1. As per the Hon'ble NGT order in O. A No. 304/2019 the minimum distances to be considered for stone quarrying units while appraising for Environmental clearance are as below:

Mining Type		Minimum Distance	Locations
	When Blasting is not involved		Residential/Public buildings, Inhabited sites, Protected monuments, Heritage sites, National/ State Highways, District roads, public roads, railway
[·	When Blasting is involved	200 m **	line/area, ropeway or ropeway trestle or station, Bridges, Dams, Reservoirs, River, Canals or Lakes or Tanks or any other locations to be considered by States

**Note: The regulations for danger zone (500 m) prescribed by Directorate General of Mines Safety also have to be complied compulsorily and necessary measures should be taken to minimize the impact on environment.

2. The order further states that:

However, if any state is already having stringent criteria than the above for minor mineral mining (i.e. more prescribed distances than the above), the same shall be applicable."

In this regard, it is to bring to the kind notice of SEIAA the following:

- **1.** It is observed that the above NGT order recommended the above guidelines taking into consideration stone quarries.
- 2. However, while appraising the proposals related to mining activity, it is observed that many of the mines with Minor/Major minerals like the present proposal are located in the vicinity of the above cited locations mentioned in the NGT order and attracting blasting activity and the subsequent fly rock conditions that affect the nearby habitations.
- 3. During the appraisal of such applications of mining activities **like the present case** and in the absence of specific OM / SOP / Specific Directions, the members of the committee are of the opinion that the same minimum distance criteria [ie, 100m when blasting is not involved and 200m when blasting is involved] be followed for all Major/Minor Mineral mines keeping in view of the safety of the nearby habitations and minimize the impact on the environment and the same is being recommended in good number of cases earlier.

However, taking into the account

- 1. the concern of the applicant about the applicability of above cited distance criteria for limestone mining activity and
- 2. the note as per the Hon'ble NGT order in O. A No. 304/2019 which states that, the regulations for danger zone (500 m) prescribed by Directorate General of Mines Safety also have to be complied compulsorily and necessary measures should be taken to minimize the impact on environment, and
- 3. having no specific OM / SOP / Notification / Specific Directions regarding the distance criteria to be followed during the appraisal of all Minor / Major minerals put together,

the committee resolved to request SEIAA to issue specific directions on the distance criteria to be followed to appraise the present application.

It is further resolved to request SEIAA to issue specific guidelines on the distance criteria to be followed for the appraisal of all such applications related to Minor /Major mineral mines in future.

	Decision of SEIAA:- Legal opinion may be obtained in respect of Hon'ble NGT order		
	in O.A. No.304/2019, dated 21.07.2020.		
Agenda Item: 213.14 & 210.10	21.692 Ha Mining of Colour Granite, Road Metal, Building Stone & Gravel of M/s 3Lok Infrastructure Private Limited at survey No.178 of Papayyasanthapalem Village, Anakapalli Mandal, Anakapalli District, A.P. SIA/AP/MIN/418315/2023		
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B1.		
	The proposed project is for mining of Colour granite , Road metal , Building stone & Gravel in an area of 21.692 Ha. with a proposed production quantity of Ordinary Colour granite – 5400 m3/annum , Road metal & Building stone – 4,91,400 m3/annum & Gravel – 48,600 m3/annum with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.		
	The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).		
	The representative of the project and their M/s. Hubert Enviro Care Systems have attended the meeting.		
	The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines & Geology, Anakapalli, vide Letter dated: $08.02.2023$, there are 22 existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mtrsarea. The total cluster area is > 5.0 Ha. This is a 1^{st} renewal lease.		
	And whereas, pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 27th February, 2012 in I.A. No.12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.19628-19629 of 2009, in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc. Vs. State of Haryana and Others etc., prior environmental clearance has now become mandatory for mining of minor minerals and the Central Government has published notification number S.O.141(E), dated the 15th January, 2016 making prior environment clearance mandatory for all minerals (major as well as minor) irrespective of size of the mine lease; And whereas, all mine lease holders are required to obtain prior environment clearance.		
	The committee noted that the proponent operated mine after 2016 without obtaining environmental clearance as required under EIA notification 2006 after promulgation of S.O. 141 (E) dt 15.01.2016 and hence to be treated as identified violation case as per OM 07.07.2021.		
	NGT order in OA No 136 of 2017 (SZ): So under these circumstances, the application can be disposed of, giving the following directions: (i) The applications which are pending as on 31.3.2016 for Environment Clearance have to be treated as normal applications and not violation applications and the authorities are directed to dispose of those applications in accordance with law. 81 (ii) The persons who have not filed applications on or before 31.3.2016 and filed thereafter, can be treated as violation applications and the MoEF& CC /SEIAA is directed to dispose of those applications as violation cases in accordance with law. (iii) It is also made clear that all mining leases, either major or minor, even less than 5 hectares area, has to apply and get Environment Clearance as per the amended EIA Notification dated 15.1.2016. This will apply to the existing mining leases as well. The points are answered accordingly.		

The project proponent has submitted approved mining plan as per the NGT norms by

leaving 0.329 Ha as non-mining zone.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue specific **(Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing and following conditions:**

- 1. The project proponent shall prepare cluster EIA& EMP.
- 2. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt.
- **3**. The project proponent shall submit surface runoff prevention measures plan.
- **4.** The Project proponent shall obtain Barrier removal permission from Mines & Geology Department.
- **5**. The project proponent shall submit plan for Restoration of benches and buffer zone in remediation plan and the cost of restoration of benches and buffer zone should be included in Bank guarantee.
- 6. The proponent is liable to pay the penalties as levied by the concerned competent authority, as per the OM No.28.1.2022 and clause No 12 of SOP dated07-07-2021, duly incorporating the total production during the violation period and submit the calculation of penalties based on the project cost and the total turnover during the violation period.
- **7**. Credible action to be initiated through concerned Regional office, APPCB under section 15 read with section 19 of E(P) Act 1986.
- 8. The project proponent shall carry assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and it shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment report by the accredited consultants. The collection and analysis of data for assessment of ecological damage, preparation of remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan shall be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or an environmental laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, or a laboratory of a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research institution working in the field of environment.
- **9.** The project proponent shall ensure implementation of Environmental Management Plan, comprising remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan corresponding to the ecological damage assessed and economic benefit derived due to violation.
- 10. The project proponent will be required to submit a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan with the State Pollution Control Board.
- 11. The project proponent shall give an undertaking by way of affidavit to comply with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in writ petition (Civil) No.144 of 2014 in the matter of common cause verse union of India and Ors. The undertaking inter-alia includes commitment of the PP not to repeat any such violation in future.
- **12**.The project proponent shall submit proof of Bank Guarantee submission as per S.O.No.804 (E) dated 14.03.2017 and payment of penalty amount as per OM dated 07.07.2021.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue (Violation) Terms of Reference with Public Hearing.

Agenda Item: 213.15 & 210.11 3.0 Ha. Morrum/Gravel & Ordinary Earth of Smt T. Venkata Haritha, Sy. No: 133/1 Kodavali Village, Gollaprolu Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/260251/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2

The proposed project is for mining **Morrum/Gravel & Ordinary Earth** in an area of **3.0 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Mining of Morrum/Gravel & Ordinary Earth** – **69957 m3/annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their Consultants M/s. SV Enviro Labs have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, vide Lr. dated: 22.11.2021, there are no existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha.

Earlier the application was placed in the 183-meeting held on 04.04.2022 and then raised ADS for submission of **WP No 22175 of 2021** disposal orders. The mine operator submitted reply to duly enclosing interim order dt 29.07.2022. The case again posted on 01.09.2022. The mine operator informed the committee that the case is in progress and is taking time. He has paid 10 times dead rent to govt, and he must submit EC, CFE and CFO to the mining department immediately failing which he will incur irreparable monetary loss and requested to issue EC as there is no stay on LOI.

The Committee noted that the extent of proposed mine lease area is 3.0 Ha. SEA Committee members have expressed apprehension that processing of the application at this stage with limited material on the legal side may be sub judice and hence recommended to seek legal opinion from the Standing Counsel on legal implications and for latest stage of Writ petition.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications, ADS reply & OMs, detailed deliberations, recommended to seek **legal opinion from the standing counsel on legal implications and for latest stage of the writ petition** as SEAC members have expressed apprehension that processing the application at this stage with limited material on the legal side may become sub judice. Accordingly legal opinion on the legal issues obtained from Standing counsel on 06.02.2023 and the extract of opinion is reproduced as below:

Legal opinion enclosed

The proponent volunteered to provide Water treatment plant to the **Kodavali** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of the mine is 5 years.

The Committee after re-examining the project proposals, Legal opinion, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance without prejudice to the outcome of the W.P with the following conditions.

- 1. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall not carry out drilling & blasting.
- **3.** The project proponent shall develop 1km greenbelt along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **4.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **5**. The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **6.** This EC is issued without any prejudice to the final outcome of any court cases on this subject mine and the EC will be automatically cancelled in case of adverse court order if any.

	7. The final court orders to be complied by the proponent.		
	Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.		
Agenda Item: 213.16 & 210.12	20.0 Ha. Quartzite Quarry of M/s. Subhash Minerals, at Sy. No. 245, Uttaravalli Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/72126/2019		
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2 at par with B1.		
	The proposed project is for mining of Quartzite in an area of 20.00 Ha. with a proposed production quantity of Quartzite : 5,19,068 TPA (avg.) with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.		
	The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).		
	The project proponent and their consultant M/s. HECS have attended the meeting. The project proponent has submitted change of consultancy letter.		
	The SEIAA has issued Standard TOR with public hearing on 11/10/2019 and public hearing was held on 16.12.2020.		
	Public hearing details		
	Water sprinkling, dust problems and crop loss road damages, RO plant & health cams are the main issues raised in the public hearing.		
	The District Joint Collector (A&W), Vizianagaram has explained that the detailed characterization of all the environmental components such as air, water, noise, land are clearly explained in the EIA report and requested the public to listen to the details so as to express their views and opinions. He further instructed the management to brief the details of the proposed project for inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections		

from the public for carrying out the proposed project and requested the public to express their views, Opinions, Suggestions & Objections if any without hesitation regarding the

The base line data was collected from Nov, 19 to Jan, 2020.

proposed project.

The predominant wind direction is observed to be North to South.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 57.24 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 4.95 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at 0.99 Km in South West direction of the mine.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plan with bore well in the Uttaravalli Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of the mine is 27 years**.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, EIA appraisal, mining plan, PH minutes, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue EC.

- **1**. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt along approach roads & village

Road sides.

- 3. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt of 1km in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- 4. The project proponent shall carry out mining duly maintaining proper benches.
- 5. The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **6.** The project proponent shall comply with the assurances given to the public in the public hearing.

Decision of SEIAA in 201st meeting: - Refer to SEAC to examine the proceedings of the Public Hearing minutes.

This case is again placed in the 213th SEAC meeting:

The committee observed that all the issues are addressed in the conditions and hence, earlier meeting recommendations holds good.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.17 & 210.13 4.90 Ha Mining of Lime Kankar/ Lime Stone (Minor) by Sri K. Venkata Narasimha Rao at Survey No: 307/12, Bhatrupalem Village, Dachepalli Mandal, Palnadu District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/290085/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2.

The proposed project is for mining of Lime Kankar/ Lime Stone (Minor)in an area of 4.90 Ha. with a proposed production quantity of **Lime Kankar** / **Lime stone (Minor)** – **101520 TPA**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 Ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their consultants M/s. Space Enviro Solutions have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Guntur-II, Dachepalli (HQ), vide Lr. dated: 16.05.2022, there is one existing quarry lease within the radius of 500 mts area and the same is not working since 2017. Forest is at 305 mts and proponent obtained forest NOC on 03.06.2022. A natural stream is flowing in south west corner in the mine.

In 198th SEAC meeting recommended to raise ADS for modified mining plan as the natural stream is passing through mine lease area to avoid mining in natural stream and accordingly the project proponent has submitted modified mining plan by leaving 2.163 Ha of area on either side of the stream as non-mining zone. Modified mining plan approved on 02.11.2022.

Life of the mine is 6.15 years.

EMP budget details:

Capital cost of the EMP measures proposed: 7.87 Lakhs.

Recurring of the EMP measures proposed: 4.15 Lakhs/Annum.

The proponent volunteered to provide Water treatment plant with bore well to the Katrapadu Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with additional conditions.

- **1**. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop 1km greenbelt along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The project proponent shall maintain buffer zone on either side of natural stream by leaving 2.163Ha as per modified mining plan and protect the stream.
- **6.** The project proponent shall comply conditions stipulated in forest NOC dt.03.06.2022

Decision of SEIAA in 200th meeting: -Refer to SEAC - the proponent submitted the correspondence between Tahsildar and Forest Dept., as NOC of Forest Dept. The SEAC may appraise after obtaining latest NOC of Forest Dept.

This case is again placed 213th SEAC meeting:

As per G.O.Ms No.107 in 6th paragraph of (iii) is as follows:

"In respect of the Revenue lands adjoining or within 500 mts distance from the R.F. boundary, the Tahsildar shall issue NOC after obtaining no objection report from the Divisional Forest Officer concerned."

The project proponent has submitted a letter dated 20.12.2022 from Assistant Director of Mines and Geology duly incorporating a copy of Forest NOC issued by the Forest Department, which is attested by the Assistant Director of mines and Geology. Hence, earlier meeting recommendations holds good.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 213.18 & 210.14

3.161 Ha. Mining of Silica Sand of M/s. P. L. Rao Mines & Minerals at Survey No. 38, Siddavaram Village, Kota Mandal, Tirupati (formerly SPSR Nellore) District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/400657/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2.

The proposed project is for mining of **Silica sand** in an area of **3.161 Ha** with a proposed production quantity of **Silica sand** – **15,384 TPA** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (<250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their consultant M/s Team Labs & Consultants have

attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Nellore vide Lr. dt.22.06.2022 there are 05 **existing quarry leases** within the radius of 500 mtrs area and 2NOs quarry lease were granted before 09.09.2013 and 3 LOIs issued. The project proponent obtained LOI on 14.03.2022. No cluster. Total area is 3.161 Ha. B2 category.

The proponent volunteered to allocate funds for providing water treatment plant to Siddavaram village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till life of the mine and life of the mine is 10 years.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with a following additional conditions:

- The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- The project proponent shall develop greenbelt along approach roads & village Roadsides.
- The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- The project proponent shall comply with Silica sand mine guidelines 2020 of govt of India.

Decision of SEIAA:- Refer back to SEAC to examine the issue of TOR with public hearing as M/s. Shiv Shakthi Mines & Minerals was recommended to issue EC in the same cluster.

This case is placed in the 204th SEAC meeting and recommended to issue EC because of as per the cluster letter issued by the ADMG M/s. Shiv Shakthi Mines & Minerals is an LOI stage. Hence, Earlier meeting recommendation holds good.

Decision of SEIAA in 201st meeting: - Refer back to SEAC to examine the issue of TOR with public hearing as M/s. Shiv Shakthi Mines & Minerals was recommended to issue EC on 14.11.2022 in the same cluster.

This proposal is placed in the 213th SEAC meeting.

As on date of appraisal, the cluster letter issued by ADMG was taken as the reference by SEAC, the mine falls in LoI stage and accordingly appraised.

As on the cluster letter dated 22/06/2002 issued by the Assistant Director of mines and Geology M/s. Shiv Shakthi Mines & Minerals is an LOI stage Hence, it may not be counted for calculating cluster area. Hence, earlier meeting recommendations holds good.

Decision of SEIAA:- Deferred

Agenda Item: 213.21 & 210.15 3.012 Ha Mining of Kintada Quartz/Quartzite Mine of M/s Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) at Sy.No.153 of Kintada Village, K. Kotapadu Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/404433/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2.

The proposed project is for mining of **Quartz** in an area of 3.012 **Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Quartz** – **50,000 TPA** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (\leq 250 Ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their consultants S V Enviro Labs & consultants have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam vide Lr. dated: 18.10.2022, there is one existing quarry lease within the radius of 500 mts area which is granted before 2013. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha. No blasting proposed. 1st renewal on 17.12.2021 for 20 years.

The project proponent has submitted modified mining plan dt. 22/09/2022 by leaving 2.407 Ha as per NGT norms. Life of mine is to be considered from the grant of mine lease / Extension proceedings as the application is only in LOI stage.

Life of mine is 2 years.

EMP budget details:

Capital cost of the EMP measures proposed: 7.70 Lakhs.

Recurring of the EMP measures proposed: 5.35 Lakhs/Annum.

The proponent volunteered to provide Water treatment plant with borewell to the **Dalivalasa** Village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms and detailed deliberations, **recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with additional conditions**.

- 1. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall develop 1km greenbelt along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. No blasting is allowed.
- **6.** The life of the mine shall be from the date of execution of the lease.

Decision of SEIAA in 200th meeting: - Refer to SEAC to apprise after obtaining of working Status report from the Mines & Geology Department after 2021 as the EC is expired in 2021.

This case is again placed in 213thSEAC meeting:

As referred by the SEIAA, the project proponent has submitted a copy of production and dispatch details vide letter dt. 23.12.2022 and the details are also available in page no. 18 of Approved mining plan.

The Committee after examining the details reiterates that the earlier meeting recommendations holds good.

Decision of SEIAA:- Deferred.

Agenda
Item:
213.23 &
210.16

4.890 Ha, Mining of Colour Granite (Variety of Leptynite of Coastal Districts) of M/s. Satya Deva Mines and Minerals at Sy.No: 121 of Buduruvada Village, Parvathipuram Mandal, Vizianagaram District, A.P. SIA/AP/MIN/410677/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 22.02.2023. Category: B2 at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Colour Granite (Variety of Leptynite of Coastal Districts)** in an area of **4.890 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Colour Granite- 33171 M3/Annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their consultant M/s. SV Enviro Labs & Consultants have attended the meeting.

The proponent has obtained TOR with public hearing on 15.09.2021 and public hearing was held on 29.06.2022.

Public hearing details

There are no specific issues raised in the public hearing.

The project consultant have spoked on behalf of the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

Sri B. Vijay BhaskarRao, Consultant, informed that the mining will be done in wire saw cutting method, no blasting will be carried out, they will provide separate storage facility for the wastewater and use for plantations, provide half yearly medical camps and will provides RO plant. He stated that some of the jobs needs experience and will provide skill development training. He stated that they will consult the managers and will give compensation and stated that the fallen rock will be removed and solve the issues raised in the hearing with consultation of MRO, by forming a mining association.

While concluding the proceedings of the Public Hearing, the District Revenue Officer & Additional District Magistrate, stated that 10-15 villagers have participated in the meeting and informed that all the proceedings of the hearing, issues raised, answers given by the management were recorded and will be sent to the SEIAA, Vijayawada, Govt. of India for taking further necessary action in respect of Environmental Clearance.

The base line data was collected from Nov, 2021 to January 2022.

The predominant wind direction is observed to be North East to South West.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 56 μg/m3. The incremental concentration is 4.11 μg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 0.99KM towards South West direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide 4 no of Surgical beds to Paravathipuram Mandal Head Quartos Gov Hospial as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of the mine is 20 years**.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms, mining plan, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue **Environmental Clearance** with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.

- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- 5. The project proponent shall carryout mining with wire saw cutting method and no blasting will be carried out. As per commitment by the proponent during public hearing.
- **6**. The project proponent shall comply other assurances given in the public hearing.
- 7. The project proponent shall provide Trench with bund on North East side to prevent surface runoff.
- 8. The project proponent shall acquire 0.5 Ha of additional land for waste disposal after 2^{nd} year.

Decision of SEIAA in 206thmeeting: - Refer to SEAC to re-examine the proposal in the light of concerns raised in the public hearing on public health and pollution issues.

This case is again placed in the 213th SEAC meeting:

The committee observed that all the issues are addressed in the conditions and hence, earlier meeting recommendations holds good.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance with a condition that at any cost the flow of the water in the stream shall not be obstructed as concerns raised in the public hearing. .

Special Secretary To Govt

Dr. P.V.Chalapathi Rao, I.F.S Dr.Thatiparthi Byragi Reddy Sri P.Venkata Rami

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Govt. of Andhra Pradesh &

Member Secretary,

SEIAA, A.P.

Signed by Dr P V Chalapathi Rao

Date: 15-03-2023 19:32:38 Reason: Approved

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Legal Opinion No.1/SEIAA/EC Dated: 06.02.2023

09/02/2023

To

The Member Secretary, State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, D.No.33-26-14 D/2, Near Sunrise Hospital, Pushpa Hotel Centre, Chalamavari Street, Kasturibaipet, Vijayawada-520010.



Sir,

Sub: Legal Opinion sought through Lr.No.6/SEIAA/General/Legal/2022 dated 17.11.2022 connection with (SIA/AP/MIN/260251/2022) Ha.Morrum/Gravel & Ordinary Earth, an application filed by one Smt.T.VenkataHaritha in Sy.No.133/1, Kodavali Village, GollaproluMandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-Village,

Application filed for Environmental Clearance (EC)-Reg.

Ref: 1 Quarry Lease granted through Notice No.1031/Q/2021 Issued by Department of Mines & Geology dated 30.09.2021

2. The Letter of Intent (LoI) issued to the proponent was expired by 21.09.2022 and the Legal Opinion sought does

not take place due to expiry of LoI.

Letter No.1031/01/2021 dated 03.01.2023 issued by the Dy.Director of Mines and Geology to the proponent extended the lease period two (2) years w.e.f.22.09.2022. Pending WP.No.22175 of 2021 before Hon'ble High Court.

G.O.Ms.No.13 Inds & Comm (Mines.III) Det., dt. 14.03.2022

It is informed to your good office that, the subject matter of Letter vide Lr.No.6/SEIAA/General/Legal/2022 dated 17.11.2022 placed before me for legal opinion in connection with (SIA/AP/MIN/260251/2022) in order to consider the application of

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Smt. T.Venkata Haritha for Environmental Clearance (EC) to an extent of 3.0 Ha., in Sy.No. 133/1 of Kodavali Village, Gollaprolu Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. The enclosures of the said opinion revealed that the Letter of Intent (LoI) was expired by 21.09.2022 and could not place the Opinion in time and requested orally to send the extended version of LoI. In the process, I received the extended LoI through vide Letter No.1031/01/2021 dated 03.01.2023 on 06.01.2023 as 3rdreferred above and placing this Legal Opinion.

2. The 4th cited WP.No.22175 of 2021 is filed and sought a main relief before the Hon'ble High Court and the prayer under Article 226 and the Interim direction is granted on 29.07.2022 by the Hon'ble High Court in WP.No.22175 of 2021 precisely against the Respondent Nos. 6 to 9. The said order is placed hereunder for appreciation:

"ORDER:

As the dispute in the matter is whether the trees said to have been planted and grown by the petitioner are existing on the land which is said to be given as mining lease to the respondent Nos.6 to 9, the District Collector, Kakinda shall depute an appropriate person to conduct a survey for ascertaining the existence of trees either over the entire area or in any part of the area which is proposed to be given out on lease. The report of the said survey shall be placed before this Court by the next date of hearing. The report shall also contain photographs of the land which is surveyed."

Post on 01.09.2022."

3. Followed by that order the matter was listed for hearing on 05.09.2022 and the Hon'ble High Court directed to give a copy of Survey to the learned counsel for unofficial Respondents of R6 to R9 and posted on 20.09.2022 and thereafter it appears as per web pages of Hon'ble High Court, the said matter is not listed for hearing till this date. In the meantime, I received the subject matter of Letter of Intent on 06.01.2023 to give my opinion.

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- 4. It is apparent on the face of the prayers sought in main Writ Petition W.P.No.22175 of 2021 and also the Interim direction as granted on 29.07.2022, the writ petitioner sought his relief against Respondent Nos. 6 to 9 only and not against Respondent No.5, who is an applicant for grant of lease to an extent of 3.0 Ha., in Sy.No. 133/1 of Kodavali Village, Gollaprolu Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh and the Letter of Intent are extended for another two years right from the date of expiry through the 5th cited reference. Absolutely, there is no adverse order against the application of Smt. Thota Venkata Haritha in WP.No.22175 of 2021.
- 5. It is further place on record, that, I perused the papers placed before me and also gone through the relevant papers as required under law to give this opinion and also the extended lease through Letter of Intent vide 3rd cited above through Letter No.1031/Q1/2021 dated 03.01.2023, the amended GO vide G.O.Ms.No.13 Inds & Comm (Mines.III) Det., dt. 14.03.2022 says, the applicant has to get EC and CFE from the competent authorities (SEAC/APPCB) respectively. Thus, in the light of subject matter legal opinion initially differed for one single reason, the Letter of Intent was expired by 21.09.2022 and the 3rd cited reference dated 03.01.2023 is placed before me to give my legal opinion. Hence this opinion in this backdrop.

LEGAL OPINION:

A. In my considered opinion in the light of the 3rd cited reference of extension of Letter of Intent for another two (2) years form 22.09.2022 and in the light of the Interim order as extracted in the precedent paras and under the guise of G.O.Ms. 13 Inds & Comm (Mines-III Department dt.14.03.2022, there is no embargo or legal bar against the applicant/proponent/ intending aspirant of subject matter of lease to an extent of 3.0 Ha., in Sy.No. 133/1 of Kodavali Village, Gollaprolu Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. The interim direction is against Respondent Nos. 6 to 9 as prayed by the writ petitioner in his writ petition and the interim order dated 22.09.2022 also against Respondent No.6 to 9

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only. Thus, in my view the subject matter of WP.No.22175 of 2021 is pending against the Government and against Respondent Nos. 6 to 9 and not against Respondent No.5 as on this day i.e., 21.01.2023. Thus, I am giving of my legal opinion under this backdrop, that the subject matter is clear without any ambiguity, thereis no interim direction is operating against the subject matter of the legal opinion or restricted by way of interim order against the application of Smt.Thota Venkata Haritha either by the Hon'ble High Court or any Judicial/Non-Judicial/Tribunal as on this day.

- B. The office of SEAC can process the application of the applicant Smt. Thota Venkata Haritha under S.O.1533 dated 14.09.2006 for issuance of Environmental clearance,
- C. Further, I am placing my caveat that the EC/CFE is subject to result of the pending WP.No.22175 of 2021 on the file of the Hon'ble High Court.

REMARKS:

This legal opinion of Smt.Thota Venkata Haritha can be proceeded for Environmental Clearance (EC) under S.O.No.1533 dated 14.09.2006 of EIA Notification and in the light of extended validity of lease through a Letter No.1031/Q1/2021 dated 03.01.2023 issued by the Dy.Director OF Mines & Geology, subject to result of the WP.No.22175 of 2021.

Hence this legal opinion.

V.SURENDRA REDDY Standing Counsel for SIEAA