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Minutes of the 635th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 01.08.2022

The meeting of 635th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 01.08.2022 at the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg
2. Shri Paras Nath
3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

- Chairman, SEIAA, U.P
Member, SEIAA, U.P
Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P

Agenda A- 670th SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 04/07/2022

1. **Earth Mine, Khasra/Gata No.- 183 G, 183 K & 186 in village Saheliya, Tehsil Nawabganj, District:- Barabanki, Shri Ram Samujh, Area 0.290 ha. File No. 7135/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/276519/2022**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC-1 to grant prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC-1 but SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 3 months from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 3 months or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
3. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.



4. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
 5. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
 6. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 5 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
 7. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
 8. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
2. Earth Mine, Khasra/Gata No. 487, 525mi, 475 & 710 in village Rampur joga, Tehsil Nawabganj, District:- Barabanki, Shri Ashish Gupta, Area 0.8529 ha. File No. 7136/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/276513/2022

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC-1 to grant prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC-1 but SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

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3. Modernization of Existing Rolling Mill of capacity 240000 MTPA (Metric Tons per Annum) and Setting up of 237600 MTPA MS Billet Plant through Induction Furnace Route & CCM Location Plot "E" & C -133 to 152, Phase-III, Masuri Gulawati Road, UPSIDC Industrial Area, P.O. - Udayamrampur Nagla, District- Hapur., M/s Shri Rathi Steel Ltd. File No. 7139/Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND/77889/2022

SEIAA took note of the comments of SEAC-1.



4. Group Housing at Khasra No. 303/2M, 303M/3, Village-Pehladgarhi, Vais Tehsil- & Distt.-Ghaziabad, Shri Lokesh Singh. File No. 7140/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/276849/2022

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC-1 to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Ghaziabad to ensure that no construction activity is started until valid EC is obtained and in case construction has been carried out without valid EC then work should be stopped and legal action should be initiated against the PP.

5. Stone (Khanda, Boulder Gitti) Sand Stone Mining at Araj No./Plot No./Gata No.- 98 Khand No.-06,) Village-Parvezabad, Tehsil-Bara, District - Prayagraj, Smt. Usha Rani Gavri., M/s M.K.A. Enterprises, Area 6.880 ha. File No. 6386/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/64085/202

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC-1 to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Prayagraj to ensure that no mining activity is started until valid EC is obtained and in case mining has been carried out without valid EC then work should be stopped and legal action should be initiated against the PP.

6. Sand Stone Mining at Araj No. /Plot No. Gata No- 642, 644 at Village – Sikikalan, Tehsil- Meja, District- Prayagraj, Shri Alok Tiwari, Area- 4.048 ha. File No. 6361/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63975/2021

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC-1 adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
4. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
5. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.



6. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
 7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
 8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 5,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
 9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 25 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
 10. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
 11. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
 12. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
7. **Stone (Gitti/Boulder/Khanda) Sandstone Mining at Arai No. /Plot No. 275, Khand No.- DH/14, Village-Dharawal, Tehsil- Meja, District- Prayagraj, Smt. Renu, M/s Jai Maa Aadi Group, Area 1.012 ha. File No. 6145/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/60407/2021**

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC-1 adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.



2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
4. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
5. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
6. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 2,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 10 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
10. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
11. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
12. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with



status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.

8. Building project at Plot No. 14, Ecotech- VIII, Greater Noida, U.P., Shri Usha Rani Gavri, M/s Dixon Technologies (India) Limited. File No. 7144/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/275287/2022

SEIAA noted that SEAC-1 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that in the application, name of the project proponent is mentioned as "Mr. Suneel Kumar Singh" whereas in MoM it is mentioned as "Shri Usha Rani Gavri", no proper KML file is uploaded in online form and from the project report it is evident that EC is being sought for "Refrigerator manufacturing industry" under 8(a) category. Neither the PP/consultant has given any details related to environmental issues related to manufacturing of refrigerators industry nor SEAC-1 has done due diligence. PP/consultant to submit revised EIA/EMP report addressing these issues and SEAC-1 evaluate the same. Further, show cause notice be issued to consultant and copy be send to NABL/QCI.

9. Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Unit of 305 TPD Capacity at Plot No. 13/9 & 13/10, UPSIDA Industrial Area, Jagdishpur, District-Amethi. Shri Shantanu Agarwal, M/s Gorakhnath Organics. File No. 6956/Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND3/ 71995/2022

SEIAA noted that SEAC-1 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and opined that a letter be send to UPPCB whether it is a violation category project or not. Project will be evaluated after UPPCB submits their report.

10. Sand/Morrum Mining at Gata No. 385, Khand- Ba, Village Barhmori, Tehsil Obra, Sonbhadra., M/s N.D. Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Area -12.146 ha. File No. 6503/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/66707/2021

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC-1 adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. In the absence of replenishment study, in compliance of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 06.05.2022 initially the EC will be operational till 31.12.2022. Permissible quantity and area shall be strictly limited to quantity and area mentioned in Lol or mining plan, whichever is lesser, and maximum mineable depth will be limited to as approved in the mining plan.
3. For subsequent years, Project Proponent shall submit fresh annual replenishment study to SEIAA, UP for amendment in EC for mineable quantity and maximum permissible depth for mining based on scientific findings of replenishment study. Such study shall be placed before SEAC for appraisal for next three years to assess rate of deposition and accordingly, mineable production capacity and depth can be prescribed based on trends analysis, provided it is found scientifically satisfactory

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by the SEAC. The placing of the study report SEAC is mandatory for initial three years.

4. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
5. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
6. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
7. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
8. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
9. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 13,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
10. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 65 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
11. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
12. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
13. Project Proponent / Consultant has given an affidavit that the project area doesn't fall within the boundary of Critically Polluted Area (CPA). If the affidavit given by PP / Consultant is found to be false then EC will be cancelled and legal actions will be initiated against them. Further, mining should not commence without obtaining



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certificate from DM, Sonbhadra that area doesn't attract CPA and a copy of the same should be submitted to SEIAA.

14. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
15. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
16. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
17. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.

**Assistant Nodal/Nodal Officer
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MoM prepared by Secretariat in consultation with
Chairman & Members on the basis of decisions
taken by SEIAA during the meeting.



**(Ajay Kumar Sharma)
Member-Secretary
SEIAA**

**(Paras Nath)
Member
SEIAA**

**(Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg)
Chairman
SEIAA**