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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

06/02/2023

Agenda Item: 209.01 & 206.01	4.185 Ha. Earth, Gravel Ballast, Road Metal & Boulders Quarry of M/s. Sai Vengamamba Stone Crusher at Sy. No. 21/ 1 & 2, Decherla Village, Kovvuru Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/405428/2022	
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.01.2023. Category: B2 at par with B1.	
	The proposed project is for mining of Earth, Gravel Ballast, Road Metal &Boulders in an area of 4.185 Ha. with a proposed production quantity of Earth, Gravel Ballast, Road Metal &Boulders : 45,106 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 proponent and their Hubert Enviro Care Systems have attended the meeting and presented the case. The proponent has submitted change of consultancy letter.	
	The SEIAA has issued Standard TOR with public hearing on 31.03.2022 and public hearing was held on 29.06.2022 Public hearing details There is no specific issued raised in the public hearing.	

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

The consultant have spoken on behalf of Management.

Sri P Vijaykumar, Representative of M/s. Global Environment & Mining Services on behalf of M/s. Sai Vengamamba Stone Crusher, Prop: Sri Naidu Bhaskar: He thanked everyone who participated in the Public Consultation and he explained the public for following prevention & control measures for proposed mining activity:

- Wet drilling will be adopted and controlled sequential blasting will be carried out due to controlled sequential blasting the vibrations in the surrounding areas will be minimal.
- The dust may get generated due to transport vehicles that carry the mined mineral. It will be suppressed by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- It is proposed to take up plantation 500 trees on every year suitable to local condition, in the vacant mine land and government land and also on both sides of the approach road. The Protection and maintenance of these trees will be the responsibility of the quarry management.
- In the proposed mine, around 30 people will get direct employment and another 45 persons get indirect employment. In addition, opportunities will be given to locals, in various supporting indirect activities like transportation of mined maternals, water spraying on the approach roads, tree plantation and their maintenance etc.
- As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, in association with other quarries operating in the village, it is proposed to extend his financial support for establishment of Function Hall and Klayana Mandapam in Decherla, I pangidi Villages Also. It is proposed to arrange health camps on every six months, for the benefit of the people from surrounding villages.
- Fencing will be provided around the mined area after completion of mining activity.
- All precautionary measures will take-up for Environment protection.

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 58.58 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 2.31 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 0.4 KM towards Western direction.

In 205th SEAC meeting recommended to raise ADS for water analysis reports and Revised EIA report and proponent submitted reply on 15.12.2022.

The proponent volunteered to provide Small function hall cum Kalyanamandapam to Decherla village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of the mine is 14.80 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 carryout mining activities duly maintaining proper benches.
- 6. The project proponent shall adopt Wet drilling and controlled sequential blasting As per commitment by the proponent during public hearing.
- 7. 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: 209.02 & 206.02 1.0 Ha. Mining of Road metal & Building stone of Smt. M. Gayathri at Sy No: 231 of Chiyyedu Village, Anantapuramu Mandal, Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/409297/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.01.2023.

Category: B2 (Violation)

The proposed project is for mining of **Road metal & Building stone in an area of 1.0 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Road metal & Building stone** — **20769m3/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 Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, **Anantapuramu**, vide Lr. dated: 30.08.2022, there are five existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha and life of the mine is 7 years.

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.

This is a second renewal lease quarry and lease executed on 12.08.2015.

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 without 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 obtain Barrier removal permission from Mines & Geology Department.
- 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 comply with the conditions mentioned at a point no. 11 of SoP dated 07.07.2021.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue specific (Violation) Terms of Reference without Public Hearing.

Agenda Item No: 209.03 & 206.03 19.425 Ha. Mining of Black Galaxy Granite of M/s.Andhra Pradesh Granite (Midwest) Private Limited at Sy. No.55/5 of Rajupalem - Lakshmipuram village, Chimakurthy Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/406837/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.01.2023.

Category: B2 at par with B1

The proposed project is for mining **Black galaxy granite** in an area of **19.425 Ha.** with a proposed enhancement of **Black galaxy granite from 54643m3/annum to 79401 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 M/s. Pridhvi Envirotech Pvt Ltd have attended the meeting.

The project proponent has obtained EC expansion on 13.09.2019 for mining of Black galaxy granite from 1026 m3/annum to 54643 m3/annum and which is valid for 20 years.

The project proponent has submitted Certified compliance report from IRO, Vijayawada.

The project proponent has obtained Auto generated TOR with public hearing on 01.07.2021 and public hearing was held on07.04.2022.

Decision of 201st SEAC meeting is as follows:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to agree with the request as per OM dt 08.06.2022 and requested to file application with one season validation data.

Now proponent has applied for Enhancement of Environmental clearance with one season validation data.

Public hearing details

Water sprinkling, dust suppression & employment No specific issues raised in the public hearing.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows: **Sri K.Mallikarjuna Rao, COO, M/s Andhra Pradesh Granite** (**Midwest) Pvt. Ltd.:**

He informed that he has noted all the suggestions & views expressed by the NGOs, local leaders and the villagers during public hearing. He said that he is responding on behalf of the Management on the following issues raised by the speakers.

- 1. **Hospital:** A request from the workers and villagers was received in the past to provide hospital in RL Puram Village. Significant progress has been made in the matter of this hospital. M/s Andhra Pradesh Granite(Midwest) Private Limited, has remitted an amount of Rs. 4 Crores to Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) towards infrastructure Development Fund and requested the APMDC to spend the amount for establishment of hospital. The APMDC has come forward to establish hospital in RL Puram village. The APMDC requested RL Puram Grampanchayat and Granite Owners association for allotment of land for the hospital. But the identified land is under dispute. As soon as the finalization of land issue, the construction of the hospital in RL Puram will be materialized.
- 2. **Employment:** At present, 450 employees are working in the present mine out of which, employment has been provided to 187 local villagers i.e., 40% employment was given to local people. Due to the non-availability of skilled workers in the village, the company engaged skilled workers from outside for operating the machinery. He suggested that if training and license are to be given to local villagers, who have completed the ITI diploma, they can get employment opportunities in the mine and there is a possibility to provide more employment to the local villagers since its inception and it will be continued in the future also.
- 3. **Dust pollution**: A tractor Dozer has been provided for removing

deposited dust on both sides of the road. Water spraying is being carried out to suppress dust on the roads and if the frequency of water spraying is not sufficient, it will be increased and control the dust. As suggested by the sarpanch, they adopted the latest available technology for granite mining in the world and also employed local Mining Engineers who have completed mining engineering to carry out mining operations in the mine.

- **4. Insurance :** The organization provided insurance facility to all the personnel working in the mine and also to the outside contractors and they are getting insurance benefits.
- 5. **Water storage structures :** He said they already storing water in the completed mined pits for recharge of underground water table and utilizing the stored water for dust suppression on the roads.
- **6. Funds :** He informed that a suggestion was given by the speakers to spend funds within a 10km radius and funds will be spent as suggested.

While concluding the EPH proceedings, the Environmental Engineer, APPCB, Ongole has informed that the suggestions, views, objections, opinions expressed by the public were noted and the proceedings of the public hearing in the form minutes would be forwarded to the SEIAA for further necessary action.

The base line data was collected from March, 2022 to May, 2022. The predominant wind direction is observed to be South to North. The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 86.10 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 4.86 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at within mine lease area.

The proponent volunteered to provide Skill development program, Development of Avenue plantation and Hospital Establishment in **Chimakurthy** as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. **Life of the mine is 15 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 1 Km 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 water sprinkling and shall maintain Tractor Dozer to remove dust deposited on Roads. As per commitment by the proponent during public hearing.
- 6. 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.
	9.910 Ha. Mining of Quartz of M/s Veda Mines and Minerals at survey No. 114/P of Lakshmipuram, H/o Duttaluru Village & Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/409348/2022
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.01.2023. Category: B2 at par with B1.
	The proposed project is for Mining of Quartz in an area of 9.910 Ha. with a proposed production quantity of Mining of Quartz –102950 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 the proponent and their consultant M/s Global Enviro labs., have attended the meeting.
	The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, SPSR Nellore , vide Lr. dated: 27.10.2022, there are no quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is >5.0 Ha. This is a standalone mining unit. Life of the mine is 8.03 years.
	 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 EIA& EMP. The project proponent shall prepare a plan for surface runoff prevention measures. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt.
	Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Standard Terms of Reference with public hearing.
Agenda Item: 209.05 & 206.05	0.760 Ha. Mining of Road metal & Building stone of Sri. M. Gnaneswar at Sy No: 231 of Chiyyedu Village, Anantapuramu Mandal, Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/409445/2022
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.12.2022 Category: B2 (Violation)
	The proposed project is for mining of Road metal & Building stone in an area of 0.760 Ha. with a proposed of production quantity of Road metal & Building stone – 15998 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 Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, **Anantapuramu**, vide Lr. dated: 30.08.2022, there are five existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha and life of the mine is 5 years.

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.

This is a second renewal lease quarry and lease executed on 12.08.2015.

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 without 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 obtain Barrier removal permission from Mines & Geology Department.
- 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 comply with the conditions mentioned at a point no. 11 of SoP dated 07.07.2021.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue specific (Violation) Terms of Reference without Public Hearing.

Agenda Item: 209.06 & 206.06 15.0 Ha Mining of Road Metal and Building Stone of M/s Chennai Best Blue Metals at Sy.No: 01, P.V.Puram Village, Sathyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/409636/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.12.2022

Category: B2 at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Mining of Road Metal and Building Stone** and soil in an area of **15.0 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Mining of Road Metal and Building Stone- 6,00,000 M3/Annum and Soil- 4,00,000 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 (<250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their consultant M/s. B S Envi- Tech Pvt ., Ltd., have attended the meeting.

The proponent has obtained TOR with public hearing on 03.08.2022 and public hearing was held on 02.11,2022.

Public hearing details

There are no specific issues raised in the public hearing.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

Sri S Vijay Sekhar, Managing Partner of M/s. Chennai Best Blue Metals, while addressing the concerns raised by the public informed that, he will take all the suggestions made by the villagers and NGOs will be taking into consideration. He further informed that, the process of rehabilitation of the said colony will be initiated concerning the Government authorities. He promised to develop and maintain the good roads and also serious efforts will be made for protecting the surrounding environment

The base line data was collected from Oct, 2021 to Dec, 2021. The predominant wind direction is observed to be East to West. The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 61.5 μg/m3. The incremental concentration is 6.37 μg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 0.79KM towards West direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide Infrastructural developments in the **S T Colony (P.V.Puram 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 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 comply other assurances given in the public hearing.
6. The project proponent shall carryout mining duly maintaining proper benches.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance with a condition that the project proponent shall comply other assurances given in the public hearing.

Agenda Item: 209.07 & 206.07

1.938 Ha Mining of Earth, Ballast, Road Metal & Boulders of M/s Sri Sri Balaji Granites, at Sy. No. 3/1 & 4/1(0.64 Acs in 3/1 & 4.15 Acs in 4/1) of I.Pangidi Village, Kovvuru Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/409880/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.12.2022

Category: B2 (Violation)

The proposed project is for **Mining of Earth, Ballast, Road Metal & Boulders in an area of 1.938 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Mining of Earth, Ballast, Road Metal & Boulders – 29682 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. HECS, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Eluru, vide Lr. dated: 13.10.2022, there are four existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is <5.0 Ha and **life of the mine is 12.93 years.**

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.

This is a second renewal lease quarry and obtained work order on 20/05/2015

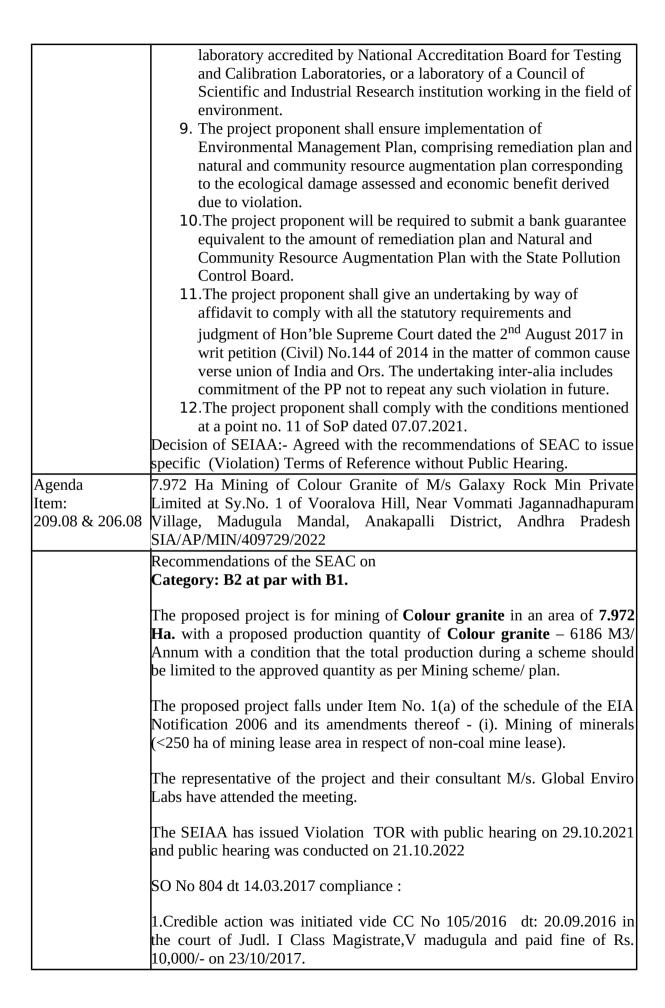
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obtaining environmental clearance as required under EIA notification 2006 after promulgation of S.O. 141 (E) dt 15.01.2016 and hence to be treated as identified violation case as per OM 07.07.2021.

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 without Public Hearing and following conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall prepare cluster EIA& EMP.
- 2. The project proponent shall prepare a plan for surface runoff prevention measures.
- 3. The project proponent shall prepare a plantation plan including no. of species and type of species and area of land allocated for greenbelt.
- 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



2.Submitted undertaking on 07.07.2020 stating that the violation will not be repeated. B. Remediation and resource augmentation plan with a cost of Rs 6.07.081/- . proof of submission of BG is to be submitted. The base line data was collected from Oct, 2021 to Dec, 2021. The predominant wind direction is observed to be NE to SW. The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 47.54 ug/m3. The incremental concentration is 3.88 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 500 m towards SW side. The proponent volunteered to provide Computers, Digital class rooms and Furniture to the Primary School in K J Puramas a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of the mine is 172 years. The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms, EIA Report 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 proper benches. 6. The project proponent shall acquire 1.50 Ha of additional land for waste disposal after 2nd year. 7. The project proponent shall submit bank guarantee for Rs. Rs 6,07,081/- as a part of Remediation and resource augmentation plan. Decision of SEIAA:- Refer to SEAC to apprise after obtaining the project cost and the total turnover during the violation period from the Mines & Geology Dept., and to calculate penalty amount. 4.890 Ha, Mining of Colour Granite (Variety of Leptynite of Coastal Agenda Item: Districts) of M/s. Satya Deva Mines and Minerals at Sy.No: 121 of 209.10 & 206.09 Buduruvada Village, Parvathipuram Mandal, Vizianagaram District, SIA/AP/MIN/410677/2022 Recommendations of the SEAC on 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

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

approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

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 Bhasker Rao, 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 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 μ g/m3. The incremental concentration is 4.11 μ g/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 Hospital 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 2nd year.

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

Agenda Item: 209.16 & 206.10 12.662 Ha. Mining of Dolomite and Iron Ore Quarry of Smt D. Venkata Subbamma, at Sy. No: 100 of Valasala Village, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh

SIA/AP/MIN/410869/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 05.01.2023

Category: B2 at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Dolomite and Iron Ore Quarry**in an area of **12.662 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Dolomite-2019 TPA and Iron Ore - 71010TPA** 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 01.07.2022 and public hearing was held on 02.11.2022.

Public hearing details

There are no specific issues raised in the public hearing.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows: Response of the management:

Manager, Balaram, Mines representative of **Proposed** Management: He welcomed DRO, EE,PCB, RDO, MPTC, Sarpanch, Police, Revenue, Media, NGOs, Surrounding villagers and everyone. He informed that he is working as a manager/supervisor from many years. He informed that they will follow the suggestions given by NGOs during the public hearing. He informed that earlier, IBM, Safety and Mines and Geology departments has conducted inspections for every 3 months and addressed noncompliance and given suggestions. He informed that management has developed greenbelt with 400 saplings. He informed that after getting environment clearance they will do all programs to avoid environemt pollution. He also informed that they will not create any noise pollution during the mining activities. They will adopt dust suppression methods during loading and transportation of minerals. He informed that

they are giving 30% DMF fund and they utilizing for local panchayat development, they will provide employment and education to locals. Finally he informed that they will consider all suggestions and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

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

The predominant wind direction is observed to be SE to NW.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 63.5 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 6.14 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 0.86KM towards North West direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide Digital class rooms to Primary Scholl and 2 Surgical beds to Government Hospital in theMalkapuram village as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of the mine is 224 years for Dolomite and 6 years for Iron Ore.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms, Modified 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. Maintaining buffer zone with respect to the railway station, railway track and habitation.
- 6. Implementation of the controlled blasting in view of the railway track, station and habitation nearby.
- 7. Implementation of the non-mining zone over an extent of 5.2 Ha as per the Hon'ble NGT order in OA No: 304/2020 as shown in the modified mining plan.
- 8. Mining should be done as per Modified mining plan dt. 21.04.2022
- **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.

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