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J&K UT LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (JKEAC)

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MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF 75th MEETING OF THE JK EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH OF NOVEMBER, 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

In pursuance to Meeting Notice issued vide No: EAC/JK/20/11221-11250 dated: 21/11/2021, the 75th Meeting of JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) was held on 27TH of November, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. via video Conferencing. The following attended the meeting:

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

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

The meeting proceeded as per following sequence: -

AGENDA ITEM NO: 01

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for River bed mining of Minor Mineral in Block No. 26 Revised Area 0.75 Ha, Suran River Downstream Pamrote Bridge Pamrote Area, District-Poonch, State-Jammu & Kashmir in favour of M/S Mahavir Mining.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/236885/20 //SIA/JK/MIN/60553/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/454
Consultant with validity	M/S P & M solutions Pvt. Ltd, Noida. Valid till: 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Mohd. Rashid Khan

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	0.75	14.84	109.99	4.90	5.49	2.20

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
Not Provided	1	0.96	2.0	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
04/09/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	15/12/2020	NA

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	NA	20/03/2021 & 29/04/2021	27/10/2021

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	

4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Not submitted	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	Issued as state land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	0.10	1.20	
2	Haulage route maintenance	4.80	1.62	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	1.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	1.00	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	0.67	
7	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	4.90	5.49	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	0.80	

2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village	0.00	
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.40	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	1.00	
5	Education	Renovation of toilets of the nearby school	0.00	
	Total		2.20	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Features indicative of Heavy illegal mining on Google Image of 05/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500	No	No	-	-	

	mts. from the ends of mining block.					
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of irrigation offtake point of a canal at approx. 25 m on Google Image of 05/2021
8	Active water channels, if any	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded

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

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

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 30th meeting held on 20.03.2021 during which the Committee recommended the project to be deferred till the consultant submits video film of the mining block and explain the points raised during the deliberations particularly physical features of the block to proceed further in the case.
- b) The project was again discussed during 39th meeting held on 29.04.2021 during which the committee recommended the TORs to the project subject to exclusion of active water channel and subject to fixing of responsibility for illegal mining by Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell.
- c) **The PP has resized the mining block from 6.69 Ha to 0.75 Ha. after excluding the active water channel and maintaining safe distance from the bridge which was existing within the block. Also, the proposed haulage route has to pass through active water channels which will require construction of temporary Hume pipe crossings adding to the normal project costs. The Committee as such, is of the view that the mining in such a small area would not be economically feasible and ecologically viable and is likely to open door for illegal extraction under the garb of a valid EC.**
- d) The PP has not submitted the copy of Cluster certificate.
- e) The PP has also not submitted the required report from Multi Dept. District Level Task Force Cell (MDLTF) relating to illegal mining in the block.
- f) May, 2021 image shows the mining block to be highly depleted in terms of minable reserves.
- g) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are suggestive of few irrigation off-take points in the close vicinity of the mining block which were not brought in the notice of the Committee by the consultant in the presentation. Also the NOC issued by the concerned dept. does not specifically make mention of any such facility.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not agree to recommend the case for grant of EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 02

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for River bed mining of Minor Mineral in Block No. 28, Nihari, Area 5.05 Ha. Tawi River Khateni Area Village-Khateni & Tareru, Tehsil Kalakot, District-Rajouri, UT Jammu & Kashmir in favour of Shri Gurdev Singh S/O Shri Balwant Singh.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/61154/20
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/475
Consultant with validity	M/S P & M solutions Pvt. Ltd, Noida. Valid till: 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Mohd. Rashid Khan

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	5.05	40.50	154.65	0.96	7.73	3.10

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
Not Provided	1	0.09	2.0	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
06/08/2020	09/10/2021	30/11/2021	16/02/2021	19/04/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec 2020	18/09/2021	27/03/2021	NA

APPRAISAL PROCESS

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

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2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations
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4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EIA/EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	

3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Not submitted	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	Issued as State land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/ Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	0.51	1.20	4.00	3.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	0.45	1.62	3.00	2.00
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	1.50	2.00	2.00
5	Dust suppression	0.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.41	1.00	1.00
7	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	6.00	4.00
	Total	0.96	7.73	19.50	14.50

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	1.00	0.50
2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village & school	0.00	1.00
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.60	0.60
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	1.50	1.00
5	Education	Distribution of free books, stationery etc to the nearby school	0.00	0.00
6	Electrification	Distribution of free solar panels , solar light in the nearby village	0.00	0.00
	Total		3.10	3.10

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	---
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER/CSR Activities for social upliftment	---
5	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	Yes
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	Favoured the grant of EC to the mining block	Yes
8	Hand pumps should be installed in each school in the area	Yes
9	Royalty collected should be utilized in the area being backward	Yes
10	Rates should be fixed for raw material	Yes
11	Mining should be done on scientific manners	Yes
12	Separate funds should be kept for approach road maintenance	Yes

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks

1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Latest available Google Image of 12/2018
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	

7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Google Image of 12/2018
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded from mining activity
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

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

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 31st meeting held on 27.03.2021 during which the Committee recommended TORs to the project subject to condition that the PP obtains NOC from the Fisheries Department and I&FC Dept. besides, obtaining report from Multi Dept. District Level Task Force Cell (MDLTF) for fixing responsibility of illegal mining in the block.
- b) The PP has obtained NOCs from the stake holder departments, though, in a generalized format.
- c) As per the latest available Google image of Dec., 2018, heavy illegal mining activity was detected in the mining block and the Committee desired to know whether the same is continuing in the block for which necessary clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell to fix responsibility for the illegal mining and to report whether the PP is involved in it, is required prior to grant of formal EC. In case the PP is found to be involved, the process for grant of EC shall be aborted.
- d) Active water channel need to be excluded for calculating the targeted mineral production and submission of revised PFR/EIA prior to grant of EC.

- e) Haulage route crosses through active water channel and therefore, the PP needs to lay Hume pipes to avoid disturbance to the natural flow of water.
- f) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of data is missing in EIA report and same needs to be submitted, prior to grant of EC.
- g) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, CER and therefore needs to be revised, prior to grant of EC.
- h) EMP/CER budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remarks column, prior to grant of EC.
- i) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority.
- j) Mining depth of 2.5 m & bulk density of 2.25 adopted in the instant mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Compliance of observations made herein above under deliberations, **prior to grant of EC.**
- c) Securing a ‘**non-involvement in illegal mining activity**’ certificate from the competent authority, **prior to grant of EC.**
- d) Submission of revised EIA/EMP as per deliberations, prior to grant of EC.
- e) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.**
- f) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- g) Maximum targeted mineral production of **60600 MT.**
- h) Condition the geographical coordinates as per LOI conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- i) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 03

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for River bed mining of Minor Mineral in Block No. 24, revised area 5.97 Ha Sheikpora Trenz Bridge Upstream Nallah Rambaira, and District- Shopian & U.T: Jammu & Kashmir in favour of Shri Mohammad Abbas Raina S/O Mohammad Abdullah Raina.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/227176/20 SIA/JK/MIN/61026/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/505
Consultant with validity	M/S Atmos Sustainable solutions Pvt. Ltd. Valid till: 08/09/2023
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. M. Gilbert
Project proponent / representative of	Mohammad Abbas Raina

Project proponent:	
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CASE SUMMARY

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				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	5.97	71.08	198.6	9.93	11.71	3.97

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1	4.23	2.0	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
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5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	Issued as State land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/ Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	3.00	1.00	2.00
5	Dust suppression	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	3.93	2.71	2.00	2.00
7	Laying of Hume pipes/protection works	0.00	0.00	10.00	6.00
	Total	9.93	11.71	21.00	16.00

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	1.32	
2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village & school	0.00	
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.00	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	0.00	
5	Education	Distribution of free books, stationery etc to the nearby school	1.33	
6	Electrification	Distribution of free solar panels , solar light in the nearby village	1.32	
	Total		3.97	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	3.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	2.00	0.00	
3	Weight Bridge	7.00	1.50	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.06	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.06	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	2.00	0.20	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	1.00	
8	Security Guard	0.00	1.00	
	Total	15.00	3.82	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---

4	CER/CSR Activities for social upliftment	---
5	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	Yes
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	Irrigation canals should be saves at any cost	Yes
8	Protection bunds should not be affected	Yes
9	Mining activity has bad impact on orchids, irrigation channels, drinking water, fauna, flora etc	Yes
10	RBM rates should be regulated	Yes

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

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1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Latest available Google Image of 09/2018
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	NO	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining	No	No	-	-	-

	block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.					
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	Two Electric Transmission Towers within 20 m
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ kuhl inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of irrigation offtake point on Google Image of 09/2018
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded from mining activity
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to	No	No	-	-	

the proposed project						
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DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 38th meeting held on 24.04.2021 during which the committee recommended TORs to the project subject to condition that the mining block size is reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts from the small bridge in the direct line of flow and subject to NOC from the PWD (R&B) and the local panchayat and after recalculating the targeted mineral production owing to reduced mining block size and mining depth of 1m.
- b) The PP has resized the mining block from 9.28 Ha to 5.97 Ha.
- c) The PP has submitted NOC from (R&B) Dept and local panchayat.
- d) Heavy illegal mining activity detected in the mining block as per features on latest available Google image of 09, 2018. The Committee desired to know if the illegal mining is still continuing in the block and therefore asked for clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell to fix responsibility for the illegal mining and to report whether the PP is involved in it prior to grant of formal EC. In case it is reported that the PP is involved in the illegal mining, the process of the case for grant of EC is liable to be aborted.
- e) Further, two Electric Transmission towers were located within 20m from the boundary of the block besides, an offtake point of Irrigation canal/khul within 60m. Therefore, the Committee desired that the PP should get the mining block **further resized to 2 Ha** leaving an appropriate buffer of 50m from the Electric Transmission Towers and 200m from the Irrigation off-take point, prior to grant of EC.
- f) The Committee was of the opinion that the project proponent shall approach the Irrigation & Flood Control Dept. for assessment of vulnerability of the existing structures and if they deem so they may advise the PP to ensure safety of structures and regulation of water supply for which necessary cost shall be borne by the PP.
- g) Exclusion of active water channel while calculating the targeted mineral production and submission of revised PFR/EIA prior to grant of EC.
- h) The compliance to specific TOR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of data is missing in EIA report and needs to be submitted, prior to grant of EC.
- i) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, CER and therefore needs to be revised, prior to grant of EC.
- j) EMP/CER budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remarks column, prior to grant of EC.
- k) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority, prior to grant of EC.
- l) Bulk density of 2.1 adopted in the instant mining plan was not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee recommended the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Securing a ‘non-involvement in illegal mining activity certificate’ from the competent authority, prior to grant of EC.
- c) Compliance of observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.

- d) **Further resizing of the mining block to 2 Ha, as detailed herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- e) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stakeholder departments which need to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned dept.**
- f) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- g) Maximum targeted mineral production of 24000MT.
- h) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area of 2 Ha to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- i) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 04

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for River bed mining of Minor Mineral in Block No. 37, Revised area 2.5 Ha Upstream Jhelum River (Suspension Eco Park Bridge - Pandit Colony, Veerwan). Village- Eco Park Bridge– Pandit Colony, Veerwan, Tehsil and District- Baramulla, UT-Jammu and Kashmiri in favour of Shri Najeebullah Dar S/O Shri Sanaullah Dar.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/225959/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/553
Consultant with validity	M/S Abdul Majid Mir (RQP). Valid till: 16/05/2027
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Abdul Majid Mir
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Shri Najeebullah Dar

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	2.50	104.90	206.5	9.40	10.00	10.26

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
Not Provided	0.7	0.48	1.84	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
12/06/2020	25/10/2021	30/11/2021	06/10/2020	NA

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	NA	Fresh Case	18/08/2021

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	
5	Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	NOCs issued under single window system by Addt. Deputy Commissioner vide
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued	

6	Pollution Control Board	Issued	No. ADCB/Reader/ 2021-22/144-57 Dated:04/05/2021
7	Revenue Dept.	Not submitted	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	5.00	3.00	
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.90	2.00	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	2.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	2.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	0.60	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.50	0.40	
7	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	9.40	10.00	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	3.60	
2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village & school	0.00	
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.00	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	0.00	
5	Education	Distribution of free books, stationery etc to the nearby school	3.56	
6	Electrification	Distribution of free solar panels , solar light in the nearby village	3.10	
	Total		10.26	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

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1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	No	No	-	-	Google Image of 04/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	Culvert type bridge at a distance of 295 m from the mining block
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the	No	Yes	-	-	Suspension bridge at a distance of 320 m from the nearest pillar of the mining block

	ends of mining block.					
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	trees outside mining block on the linear mass of land connecting the mainland
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Google Image of 04/2021
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded from mining activity
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	
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DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case has been forwarded by JKEIAA vide letter No. JKEIAA/2016/02/VII/4153 dated 12/11/2021 for appraisal for grant of EC under B2 category.
- b) As per perusal of the submitted documents, the project falls within the Jhelum river near Eco-park Bridge, Veer Wan, Baramulla.
- c) The Single window based NOC was perused by the Committee and it was observed that the Title verification has not been submitted, though a passing reference has been made in the Single Window communication from Adl. DC, Baramulla.
- d) The Committee while using the KML file of mining blocks of Baramulla district emailed by the G&M Dept. observed that 7.6 Ha area out of 9.09 Ha of the original e-auctioned mining block No.37 comprised of permanent active water channel.
- e) In pursuance to special meeting held on 20/10/2021 to discuss the approach w.r.t mining cases of River Jhelum in the light of outcome of stakeholder meet held on 15/09/2021 and national guidelines and subsequent Minutes of meeting issued vide No: EAC/JK/20/2864-76 dated 31/10/2021, the Committee had recommended that all cases relating to in-stream mining in river Jhelum be returned to the project proponents as not found feasible in the light of national guidelines, the stipulations under Jammu & Kashmir Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010 and technical opinion of hydrological experts.
- f) In the instant case, the PP has got the mining block resized from 9.09 Ha to 2.50 Ha on his own as is revealed by the recommendation letter issued by Joint Director, G&M Dept. vide NO. MSN/DGM/Sgr/B-37/Bla/4635-37 dated 18/08/2021 addressed to the Director, G&M Dept. The said communication indicates that the block does not form a cluster with any other mining block in the vicinity. Further, it is also indicated that the resized block falls at a distance of 217m from the suspension bridge.
- g) The resized mining block was examined on the Google Earth image of April, 2021 and it was observed that :-
 - i. A linear mass of land encompassing an area of 6.77 Ha bearing scattered trees with a very high recreational value, runs upstream of the triangular Island of Eco-park in the center of river Jhelum along the flow direction. The resized mining block has been identified by G&M Dept. partly in the middle of this linear land mass and partly in active water channel.
 - ii. The resized mining block of 2.50 Ha still encompasses approx. 0.82 Ha of active water channel of the river Jhelum thereby leaving the dry land mass of only 1.68 Ha.
 - iii. There is a linear dry land mass of 3.79 Ha lying upstream of the resized mining block where illegal mining activity is visible.
 - iv. There is also a linear dry land mass of 1.30 Ha lying downstream of the resized mining block.
 - v. The radial distance of the suspension bridge form the resized mining block is approx. 217m as reported by the G&M Dept.
 - vi. The distance from nearest pillar of resized block to the suspension bridge along the flow of the river Jhelum is however, approx. 320 m and the distance from nearest pillar of resized block to the culvert along the flow of the river Jhelum is approx. 295 m

vii. A Culvert (cross drainage structure) downstream of mining block on the right bank of the river was observed being used for transportation of illegally mined material.

- h) On the basis of observations made herein above, the Committee was of the view that instead of identifying the resized mining block in part of the middle of the linear land mass, the G&M Dept. should have delineated it in its entirety on explicit technical recommendations of the Flood Control Dept. citing hydrological benefits of the proposal, if any, for mitigating the flood threat only.
- i) By excavating only part of the linear land mass in the middle of the river, it would cut-off part of the upstream portion from the mainland and it would also not be in conformity with the objective of establishment of Eco-park in close vicinity.
- j) As of now, it appears the proposal is commercially driven rather than something that could help enhance the water holding capacity of the river Jhelum in the area.
- k) Verification of land title has not been submitted yet.
- l) The PP has submitted a revised surface plan attested by Jt. Director (Kashmir) of the G&M Dept.
- m) The Committee opined that the G&M Dept. should request the Chief Engineer Flood Control Dept. to technically assess the flood mitigation benefits, if any, of the proposal where the resized mining block covers only 1.68 Ha in the middle of total linear mass of land comprising of an area of 6.77Ha.in the centre of river Jhelum. If at all the entire linear land mass is required to be excavated as a flood mitigation measure, the same may be executed departmentally under its own close supervision strictly for the maintenance and management of the river system.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal for grant of EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 05

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Resized Area of 3.20 Ha Block-26 at Z-Ashmiji Bridge Downstream, Vishu Nallah, Village Ashmiji Tehsil Kulgam District Kulgam & U.T: Jammu & Kashmir favouring M/S Khursheed Ahmad Mir S/o Shri Ghulam Mohammad Mir R/o- Dougham, Kakapora, Pulwama UT - J&K kulgamashmji26@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B2(Cluster formation with Block25/Ashmiji but overall area less than 5Ha)
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/231035/2021// SIA/JK/MIN/62585/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/534
Consultant with validity	Abdul Majeed Mir valid till 16.05.2027
Presenter of consultant:	Abdul Majeed Mir
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Khursheed Ahmad Mir

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	3.20	144.20	250.12	12.50	13.00	4.98

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.15	1.00	0.23	2.00	Yes

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
16/07/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	31/08/2020	NA

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	NA	14/06/2021	21/09/2021

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	Form 1 /Form 2 not submitted
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	

4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	EIA/EMP/CER	formulated	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	The NOC from PHE division does not mention the block no.
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Not Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	State land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Budget suggested by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	6.00	4.00	6.00	5.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.5	2.00	5.00	4.00
3	Env. Awareness programme	1.5	3.00	1.50	3.00
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	3.00	1.00	2.00
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	0.60	2.00	2.00
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	2.50	0.40	2.50	2.00
7	Laying of Hume Pipes /Irrigation/WSS protection works	0.00	0.00	7.00	5.00
	Total	12.50	13.00	25.00	23.00

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent	Remarks/

			(in lacs)	
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up Installation of hand pumps/ Distribution of sanitizer's, gloves & N95 masks to nearby village	1.66	
2	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation	1.66	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	0.00	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	1.66	
	Total		4.98	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Google Image of 10/2021

						reveals very heavy illegal mining
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge /causeway with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul	Not Identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of

	inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.					an irrigation offtake point
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

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

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 45th Meeting held on 14/06/ 2021 during which the Committee rejected the case for grant of ToRs unless:
 - i. The PP submits a report on illegal mining from the Multidept. Committee indicating that the PP is not involved in such illegal mining activity.
 - ii. A joint inspection report is received from the Geology & Mining Dept., Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. and the Fisheries Dept. stating that allowing mining activity in the said mining block would not cause any adverse environmental impact on the irrigation kuhls and fisheries potential.
- b) With respect to item No.i, the PP has obtained ‘non-involvement in illegal mining certificate’ from the Competent Authority.
- c) With respect to item No.ii, the PP has submitted a joint inspection report in pursuance to order No. 39/DCK of 2021 dated 08/10/2021 from Xen Irrigation Division, Asst. Director, Fisheries Dept., DMO concerned and AEE, Flood Control Dept., Kulgam to the effect that mining in the mineral block shall not cause any adverse environmental impact on the irrigation kuhls and fisheries potential, if mining activity is carried out in accordance with legal framework under various Acts and Laws.

- a) The Committee observed that as per latest image of Oct., 2021, very little material appears to be left for mining in the block. But as per the joint inspection report of the stakeholder departments mining in the block can be allowed without having any adverse environmental impact on the **irrigation kuhls and fisheries potential**.
- b) However, in view of the features observed on the Google image, the Committee is of the considered opinion that G&M Dept. should physically verify the availability of material on site and issue a **'fit for mining certificate'** for the block, certifying therein that adequate replenishment has taken place and enough material is available in the proposed mining block that can be retrieved without **violating norm of not excavating beyond 1 m below NSL** and endangering ecological and hydrological regime of the nalla, **prior to grant of EC**.
- c) Besides, the Committee desired that the PP should submit an undertaking duly sworn before first class magistrate to the effect that mining activity in the block shall be carried out strictly as per the legal framework and norms governing river bed mining, conditions of NOCs / Environmental Clearance and it shall not have any adverse environmental impact on the **irrigation kuhls and fisheries potential of the nalla**.
- d) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are suggestive of irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block. The Committee desired clarification from the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept. but there was no one present to clarify the doubt as the NOC issued by the concerned Dept. was found to be in a generalized format and not specific to the ground reality. Further, NOC issued by the concerned Dept. is also self-contradictory. On one hand, the dept. prescribes that no mining shall take place within 750m U/stream and D/stream of irrigation structures but in the same breath, the dept. also conveys concurrence to the mining in the area. The RQP representing the case forcefully argued that there was no such irrigation facility in the vicinity of the block.
- e) Therefore, the Committee desired project proponent to obtain field verification of the observations made by the Committee as discussed in above para by the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept. In case, it is found that such irrigation facilities are not actually existing as claimed by the RQP, same needs to be recorded by the concerned hydraulic engineer with consent of local PRI with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhls/canals off-take points, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary stating that there are no irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, prior to grant of EC.
- f) The Committee further desired that the actual site conditions need to be taken into account while granting NOC by the Irrigation Dept.
- g) The local PRI representing the main beneficiaries of irrigation also need to be taken on board before granting the NOC by Irrigation Dept. and such concurrence by PRI shall be incorporated in the specific NOC issued by the Irrigation Dept. as discussed herein above.
- d) The PP has on his own resized the mining block from 4.24 Ha to 3.20 Ha as is indicated in the recommendation letter dated 21/09/21 issued by the Joint Director G&M Dept. to maintain safe distance of 500m to the nearby bridge.
- e) A cluster certificate has been issued by the G&M Dept. which clearly mentions that the block 26 is within 500m from the block 25. Since, the overall area of the cluster comprising of block 25 and 26 is less than 5Ha, therefore, the project was considered under B2 category.
- f) It was further observed that the JKEAC has already recommended block 25 for grant of conditional EC on the basis of observations made on the latest available Google image of June, 2020 at that point of time in its appraisal during the 67th JKEAC Meeting held on 26/10/2021.
- g) In view of over exploitation due to heavy illegal mining activity in the area and heavy depletion of material in block 25 and 26, the Committee desired that though conditional EC could be considered for block 25, yet keeping in view the depleted condition of material in the area as depicted on the latest available Google image of Oct. 2021, an additional specific condition may be issued by way of an addendum to the Minutes of Meeting of the 67th JKEAC as, *'the G&M Dept. should physically verify the availability of material on site and issue a 'fit for mining certificate' for the block, also stating that adequate replenishment has taken place and enough material is available in the proposed mining block No.25 that can be retrieved without*

violating norm of not excavating beyond 1 m below NSL and endangering ecological and hydrological regime of the nalla, **prior to grant of EC.**'

- h) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, CER and therefore needs to be revised, prior to grant of EC.
- i) EMP budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column above, prior to grant of EC.
- j) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- k) Mining depth of 2.5 m & bulk density of 2.3 adopted in the instant mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Submission of compliance to the observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.
- c) Submission of '**Fit for Mining Certificate**' from the G&M Dept. *for the block, stating that adequate replenishment has taken place and enough material is available in the proposed mining block that can be retrieved without violating norm of not excavating beyond 1 m below NSL and endangering ecological and hydrological regime of the nalla, prior to grant of EC.*
- d) Submission of consent of local panchayat and field verification report from concerned Xen, Irrigation Dept. on the observations made by the Committee with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhls/canals off-take points with annotations, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary, stating therein that there are no irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block or *otherwise* that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, prior to grant of formal EC.
- e) Maximum targeted mineral production of **38400 MT**.
- f) Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.
- g) Revision of EMP with revised budget as suggested herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.
- h) Revision of mining plan as per deliberations, prior to grant of EC.
- i) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- j) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA.
- k) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

Similar treatment is recommended for the block 25 at Z-Ashmiji Bridge Downstream, Vishu Nallah, Village Ashmiji Tehsil Kulgam District Kulgam which was conditionally recommended by JKEAC for grant of EC in the 67th meeting under agenda item No.10. Accordingly, the recommendation made by this Committee in its 67th meeting is revised with an additional specific condition as, '*the G&M Dept. should physically verify the availability of material on site and issue a 'fit for mining certificate' for the block, mentioning therein that adequate replenishment has taken place and enough material is available in the proposed mining block that can be retrieved without violating norm of not excavating beyond 1 m below NSL and endangering ecological and hydrological regime of the nalla, prior to grant of EC.*' Accordingly, JKEIAA/JKEAC shall issue necessary addendum in this regard.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 06

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, resized Area of 1.16 Ha., Block - 17 at Pandit Stone Crusher to Pinjura Link Road D/Stream, Ferozepora Nallah, Tangmarg District: Baramulla Jammu and Kashmir J&K favouring M/S Firdos Ahmad Kumar S/O Shri. Mohammad Ramzan Kumar R/o: Kralpora, Tehsil: Magam District – Baramulla, U.T - J&K baramulla1.67ha@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/235142/2021//SIA/JK/MIN/56958/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/394
Consultant with validity	Abdul Majeed Mir valid till: 16/09/2027
Presenter of consultant:	Abdul Majeed Mir
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Firdos Ahmad Kumar

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	1.16	21.80	118.94	5.95	6.00	2.38

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed in mining plan	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.30	1.70	NO

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
27/03/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	6/02/2020	NA

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by (previous) project	Public Hearing held on	Case Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.

JKEIAA for the project on		proponent as the case may be			
NA	NA	NA	NA	30/01/2021	18/10/2021

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for mining depth, closure plan, surface plan, targeted mineral production, mining methodology etc.
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	(Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued Conditionally	Ref NOC issued by Dy. Commissioner Baramulla concerned under single window clearance system under No: ADCB/Reader/2021-22/102-15 dated 04/05/2021 The NOC from the tehsildar mentioned the title of the land as Shamlat (Kacharai)
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	Issued conditionally	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	Shamlat	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Budget suggested by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00

2	Haulage route maintenance	2.45	1.00	2.50	2.00
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	1.00	0.50	0.50
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	0.60	1.00	1.00
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.5	0.40	1.00	1.00
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	5.95	6.00	9.00	7.50

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up, Distribution of Sanitizer, gloves and Mask to the nearby village and panchayat.	0.60	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.68	
3	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	0.50	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools/ Renovation of toilets of nearby school	0.60	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		2.38	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	

3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	
1	Protection / safeguard of water resources	Not Applicable
2	Prevention of illegal mining	
3	Protection of Dug wells between Billawar to Bhini bridge	
4	Irrigation canals, irrigation off take points Dug wells should be saved	
5	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	
6	Farmers will also suffer badly due to water security in the area	
6	EMP cost to be implemented practically	
7	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	
8	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	
9	Area is not fit for mining due to moving rock in the Naj, Bhini, Ujh and up to Panjtirthi area according to geology and mining department survey	
10	Revenue generated in the blocks should be utilized for development of this panchayat level	
11	Come out on roads if mining will be done as Drinking water and Dug wells gone dry in Bhaddu and Raein villages.	
12	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	
13	Pollution, land degradation, loss of water body and rivulets/ soil erosion	
14	Water level has been changed and become low due to mining in the area	
15	Mining should be carried out in scientific Manner	

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	As per latest available Google image of 05/2021

2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Not identifiable

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

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

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 25th Meeting held on 30/01/2021 during which the Committee recommended the project for ToRs subject to condition the PP obtains title verification of the land from the Revenue authorities.
- b) Now, the PP has obtained the title verification from the concerned revenue authorities and it is mentioning that the mining block falls under shamlat (Kaicharai).
- c) The consultant presented a copy of consent letter issued by the local PRI addressed to the Joint Director, G&M Dept. Kashmir in favour of mining activity in the designated mining block falling under Shamlat category of land. The Committee desired that the required modalities relating to use of proceeds owing to mining activity in shamlat land may be looked into by the G&M Dept. / District Administration. The original consent letter issued by local PRI be submitted in JKEIAA office **prior to grant of EC.**
- d) The PP has resized the mining block from 7.73 Ha to 1.16 Ha. on its own and the Joint Director, Geology & Mining Dept., Kashmir while recommending the case for resizing to the Director, G&M indicates that the block is now more than 500m from the nearby bridge.
- e) A cluster certificate has been obtained by the project proponent from the joint Director, G&M Dept., Kashmir vide No. MSN/JDK/DGM/SRG/-17B1a/5544 dated 28/10/2021 where under it has been reported that there is no other mining block within 500m from the said mining block with resized area of 1.16 Ha.

- f) The Committee observed that the illegal mining activity has been continuing in the block as revealed by features on the Google Image of 06/2021 which has heavily depleted the mineral resources in the block. Therefore, in view of heavy depletion of river bed material in the block, the project proponent would require to obtain a '*fit for mining*' certificate from the G&M Dept. after ascertaining that enough replenishment has taken place in the block, substantiated with photographic and video-graphic evidences, **prior to grant of EC.**
- g) The project proponent has obtained report from the MDLTF Cell stating that the PP is not involved in any illegal mining in the instant block. Therefore, the case was treated under non-violation category. The PP shall submit the original copy of the Illegal mining report in the office of JKEIAA, **prior to grant of EC.**
- h) The JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOCs need to be adhered to in letter and spirit under close supervision of the stakeholder departments.
- i) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, CER and therefore needs to be revised, **prior to grant of EC.**
- j) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority, **prior to grant of EC.**
- k) Mining depth of 1.5 m adopted in the instant mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the District Survey Report formulated by the G&M Dept.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) **Submission of compliance to the observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- c) Submission of original consent letter of right full owners of land viz. local PRI under the mining block, prior to grant of EC.
- d) Submission of *fit for mining certificate* as per deliberations from G&M Dept. prior to grant of EC.
- e) Maximum targeted mineral production of **11800MT.**
- f) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- g) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.**
- h) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.
- i) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data

AGENDA ITEM NO: 07

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, resized Area of 4.72 Ha., Block-19 at Mendhar River Upstream Chajjla Bridge Part-III, District-Poonch, State-Jammu & Kashmir. favouring M/S Arshdeep Singh, S/O Balraj Singh, R/O Faziabad Gurdaspur, Punjab. arshdeep.ec@gmail.com
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Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1 (cluster situation)
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/59760/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/451
Consultant with validity	P and M Solution valid till: - 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Shri Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Rashid Khan

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	4.72	37.94	152.09	2.70	7.60	3.04

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.44	2.00	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
21/07/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	15/12/2020	30/03/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by (previous) project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec 2020	03/07/2021	13/03/2021	06/10/2021

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for mining depth, closure plan, surface plan, targeted mineral production, mining methodology etc.
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	(Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued Conditionally	Dy. Commissioner, Poonch vide Ref No. DCP/PA/1328-39 dated: 22/05/2021 had conveyed NOCs of stake holders depts.
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	Not issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	State land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/ Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	0.50	1.20	4.00	3.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.20	1.62	2.50	2.00
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.00	1.50	1.00	2.00
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	1.61	2.00	2.00
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.66	1.00	2.00
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	6.00	4.00
	Total	2.70	7.60	16.5	15.00

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up, Distribution of Sanitizer, gloves and Mask to the nearby village and panchayat.	2.04	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.00	
3	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	1.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	0.00	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools/ Renovation of toilets of nearby school	0.00	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		3.04	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	Yes/NO
1	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	Indiscriminate mining activities have already degraded the environment of Local river and it should be protected from any further deterioration	Yes
4	In river bed Agricultural lands are our property and should be protected	Yes
5	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
4	Loss of local land on the bank of the river should be assessed first before allotment of mining tender to outsiders.	Yes
5	Pasture lands, owners land /cultivated land which are involved in these proposed mining blocks and demarcation is required to be ensured before grant of EC/allotment of tenders.	Yes
6	Farmers will also suffer badly due to water security in the area	Yes
7	Irrigation canals, irrigation off take points should be saved	Yes
6	Protection wall of concrete should be raised along the embankments of river before mining permission.	Yes
9	Pasture lands should be protected	Yes
10	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
11	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	
18	Mining should be carried out in scientific Manner	Yes

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	No	No	-	-	As per latest available google image of 05/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Active water channel needs to be excluded
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	

10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project.	No	No	-		

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

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 29th Meeting held on 13/03/2021 during which the Committee recommended the project for ToRs subject to condition that:
- i. The mining block be relocated/reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500mts. from the bridge.
 - ii. The project cost be revised.
 - iii. The consultant should add a separate comprehensive chapter on cost benefit analysis of allowing mining activity in this mineral block as the environmental and social costs seem to outweigh the exceedingly low revenue being paid to Govt. against huge exploitation of the mineral wealth.
 - iv. Title verification of the mining block from the concerned revenue authority is submitted.
 - v. The active water channel is excluded.
- b) The PP has now resized the mining area as per letter dated 06/10/2021 by Geology and Mining Department from 6.41Ha to 4.72Ha maintaining safe distance of 500m from the bridge.
- c) The PP has revised the project cost from 43.94 lacs to 152.09 lacs.
- d) Since the project cost has been revised, the condition iii does not appear to be necessary now as is self-explanatory.
- e) Title verification submitted by the PP mentions the mining block as state land.
- f) The active water channel has not been excluded yet despite resizing of the mining block which needs to be excluded and mining restricted to dry shoals only.
- g) Though the EIA report has been prepared for the entire cluster comprising of block 17, 18 and 19, yet the PPs have been approaching for EC separately.
- h) As per documents, the area of the resized mining block is 4.72Ha. However, the Committee while examining the block as per KML file submitted by the PP on Google image, found the area of revised mining block to be only 4.20 Ha. The consultant was asked to clarify the reasons for the mismatch. However, he could not give any satisfactory reply. Therefore, the committee considered **only 4.20 Ha and the PP was asked to get the same rectified from the G&M Dept., prior to grant of EC.****
- i) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are suggestive of irrigation off-take points in the close vicinity of the mining block. The Committee desired clarification from the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept. but there was no one present to clarify the doubt as the NOC issued by the concerned Dept. was found to be in a generalized format and not specific to the ground realities.

- j) Therefore, the Committee desired project proponent to obtain field verification report of same from the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept. In case, it is found that such irrigation facility is not existing, same needs to be recorded by the concerned hydraulic engineer with consent of local PRI with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Khul off-take points, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary stating that there are no irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, prior to grant of formal EC.
- k) The Committee also desired that the PP should address all the genuine concerns of the locals raised during the public hearing.
- l) The Committee desired that the PP should strictly follow the haulage route mentioned in the submitted documents with least disturbance to the active water channel for which adequate number of Hume pipes shall be laid to cross over the water creek so that the natural flow of the channel is not disturbed.
- m) Project cost has been underestimated by the PP as it does include the Cost of EMP and CER, hence needs to be revised prior to grant of EC.
- n) The JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOC need to be adhered to in letter and spirit in close supervision of stakeholder departments.
- o) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC.
- p) EMP Budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above, prior to grant of EC.
- q) The ToR condition relating to submission of photographs of display screen of the air quality monitoring station showing data with dates of collection of the baseline data has not been submitted in the EIA report and the same needs to be submitted, prior to grant of formal EC.
- r) Mining depth of 3.00 m & bulk density of 2.25 adopted in the instant mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) **Submission of compliance to the observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- c) Further resizing of the mining block to 4.20 Ha, prior to grant of EC.
- d) Submission of consent of local panchayat and field verification report from concerned Xen, Irrigation Dept. on the observations made by the Committee with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhls/canals off-take points **with annotations**, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary, stating therein that there are no irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block or *otherwise* that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, prior to grant of formal EC.
- e) Compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photograph of display screen showing dates of data collection as detailed above, prior to grant of EC.-
- f) Maximum targeted mineral production of **50,400 MT**.
- g) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- h) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.**
- i) **No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**

- j) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data

AGENDA ITEM NO: 08

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental clearance for Minor Minerals Block-27 (Area- 9.43 Ha) Downstream Nallah Rambhara from Army Camp Village- Aghama Tehsil- Chitragam District- Shopian J&K in favour of M/S Sahib Singh S/o Shri. Paras Singh R/O Ferozpur, Kalan, Tehsil: Pathankot Baheri Bazurag District: Gurdaspur, State: Punjab. sahibsinghb27@gmail.com (ADS)
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/56123/2020
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/305
Consultant with validity	M/S Cognizance Research India Pvt. Ltd. Valid till: 22/03/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Sh. Rahul Kumar
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Rashid Khan

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	Revised EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	9.43	34.50	223	31.00	25.00	5.42

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.5	1	0.85	2.0	NA

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
01/04/2020	15/04/2021	31/08/2021	09/06/2020	21/11/2020

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec 2020	31-03-2021	04/11/2020 and 28/08/2021	NA

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	
5	Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EIA/EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	

3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	Issued	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Revised Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	6.00	5.50	
2	Haulage route maintenance	6.00	5.50	
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	1.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	1.50	2.00	
5	Pollution control/ Dust suppression	2.00	2.00	
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.50	2.00	
8	Soil Conservation activities	4.00	3.00	
9	Laying of Hume pipes	10.00	4.00	
	Total	31.00	25.00	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines,health check-up Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	2.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village	0.60	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	0.66	
5	Covid safety	Distribution of N95 Masks & sanitizers in the nearby village	0.66	
6	Bus shelter	Setting up of bus shelter	1.00	

7	Construction	Renovation of community hall, buildings etc.	0.50	
	Total		5.42	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag(RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	---
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER/CSR Activities for social upliftment	---
5	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	---
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	Display of contact details of concerned authorities for enabling locals to report illegal mining or violation of EC conditions	---
8	Pollution, land degradation, loss of water body and rivulets	Yes
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	Yes
10	Impact on social life and horticultural/pasturelands	---
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	---
12	Ban at mining activities at the night	---
13	Locals not takes into confidence at the time of survey for e-auctioning of block	---
14	Natural course of water should not be disturbed	---
15	Stone crushers operating in the vicinity of mining block should be stopped	---

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Latest available Google Image of 04/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity	No	No	-	-	

	to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.					
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of an irrigation offtake point in the centre of the mining block
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded from mining activity
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

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

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 57th meeting held on 28/08/2021 during which the Committee had recommended the case for rejection of Environmental Clearance unless the PP fulfils the following pre-requisites:
 - i. The PP should submit a detailed report from the Irrigation Department to the effect that the proposed mining activity will not adversely affect the Irrigation facility already being availed by the local farmers. This is in respect to the water channel originating from the active creek in the centre of the mining block towards South direction.

- ii. The PP should submit an explicit report from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MLDTF) Cell w.r.t fixing of responsibility for illegal mining activity in the mining block and to the effect that the PP is not involved in illegal mining activity without a valid EC.
 - iii. Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition No.19.
 - iv. Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
 - v. Revision of EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above.
 - vi. Mining depth of 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSR formulated by the G&M Dept.
 - vii. Use of Bulk density of 2 in absence of actual measurements and mining depth of 1m in aggregate while calculating targeted mineral production in mining plan in absence of actual field measurements and replenishment data.
- b) Now in compliance with point No i., the PP has submitted a detailed NOC from the Irrigation Division, Shopian vide letter No.3339-40 dated 28/09/2021 wherein a categorical NOC has been issued in favour of the mining activity in the block and which reads under serial 15 of the conditions as, ***'The mining activity of the above mentioned mineral block No.27 will not affect the existing irrigation facilities and hydraulic structures in the vicinity of the mining block upstream and downstream of Nowpora Bala canal which is running from the centre of the mining block towards South direction'***.
- c) The Committee failed to understand as to how the irrigation facilities would not get adversely affected when the supply channel is originating from the centre of the mining block. The national guidelines specifically provides that the off-take point of irrigation works should be safeguarded by maintaining a safe distance of minimum 200m from the mining site. Therefore, the certificate issued by the concerned Xen, Irrigation Dept., Shopian is not only self-contradictory but is also against the spirit of provisions of national mining guidelines and as such, cannot be accepted.
- d) With respect to condition No.ii, the PP has submitted a joint inspection report on illegal mining from MDLTF Cell vide letter dated 24/09/2021 in which it is mentioned that the PP is not involved in any illegal activity.
- e) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the dates of collection of data is still missing in EIA report

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

- a) In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for grant of EC.
- b) JKEIAA may take up the matter regarding self-contradictory NOC issued by concerned Xen with the Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Dept., Kashmir for taking cognizance of the matter.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 09

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.14 ha., Block- 32, at Nallah Dharli, Downstream Ujan Bridge in village Ujan, District Rajouri, (Jammu & Kashmir) favoring M/S Mujeeb Dar S/O Sh. Fazal Rahman Dar ward No. 02, Tehsil and District Rajouri, UT (J&K) (ADS)
Project type	

(whether mining lease/STP/Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/60141/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/412
Consultant with validity	Cognizance Research India Pvt. Ltd., 03/02/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Rahul Kumar
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Mujeeb Dar

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	9.14	100.90	248.8	3.45	12.44	5.00

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.49	2.00	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
19.11.2020	15/04/2021	31/08/2021	05/01/2021	22/03/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by (previous) project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	01 Oct 2020 to 31 Dec 2020	10.07.2021	15/02/2021 and 11/09/2021 13/10/2021	NA

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for mining depth, closure plan, surface plan, targeted mineral production, mining methodology etc.
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	(Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued Conditionally	Dy. Commissioner, Rajouri vide Ref No. DCR/2021-22/Acctt/116 dated 29/05/2021 had conveyed NOCs of stake holders. The NOC from Irrigation Dept. prohibits excavation at least 150 feet upstream and downstream side of head of Kuhl's and there should be no extraction at least 50 to 100 feet from both bank of the river / Nallah to avoid any erosion during rainy season.
2	Flood Control Dept.	-	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	Not issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued Conditionally	
7	Revenue Dept.	Issued	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Revised Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/ Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	6.00	5.00	6.00	5.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	11.15	5.00	11.00	5.00
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
4	Pollution Monitoring	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
5	Pollution control/ Dust suppression	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.50	1.50	1.50	5.00
8	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	6.00	4.00
	Total	22.15	15.00	28.00	22.50

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)
1	Health/Drinking water facility	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up, Sanitizer, gloves and Mask Installation of hand pumps.	3.00
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.00
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	0.00
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	2.00
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00
	Total		5.00

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER/CSR Activities for social upliftment	---
5	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	Yes
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	Display of contact details of concerned authorities for enabling locals to report illegal mining or violation of EC conditions	---
8	Pollution, land degradation, loss of water body and rivulets	Yes
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	yes
10	Impact on social life and horticultural/pasturelands	Yes
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	Yes
12	Ban on mining activities at the night	-
13	Installation of solar lights	-
14	Haulage route maintenance	-
15	Proper plantation of the nearby area	-
16	Mining should be carried out in scientific Manner	Yes
17	Irrigation canals may be saved	yes
18	Agricultural land may be protected	Yes
19	Title of land from Revenue Department should be demarcated before the auction of Mining Block	Yes
20	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	Yes

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

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	No	No	-	-	As per latest available google image of 05/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the	No	No	-	-	

	ends of mining block.					
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of an irrigation offtake points
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Active water channel needs to be excluded
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance	No	No	-	-	

	thereof from the mining block.					
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

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

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 26th JKEAC held on 16th Feb, 2021 during which TORs were granted in favour of the project. The project came under discussion for grant of EC in the 60th meeting held on to 11/09/2021 during which the Committee rejected the case and desired that the PP may again approach JKEIAA after excluding the active water channel besides, submitting a comprehensive chapter on haulage route in the EIA report with NOC from the PRI in case the route passes through inhabited areas. The case came under discussion again in the 64th meeting held on 13/10/2021 during which the Committee found that the PP had not fully complied with all the observations made during the 60th JKEAC meeting. The case was not approved and the PP was asked to submit following compliances:-
- i. Exclusion of active water channel while calculating the targeted mineral.
 - ii. A comprehensive chapter needs to be added in EIA report with all micro-details on the haulage of material. Possibility of additional haulage route may be explored for other flank of the block with minimum environmental implications. ICT based monitoring mechanism with all micro- details on the haulage of material.
 - iii. The NOC from concerned PRI to be obtained, in case the haulage passes through inhabited areas.
 - iv. Revised EMP as per JKEAC deliberations.
- b) With respect to item i, the PP had presented the area under dry shoals as 6.01 Ha during the 64th JKEAC without updating it in the EIA report. The EIA report has again not been updated/revised by calculating the targeted mineral as per the available dry shoal area only. Therefore, the Committee desired that the PP should submit the revised EIA report with updated calculations on mineral production as per dry shoal area only, **prior to grant of EC.**
- c) With respect to item ii, the PP has updated the EIA report with chapter on Haulage routes.
- d) Further, NOC from the local PRI w.r.t haulage route has also been submitted in the updated EIA document.
- e) The Committee further observed features on Google Image, indicative of off-take points of irrigation kuhls in the vicinity of the mining block and desired project proponent to obtain field verification of same by the concerned Xen Irrigation Dept. In case, it is found that such irrigation facility is not existing, same needs to be recorded by the concerned hydraulic engineer with consent of local PRI with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhl offtake point, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary stating that there are no irrigation off-take points in the

vicinity of the mining block that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, **prior to grant of EC.**

- f) The Committee has recommended additional budget under laying of Hume pipes for ensuring safety of the active water channel and therefore, the budget under EMP needs further revision as per remarks column in the EMP table, **prior to grant of EC.**
- g) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the dates of collection of data is missing in EIA report and same need to be submitted **prior to grant of EC.**
- h) The genuine concerns of the locals expressed during Public Hearing also need be addressed.
- i) The conditions of NOC need to be adhered to in letter and spirit under close supervision of stockholder departments.
- j) Revision of the mining plan with mine and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC.
- k) Mining depth of 3.0 m & bulk density of 2.25 adopted in the mining plan were not agreed by the committee. Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of Environmental Clearance subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) **Compliance of observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- c) Revision of EIA report /PFR with revised calculations for mineral production, compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen, revised haulage details etc. , as per deliberations herein above, prior to grant of EC.
- d) Submission of consent of local panchayat and field verification report from concerned Xen, Irrigation Dept. on the observations made by the Committee with seal and signature **preferably** on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhls/canals off-take points with annotations, if any within 200m of the mining block boundary, stating therein that there are no irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block or *otherwise* that could adversely affect the irrigation works in the area, prior to grant of formal EC.
- e) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- f) Submission of resized mining block and revised surface plan as per area under dry shoals, prior to grant of EC.
- g) Revision of EMP Budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table above, prior to grant of EC.
- h) Maximum targeted mineral production of **72100 MT.**
- i) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.**
- j) **No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**
- k) Condition the revised geographical coordinates as per revised area of 6.01 Ha to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- l) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CONDUCT OF CONSULTANTS

(Excellent/Good /Average/Poor)

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

S. No.	Component	Cognizance research India Pvt. Ltd.	Abdul Majeed Mir RQP	P and M Solutions, Noida
1	Submission of the documents	6	2	6
2	Site Appreciation Note, kml /kmz file, site photo and site videos and PowerPoint presentation	5	5	6
3	Presentation of factual details of case(s)	5	2	5
4	Field knowledge of the case(s)	5	5	5
5	Formulation of PFR, EMP, EIA, CER etc.	6	6	6
	Overall professional conduct during proceedings	5.4	4	5.6

Note: The recommendations made herein above are subject to grant of extension to the Letter of Intents of the pertinent cases by the Competent Authority and in case extension to LoI to any of the above cited cases is not extended, the recommendations thereof made herein above shall automatically stand withdrawn.

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(Humayun Rashid)
SECRETARY
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ANNEXURE-B

STANDARD AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE WITH RESPECT TO RIVER BED MINING PROJECTS ON LEASE BASIS

STANDARD CONDITIONS:-

Statutory compliance

- 1) This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/ judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of J&K, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of competent jurisdiction, as may be applicable.
- 2) The Project Proponent complies with all the statutory requirements and judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors before commencing the mining operations.
- 3) The UT Government of J&K shall ensure that mining operation shall not be commenced till the entire compensation levied, if any, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology in strict compliance of Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors.
- 4) This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal NBWL Clearance from MoEF&CC subsequent to the recommendations of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, if applicable to the Project.
- 5) This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
- 6) Project Proponent (PP) shall obtain Consent to Operate after grant of EC and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein. The mining activity shall not commence prior to obtaining Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE.
- 7) The PP shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under. PP shall adhere to various circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS) and Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time.
- 8) The Project Proponent shall obtain consents from all the concerned land owners, before start of mining operations, as per the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and rules made there under in respect of lands which are not owned by it.
- 9) The Project Proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in MoEFCC's Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IAJI (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area".
- 10) The Project Proponent shall obtain necessary prior permission of the competent authorities for drawl of requisite quantity of surface water and from CGWA for withdrawal of ground water for the project.
- 11) A copy of EC letter will be marked to concerned Panchayat / local NGO etc. if any, from whom suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.

- 12) State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE shall be responsible for display of this EC letter at its Regional office, District Industries Centre and Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- 13) The Project Authorities should widely advertise about the grant of this EC letter by printing the same in at least two local newspapers, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the concerned area.
- 14) The advertisement shall be done within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter mentioning that the instant project has been accorded EC and copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE and web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (www.environmentclearance.nic.in). A copy of the advertisement may be forwarded to the concerned MoEFCC Regional Office for compliance and record.
- 15) The Project Proponent shall inform the MoEF&CC for any change in ownership of the mining lease. In case there is any change in ownership or mining lease is transferred than mining operation shall only be carried out after transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

Air quality monitoring and preservation

- 16) The Project Proponent shall install a minimum of 3 (three) online Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations with 1 (one) in upwind and 2 (two) in downwind direction based on long term climatological data about wind direction such that an angle of 120° is made between the monitoring locations to monitor critical parameters, relevant for mining operations, of air pollution viz. PM10, PM 2.5, NO₂; CO and SO₂ etc. as per the methodology mentioned in NAAQS Notification No. B-29016/20/90/PC/I, dated 18.11.2009 covering the aspects of transportation and use of heavy machinery in the impact zone. The ambient air quality shall also be monitored at prominent places like office building, canteen etc. as per the site condition to ascertain the exposure characteristics at specific places. The above data shall be digitally displayed within 03 months in front of the main Gate of the mine site.
- 17) Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression (like regular water sprinkling, metalled road construction etc.) shall be carried out in areas prone to air pollution wherein high levels of PM10 and PM2.5 are evident such as haul road, loading and unloading point and transfer points. The Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be regularly controlled by installation of required equipment's/ machineries and preventive maintenance: Use of suitable water-soluble chemical dust suppressing agents may be explored for better effectiveness of dust control system. It shall be ensured that air pollution level conform to the standards prescribed by the MoEFCC/ Central Pollution Control Board.

Water quality monitoring and preservation

- 18) In case, immediate mining scheme envisages intersection of ground water table, then Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal clearance from CGWA. In case, mining operation involves intersection of ground water table at a later stage, then PP shall ensure that prior approval from CGWA and MoEFCC is in place before such mining operations. The permission for intersection of ground water table shall essentially be based on detailed hydro-geological study of the area.
- 19) Regular monitoring of the flow rate of the springs and perennial nallahs flowing in and around the mine lease shall be carried out and records maintain. The natural water bodies and or streams which are flowing in an around the village, should not be

disturbed. The Water Table should be nurtured so as not to go down below the pre-mining period. In case of any water scarcity in the area, the Project Proponent has to provide water to the villagers for their use. A provision for regular monitoring of water table in open dug wall located in village should be incorporated to ascertain the impact of mining over ground water table. The Report on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted on six-monthly basis to the Regional Office of the Ministry, CGWA and State Groundwater Department / State Pollution Control Board.

- 20) Project Proponent shall regularly monitor and maintain records w.r.t. ground water level and quality in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells as well as new piezo-meter installations during the mining operation in consultation with Central Ground Water Authority/ State Ground Water Department. The Report on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted on six-monthly basis to the Regional Office of the Ministry, CGWA and State Groundwater Department / State Pollution Control Board.
- 21) The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of natural water course/ water resources/ springs and perennial nallahs existing/ flowing in and around the mine lease and maintain its records. The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies passing within and nearby/ adjacent to the mine lease and maintain its records. Sufficient number of gullies shall be provided at appropriate places within the lease for management of water. PP shall carryout regular monitoring w.r.t. pH and included the same in monitoring plan. The parameters to be monitored shall include their water quality vis-à-vis suitability for usage as per CPCB criteria and flow rate. It shall be ensured that no obstruction and/ or alteration be made to water bodies during mining operations without justification and prior approval of MoEFCC. The monitoring of water courses/ bodies existing in lease area shall be carried out four times in a year viz. pre- monsoon (April-May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the record of monitored data may be sent regularly to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office, Central Ground Water Authority and Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board. Clearly showing the trend analysis on six-monthly basis.
- 22) Quality of polluted water generated from mining operations which include Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) in mines run-off; acid mine drainage and metal contamination in runoff shall be monitored along with Total Suspended Solids (TDS), Dissolved Oxygen (DO), pH and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The monitored data shall be uploaded on the website of the company as well as displayed at the project site in public domain, on a display board, at a suitable location near the main gate of the Company. The circular No. J- 20012/1/2006-IAJI (M) dated 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may also be referred in this regard.
- 23) Project Proponent shall plan, develop and implement rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis to augment ground water resources in the area consultation with Central Ground Water Board/ State Groundwater Department. A report on amount of water recharged needs to be submitted to Regional Office MoEFCC annually.
- 24) Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected and treated so as to conform to the notified standards prescribed from time to time. The standards shall be prescribed through Consent to Operate (CTO) issued by concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). The workshop effluent shall be treated after its initial passage through Oil and grease trap.

- 25) The water balance/water auditing shall be carried out and measure for reducing the consumption of water shall be taken up and reported to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC and State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE.

Noise and vibration monitoring and prevention

- 26) The peak particle velocity at 500m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer shall be monitored periodically as per applicable DGMS guidelines.
- 27) The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day /night hours.
- 28) The Project Proponent shall take measures for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. The workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs /muffs. All personnel including laborers working in dusty areas shall be provided with protective respiratory devices along with adequate training, awareness and information on safety and health aspects. The PP shall be held responsible in case it has been found that workers/ personals/ laborers are working without personal protective equipment.

Mining plan

- 29) The Project Proponent shall adhere to the working parameters of mining plan which was submitted at the time of EC appraisal wherein year-wise plan was mentioned for total excavation subject to changes recommended in the specific conditions herein below. No change in basic mining proposal like mining technology, total excavation, mineral & waste production, lease area and scope of working (viz. method of mining, overburden & dump management , O.B & dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining etc.) shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, which entail adverse environmental impacts, even if it is a part of approved mining plan modified after grant of EC or granted by State Govt. in the form to Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.
- 30) The Project Proponent shall get the Final Mine Closure Plan along with Financial Assurance approved from Indian Bureau of Mines/Department of Mining & Geology as required under the Provision of the MMDR Act, 1957 and Rules/ Guidelines made there under. A copy of approved final mine closure plan shall be submitted within 2 months of the approval of the same from the competent authority to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for record and verification.
- 31) The land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan. The excavation vis-à-vis backfilling in the mine lease area and corresponding afforestation to be raised in the reclaimed area shall be governed as per approved mining plan. PP shall ensure the monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas until the vegetation becomes selfsustaining. The compliance status shall be submitted half-yearly to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.

Land reclamation

- 32) The Overburden (O.B.) generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked OB dump site(s) only and it should not be kept active for a long period of time. The physical parameters of the OB dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by D.G.M.S w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of top soil/OB dumps. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation.
- 33) The reject/waste generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked waste dump site(s) only. The physical parameters of the waste dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by DGMS w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of waste dumps.
- 34) The reclamation of waste dump sites shall be done in scientific manner as per the Approved Mining Plan cum Progressive Mine Closure Plan. iv. The slope of dumps shall be vegetated in scientific manner with suitable native species to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion and surface run off. The selection of local species regulates local climatic parameters and help in adaptation of plant species to the microclimate. The gullies formed on slopes should be adequately taken care of as it impacts the overall stability of dumps. The dump mass should be consolidated with the help of dozer/ compactors thereby ensuring proper filling/ levelling of dump mass. In critical areas, use of geo textiles/ geo-membranes / clay liners / Bentonite etc. shall be undertaken for stabilization of the dump.
- 35) The Project Proponent shall carry out slope stability study in case the dump height is more than 30 meters. The slope stability report shall be submitted to concerned regional office of MoEF&CC.
- 36) Catch drains, settling tanks and ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, mineral yards and Top Soil/OB/Waste dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the water bodies (Nallah/ River/ Pond etc.). The collected water should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, plantation etc. The drains/ sedimentation sumps etc. shall be de-silted regularly, particularly after monsoon season, and maintain properly.
- 37) Check dams of appropriate size, gradient and length shall be constructed around mine pit and OB dumps to prevent storm run-off and sediment flow into adjoining water bodies. A safety margin of 50% shall be kept for designing of sump structures over and above peak rainfall (based on 50 years data) and maximum discharge in the mine and its adjoining area which shall also help in providing adequate retention time period thereby allowing proper settling of sediments/ silt material. The sedimentation pits/ sumps shall be constructed at the corners of the garland drains,
- 38) The top soil, if any, shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) within the mine lease only and should not be kept unutilized for long. The physical parameters of the top soil dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan and as per the guidelines framed by DGMS w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of dumps. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation purpose.

Transportation

- 39) No Transportation of the minerals shall be allowed in case of roads passing through villages/ habitations. *(In such cases, PP shall construct a 'bypass' road for the purpose of transportation of the minerals leaving an adequate gap (say at least 200 meters) so that the adverse impact of sound and dust along with chances of accidents could be*

mitigated.) All costs resulting from widening and strengthening of existing public road network shall be borne by the PP in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department. Transportation of minerals through road movement in case of existing village/ rural roads shall be allowed in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department only after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of roads is increased to handle the traffic load. The pollution due to transportation load on the environment will be effectively controlled and water sprinkling will also be done regularly. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Project should obtain Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate for all the vehicles from authorized pollution testing centers.

- 40) The Main haulage road within the mine lease should be provided with a permanent water sprinkling arrangement for dust suppression. Other roads within the mine lease should be wetted regularly with tanker-mounted water sprinkling system. The other areas of dust generation like crushing zone, material transfer points, material yards etc. should invariably be provided with dust suppression arrangements. The air pollution control equipment's like bag filters, vacuum suction hoods, dry fogging system etc. shall be installed at Crushers, belt-conveyors and other areas prone to air pollution. The belt conveyor should be fully covered to avoid generation of dust while transportation. PP shall take necessary measures to avoid generation of fugitive dust emissions.

Green Belt

- 41) The Project Proponent shall develop greenbelt in 7.5m wide safety zone all along the mine lease boundary as per the guidelines of CPCB in order to arrest pollution emanating from mining operations within the lease. The whole Green belt shall be developed within first 5 years starting from windward side of the active mining area. The development of greenbelt shall be governed as per the EC granted by the Ministry irrespective of the stipulation made in approved mine plan.
- 42) The Project Proponent shall carryout plantation/ afforestation in backfilled and reclaimed area of mining lease, around water body, along the roadsides, in community areas etc. by planting the native species in consultation with the State Forest Department/ Agriculture Department/ Rural development department/ Tribal Welfare Department/ Gram Panchayat such that only those species be selected which are of use to the local people. The CPCB guidelines in this respect shall also be adhered. The density of the trees should be around 2500 saplings per Hectare. Adequate budgetary provision shall be made for protection and care of trees.
- 43) The Project Proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements for livestock feed by developing grazing land with a view to compensate those areas which are coming within the mine lease. The development of such grazing land shall be done in consultation with the State Government. In this regard, Project Proponent should essentially implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquisition of grazing land. The sparse trees on such grazing ground, which provide mid-day shelter from the scorching sun, should be scrupulously guarded/ protected against felling and plantation of such trees should be promoted.
- 44) The Project Proponent shall undertake all precautionary measures for conservation and protection of endangered flora and fauna and Schedule-I species during mining operation. A Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared for the same clearly delineating action to be taken for conservation of flora and fauna. The Plan shall be approved by Chief Wild Life Warden of the State Govt.

- 45) And implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. A copy of Wildlife Conservation Plan and its implementation status (annual) shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry.

Public hearing and human health issues

- 46) The Project Proponent shall appoint an Occupational Health Specialist for Regular as well as Periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the mining activities, as per the DGMS guidelines. The records shall be maintain properly. PP shall also carryout Occupational health check-ups in respect of workers which are having ailments like BP, diabetes, habitual smoking, etc. The check-ups shall be undertaken once in six months and necessary remedial/ preventive measures be taken. A status report on the same may be sent to MoEFCC Regional Office and DGMS on half-yearly basis.
- 47) The Project Proponent must demonstrate commitment to work towards 'Zero Harm' from their mining activities and carry out Health Risk Assessment (HRA) for identification workplace hazards and assess their potential risks to health and determine appropriate control measures to protect the health and wellbeing of workers and nearby community. The proponent shall maintain accurate and systematic records of the HRA. The HRA for neighbourhood has to focus on Public Health Problems like Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV, Anaemia, Diarrhoea in children under five, respiratory infections due to bio mass cooking. The proponent shall also create awareness and educate the nearby community and workers for Sanitation, Personal Hygiene, Hand washing, not to defecate in open, Women Health and Hygiene (Providing Sanitary Napkins), hazard of tobacco and alcohol use. The Proponent shall carryout base line HRA for all the category of workers and thereafter every five years.
- 48) The Proponent shall carry out Occupational health surveillance which be a part of HRA and include Biological Monitoring where practical and feasible, and the tests and investigations relevant to the exposure (e.g. for Dust a X-Ray chest; For Noise Audiometric; for Lead Exposure Blood Lead, For Welders Full Ophthalmologic Assessment; for Manganese Miners a complete Neurological Assessment by a Certified Neurologist, and Manganese (Mn) Estimation in Blood; For Inorganic Chromium Fortnightly skin inspection of hands and forearms by a responsible person. Except routine tests all tests would be carried out in a Lab accredited by NABH. Records of Health Surveillance must be kept for 30 years, including the results of and the records of Physical examination and tests. The record of exposure due to materials like Asbestos, Hard Rock Mining, Silica, Gold, Kaolin, Aluminium, Iron, Manganese, Chromium, Lead, Uranium need to be handed over to the Mining Department of the State in case the life of the mine is less than 30 years. It would be obligatory for the State Mines Departments to make arrangements for the safe and secure storage of the records including X-Ray. Only conventional X-Ray will be accepted for record purposes and not the digital one). X-Ray must meet ILO criteria (17 x14 inches and of good quality).
- 49) The Proponent shall maintain a record of performance indicators for workers which includes
- a. there should not be a significant decline in their Body Mass Index and it should stay between 18.5 -24.9,
 - b. the Final Chest X-Ray compared with the base line X-Ray should not show any capacities,
 - c. At the end of their leaving job there should be no Diminution in their Lung Functions Forced Expiratory Volume in one second (FEV1) Forced Vital

- Capacity (FVC), and the ratio) unless they are smokers which has to be adjusted, and the effect of age,
- d. their hearing should not be affected. As a proof an Audiogram (first and last need to be presented),
 - e. they should not have developed any Persistent Back Pain, Neck Pain, and the movement of their Hip, Knee and other joints should have normal range of movement,
 - f. they should not have suffered loss of any body part. The record of the same should be submitted to the Regional Office, MoEFCC annually along with details of the relief and compensation paid to workers having above indications.
- 50) The Project Proponent shall ensure that Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
- 51) Project Proponent shall make provision for the housing for workers/labors or shall construct labour camps within/outside (company owned land) with necessary basic infrastructure/ facilities like fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche for kids etc. The housing may be provided in the form of temporary structures which can be removed after the completion of the project related infrastructure. The domestic waste water should be treated with STP in order to avoid contamination of underground water.
- 52) The activities proposed in Action plan prepared for addressing the issues raised during the Public Hearing, if applicable, shall be completed as per the budgetary provisions mentioned in the Action Plan and within the stipulated time frame. The Status Report on implementation of Action Plan shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry along with District Administration.

Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER)

- 53) The activities and budget earmarked for Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) as per Ministry's O.M No 22-65/2017-IA. III dated 30/09/2020 or as proposed by EAC should be kept in a separate bank account. The activities proposed for CER shall be implemented in a time bound manner and annual report of implementation of the same along with documentary proof viz. photographs, purchase documents, latitude & longitude of infrastructure developed & road constructed needs to be submitted to Regional Office MoEF&CC annually along with audited statement.
- 54) Project Proponent shall keep the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures in a separate account and refrain from diverting the same for other purposes. The Year wise expenditure of such funds should be reported to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.

Miscellaneous

- 55) The Project Proponent shall prepare digital map (land use & land cover) of the entire lease area and KML file for recording the base line data and closure time data (after three years) and submit a report to concerned Regional Office of the MoEFCC.
- 56) The Project Authorities should inform to the Regional Office regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- 57) The Project Proponent shall submit six monthly compliance reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the MOEFCC & its

concerned Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board.

- 58) A separate 'Environmental Management Cell' with suitable qualified manpower should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive. The Senior Executive shall directly report to Head of the Organization. Adequate number of qualified Environmental Scientists and Mining Engineers shall be appointed and submit a report to RO, MoEFCC.
- 59) The concerned Regional Office of the MoEFCC shall randomly monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEFCC officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS: -

1	The Project Proponent must obtain NOCs from competent authority of all the concerned stake holder departments /Joint Inspection Report prior to grant of formal Environmental Clearance (EC). The EC shall be subject to strict compliance of conditions of the NOCs issued by the stake holder departments.
2	The cremation ground if any in the vicinity be properly demarcated and left undisturbed and its map showing geographical coordinates be submitted to JKEIAA before issuance of formal EC. Besides, map showing extraction route bypassing village settlements and agricultural/horticultural land as far as possible be submitted to the JKEIAA before formal grant of EC.
3	The maximum exploitation of the RBM from the mining block shall be as per approved mining plan or <u>as per revised mining plan to be approved by competent authority denovo</u> within the prescribed area and depth recommended by the JK Expert Appraisal Committee, as the case may be and <u>whichever is less</u> . Mining depth mentioned above the recommended depth by JKEAC, if mentioned anywhere in any of the submitted documents whether by mistake or otherwise, shall be treated as omitted.
4	A green belt shall be developed under close supervision of the local panchayat.
5	The river bed material shall be sold to the local population within radial distance of 2 kms from the mine site for residential construction purpose at 50% concessional rates.
6	The formal lease shall be granted only after the Project Proponent deposits the funds earmarked under EMP / CER in a separate account to be opened for the purpose and funds be utilized in coordination with DFO, Social Forestry Dept. and concerned Chief Medical Officer (CMO) under supervision of local Panchayat Head. The funds earmarked for CSR shall also be utilized in accordance with CSR Policy Rules.
7	All the provisions of Minor Mineral Rules sanctioned under SRO105 with all amendments with respect to pertinent provisions of the legal framework relating to progressive mine closure shall be complied by the Project Proponent.
8	This Environmental Clearance is subject to final outcome of any litigation pending before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Hon'ble NGT, or any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.
9	This Environmental Clearance is without prejudice to the standing instructions /orders from the competent authorities in the MoEF&CC, GoI and the UT of J&K w.r.t river bed mining activity.
10	An inspection Committee comprising of Additional Dy. Commissioner, District Mineral Officer, representative of Pollution Control Board, Executive Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Dept., Executive Engineer, PHE(Jalshakti) Dept. and District Fisheries Officer shall monitor the implementation of the EMP and also certify at the end of each monsoon, that sufficient replenishment of the minor mineral has

	taken place during monsoon and further mining in the mining block shall not adversely affect the hydrological and ecological settings in the area.
11	The Project Proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operations for conservation and protection of endangered fauna and flora in the area.
12	Masks and PPE shall be provided to the workers in view of COVID-19.
13	Social distancing norms and other standard operating procedures relating to COVID-19 shall be followed during mining activity.
14	The plan worked out and expenditure made under Occupational Health should be undertaken in consultation with the Local Health Institution/PHC/Sub-Centre for utilization for the health and welfare of the local workers involved in mining activity and villagers living in the close vicinity. Regular Medical checkups and free medicines shall be provided under the fund.
15	The Project Proponent must ensure that the biological clock of the villagers in the vicinity of the project is not disturbed by any unauthorized night operations and all measures must be taken for keeping the noise levels within prescribed levels.
16	Provision shall be kept for housing of the labour force, toilets, facilities for cooking, safe water, health care, crèche etc. for the labour force.
17	A final Mine closure Plan along with details of Corpus fund shall be communicated to the MoEF&CC in advance for approval.
18	The top soil in case of surface land mining shall be temporarily stored at the designated / appropriate site and concurrently used for land reclamation.
19	The mining operations shall be undertaken in a systematic manner so that it does not damage the aesthetic view of the area.
20	Adequate steps should be taken to check soil erosion and engineering structures shall be raised wherever required. The mining shall be restricted to 3/4 th of the width of the river/riverlet or 7.5 m(inward) from river bank but upto 10% of the width of the river. While calculating targeted mineral production and while formulating the mining plan, the project proponent shall ensure that the area for removal of minerals shall not exceed 60% of the mine lease area, and any deviation or relaxation in this regard shall be adequately supported by the scientific report in accordance with Sand Mining Monitoring & Enforcement Guidelines of 2020.
21	The compliance report shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Chandigarh with a copy to the Regulatory Authority.
22	The mining activity should in no case go beyond the area as mentioned in the Letter of Intent or Environmental clearance letter, whichever is less and a buffer area is maintained such that the slopes of adjoining area does not get disturbed.
23	All the provisions made and restrictions imposed as covered in the Minor Mineral Rules, shall be complied with, particularly regarding Environment Management Practices and its fund management.
24	The recommendations made in the District Survey Report on sustainable mining practices if any shall be complied.
25	The mining shall be done in bench form with maximum bench height within the mining depth as prescribed by the Expert Appraisal Committee
26	Mining should be initiated only after installation of signboards with demarcation pillars indicating the geo-coordinates of the plot as mentioned in the letter of intent, measurements (length /breadth) and should be laid in presence of the authorized official of the Geology & Mining Department. All vertices /corners of the mining block must be marked with concrete pillars of size 0.5mtx0.5mt x2.5mts (2.5 mts. is the depth

	below the NSL).The demarcation pillars site should mention the specific EC conditions and contact details of concerned authorities responsible for monitoring of compliance of EC conditions/district administration/Police at four corners of the mining block prominently on a large size durable display board for enabling the public to inform the authorities in case of violation of the EC conditions. The display board with details shall be maintained in perfect order throughout the period of lease/mining.
27	There should be no change in the method of excavation and quantity of minerals to be extracted.
28	The EC holder shall keep a correct account of quantity of mineral mined out, dispatched from the mine, mode of transport, registration number of vehicle, person in-charge of vehicle and mine plan. This should be produced before officers concerned for inspection.
29	The access to mining site should be controlled in a way that vehicles carrying mineral from that area are tracked and accounted for in accordance with standing guidelines issued by the Govt.
30	The Geology & Mining Department should use technology like Bar Coding, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Web based and ICT enabled services, mobile SMS App etc. to account for weight of mineral being taken out of the plot and the number of trucks moving out with the mineral.
31	The PP should ensure no agriculture land in the area is used for any storage of sand or gets damaged due to any other transportation activity. Where ever, damages to agricultural land, assets or human or bovine life by way of plying of trollies and tippers etc. involved in transportation of minor mineral is reported, the Project Proponent shall pay adequate compensation with penalty to the effected persons as to be fixed up by the competent authority.
32	Waste generated will be collected on regular basis and will be disposed as per the Municipal Solid Waste Management (Management & Handling) Rule 2000 and its subsequent amendments.
33	Spring sources should not be affected due to mining activities. Necessary Protection measures are to be incorporated.
34	The mineral transportation shall be carried out through covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded.
35	Overloading of trucks and trolleys will be avoided.
36	All the instructions from authorities representing various government departments having stakes shall be complied with during the mining operations.
37	Haul road will be kept wide, compact and water spraying will be done. It shall be properly maintain by the PP and restored to original position after mining. Axel load on the roads should not exceed the prescribed load as per IRC
38	Restricted working hours. Mining operation has to be carried out between 6 am to 7 pm. During day light. Mining operations shall not be allowed at night.
39	No overhangs shall be allowed to be formed due to mining and mining shall not be allowed in area where subsidence of rocks is likely to occur due to steep angle of slope. Mining activity shall not be avoided in rainy season
40	Vehicles used for transportation of material are to be permitted only with fitness and PUC Certificates.
41	There shall be no extraction of stone / boulder in landslide prone areas.
42	Adequate facility for drinking water and toilets should be provided for the workers.
43	There should be controlled clearance of overground vegetation to be undertaken.

44	Transport of mineral will not be done through villages / habitations and any private productive or waste land.
45	Deep drilled handpump with sufficient funding provision should be earmarked for providing drinking facility to the labour force.
46	Recommendations of National Institute for Labour for ensuring good occupational environment for mine workers would also be adopted.
47	The PP shall be responsible for enforcement of COVID-19 standard operating procedures and guidelines with respect to safety of workers involved in the mining activity.
48	Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the mineral and transport of minerals will be as per IRC relevant guidelines if any in this regard.
49	Health and safety of workers should be taken care of. They should also be provided training in safety and health care aspects.
50	Junction at takeoff point of approach road with main road be properly developed with proper width and geometry required for safe movement of traffic by concession holder at his own cost.
51	No stacking shall be allowed on road side along National Highway or any public road.
52	Concealing of any information/data of submission of wrong/fabricated information by the Project Proponent and failure to comply with any of the above conditions may lead to withdrawal of the EC and attract action under the provisions of EP Act, 1986.
53	Mining shall be done manually minimally supported by semi-mechanized methods. Heavy machinery like JCBs, Excavators/L&T hydraulic excavators etc. should not be allowed. Emphasis should be given to employment of locally available labour force to address the socio-economic concerns of the locals.
54	The progressive mine closure shall be as per Rules in vogue. All actions relating to progressive mine closure shall be taken well in advance during the final year of mining so that the site is rehabilitated ecologically.
55	The reasonable concerns expressed by the local population during public hearing or otherwise shall be addressed by the Project Proponent. No blasting operations shall be allowed.
56	No mining activity shall be carried out in flowing water channel area within the mining block and adequate measures shall be taken to safeguard water quality and aquatic life including fisheries if available in the same.
57	The PP shall earmark funds strictly as per the agreed Environmental Management Plan to be spent on environmental monitoring, dust sprinkling, green belt development, rehabilitation of mined out area and landscaping/regressing and haulage route maintenance. The detailed updated plan shall be submitted to JKEIAA as per above deliberations before grant of formal EC, if desired by the JKEAC. Further, the CSR funds shall be earmarked and utilized as per CSR Rules.
58	The hydraulic structures/embankments /protection bunds shall not be disturbed /damaged during mining operations.
59	The alignment of the bank of the river and water shall not be changed in any case.
60	The water way of the Nalla shall not be restricted.
61	The applicant is bound to abide by the J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act and Rules of 2011 and J&K Fisheries Act, 2016 and all other relevant Acts and Rules thereof.

62	The EC is subject to condition that the mining block is located on state land exclusively in river bed without any encumbrances of any sort.
63	Under CSR, within 2 km radial distance, activities like regular health check-up of local villagers once a week shall be undertaken with free medicines. Safe drinking water facility by way of renovation of existing tanks/wells, digging of new tube wells and installation of water filters shall be undertaken. Skill development trainings shall be organized for unemployed local youth. Further, construction of toilets in schools, solar street lighting, free distribution of books, note books, N95 masks, hand sanitizers and school bags among students within 2 km radius from the mine area shall be undertaken. Under EMP, with 2 kms radial distance from mine area; air, water, soil, noise pollution monitoring on half yearly basis, black topping of roads passing through villages and maintenance of haulage /extraction routes, water sprinkling, PPE to mine workers, bearing of school/college fee and allied costs on education of children of mine workers, bearing of all costs on ailments/healthcare of mine workers, creation of green belt by way of raising and maintenance of 2500 trees per hectare on land identified by DFO Social Forestry concerned in consultation with village panchayat during the period of mining, shall be undertaken.
64	The JKEIAA reserves the right to impose any other condition in the EC at any time during the period of mining lease. The JKEIAA reserves the right to revoke the EC in case any of the environmental clearance conditions are violated during the mining activity. Mere grant of Environmental Clearance does not entitle the Project Proponent for grant of mining lease unless he obtains all other clearances as required under other provisions of law.
65	The EC is subject to condition that the Project proponent shall not change the water course of the river and no mining activity shall be carried out in active channel area, if any in the mining block.
66	Wherever the PP has to transport the mined out material across shallow water creeks found inside the mining block, he shall lay Hume pipes of appropriate sizes for the purpose so as not to disturb the natural flow of water.
67	On the request of project proponent, the competent authority shall issue necessary corrigendum to the approved mining plan w.r.t mining depth and area excluding the active water channel /green patch/ flood control structures/maintenance of safe distance to bridges/hydraulic structures and quantification of the targeted mineral, if and wherever, recommended by the Expert Appraisal Committee.
68	The project proponent shall undertake an environmental audit at least once a year by a reputed third-party entity and report of such audit shall be placed in public domain.
69	To ensure that irrigation inlets are not left high and dry due to mining and resultant degradation of bed, the Project Proponent also must construct well-designed cut-off walls, stretching bank to bank, having depth 1.5 times the maximum scour depth below the bed level, both upstream and downstream, maintaining prescribed distance from irrigation inlet/s as per guidelines.
70	The District Mineral Officer shall monitor the replenishment of the mined-out areas, traffic management, levels of production, river bank erosion, exit point of the site and instruct the Project proponent for initiating measures for mitigating environmental concerns.
71	The PP shall not sub-let the mining block to any third party without written approval from the JKEIAA

72	After ceasing the mining operations, the project proponent shall undertake re-grassing of the mining lease area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to mining activities and restore the area to a condition fit for growth of flora, fauna and fodder as per rules in vogue.
73	The Project Proponent shall strictly adhere to the Sand Mining Guidelines of 2016 and Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines of 2020 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI
74	An appeal against the EC shall lie with the Hon'ble NGT, if preferred within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the NGT Act, 2010.
75	In the event any conflict in interpretation of Standard /General Conditions vis-a vis Specific Conditions, the Specific Conditions shall prevail.