

Proceedings of 239<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 09.02.2023 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Hall No. 311, Office of DECC, MGSIPA Complex, Sector-26, Chandigarh.

Following were present:

Sr. No.	Name of SEAC Member	Designation in SEAC
1.	Er. Yogesh Gupta	Chairman
2.	Sh. Pardeep Garg	Member Secretary
3.	Sh. K.L Malhotra	Member
4.	Sh. P.S. Bhogal	Member (Through VC)
5.	Sh. Satish Kumar Gupta	Member (Through VC)
6.	Sh. Anil Kumar Gupta	Member (Through VC)
7.	Sh. Sunil Mittal	Member (Through VC)
8.	Sh. Preet Mohinder Singh Bedi	Member (Through VC)

**Item No. 239.01.-239.06 Regarding Change in method of Mining from Manual to Semi-Mechanized.**

**Deliberations during meeting of SEAC held on 04.02.2023**

During meeting, SEAC observed that the Department of Mining & Geology, Punjab has requested for allowing the use of machinery in the proposed 8 number mining sites (Vehran of District Jalandhar, Boont, Akkuwal, Hujra, Khasi Kalan of District Ludhiana, Begowal, Burj Tehal Dass & Arzi Derya Bramd Rail (1) of District SBS Nagar). The Committee observed that manual mining has been allowed while granting the EC to these sites. Further, the Committee observed that the request for allowing the use of machinery should be submitted by the project proponent through Parivesh Portal. The Assistant Geologist of the Department of Mines & Geology informed to the Committee that the EC for the mining site of Burj Tehal Dass of SBS Nagar has already expired and further there is no requirement of semi-mechanized mining in case of mining site of Hujra of District Ludhiana. The Committee after detailed deliberations decided as under:

- (i) The Project Proponent of each of 6 mining sites (Vehran of District Jalandhar, Boont, Akkuwal, Khasi Kalan of District Ludhiana, Begowal & Arzi Derya Bramd Rail (1) of District SBS Nagar) shall apply for amendment/modification in EC through Parivesh Portal.
- (ii) The Project Proponent shall submit recommendation of Department of Mines & Geology, Punjab regarding allowing semi-mechanized mining at the time of applying for amendment/modification in EC of the mining sites mentioned at Serial no. 1.
- (iii) The Project Proponent shall submit the six-monthly compliance report of the EC conditions at the time of applying of amendment/modification in EC for the mining sites mentioned at Serial no. 1.
- (iv) The Project Proponent shall also submit the current status of the mining sites by indicating the total quantity to be excavated as per EC, quantity excavated till date and remaining quantity to be mined at the time of applying for amendment/modification in EC for the mining sites mentioned at Serial no. 1.

Now, in compliance of the above, M/s Mahadev Enclave Pvt Ltd has applied through Parivesh Portal for amendment in Environmental Clearance for change in mining method from Manual to Semi-Mechanized for the following mining sites.

- i. Village Akuwal, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana (SIA/PB/MIN/172167/2020)
- ii. Village Khasi Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana (SIA/PB/MIN/297396/2023)
- iii. Village Vehran, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar (SIA/PB/MIN/172219/2020)
- iv. Village Begowal, Tehsil Nawashehar, District SBS Nagar (SIA/PB/MIN/172593/2020)
- v. Village Arzi Derya Bramd Rail, District SBS Nagar (SIA/PB/MIN/297391/2023)
- vi. Village Boont, Tehsil & District Ludhiana (SIA/PB/MIN/297378/2023)

The Project Proponent has submitted request letter, recommendation of Department of Mines & Geology, approved mining plans, MOA of M/s Mahadev Enclave Pvt Ltd, compliance of the conditions of the Environmental Clearance earlier granted to it, a copy of Environmental Clearance granted to the Project Proponent & QCI Certificate.

### **Deliberations during SEAC meeting held on 9.02.2023**

The consultant of the Project Proponent made presentation in respect of the 6 mining sites for which amendment in EC conditions for change in method of mining from manual to semi-mechanized has been sought. It was informed that the present term of contract in respect all the 6 sites is upto 28.02.2023 for which the method of mining is required to be amended from manual to semi-mechanized. The Department of Mines & Geology has also recommended to allow semi-mechanized method of mining due to shortage of labour and other reasons given in the letter no. 376/Glg dated 06.02.2023.

The Committee was informed that NGT Monitoring Committee during their field visit to the mining site of ADB Rail-1 on 25.05.2022 and visit to the mining site of Boont on 19.10.2022 found that some of the conditions of Environmental Clearance have not been complied with. The six-monthly compliance reports as submitted by the Project Proponent also showed that compliance of some of the conditions have not been made by the Project Proponent.

Keeping in view the recommendations of the Department, request of the PP and the remaining period of the contract only upto 28.02.2023, SEAC decided to recommend for amendment in the EC conditions regarding method of mining from manual to semi-mechanized subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The Department of Mines & Geology should take necessary action as per the provisions of the contract for non-compliance of EC conditions.
- (ii) The Department of Mines & Geology shall ensure the compliance of EC conditions.
- (iii) Semi-mechanized mining shall be carried out in these sites as per the criteria decided in the 234th meeting of SEAC held on 12.12.2022.

## List of Attendees

Date 09.02.2023

### Department of Water Resource and Mines & Geology

1. Smt. Harjot Kaur, Mining Officer, Head Quarter, Chandigarh
2. Sh. Lalit Garg, SDO, Head Quarter, Chandigarh

### Mahadev Enclave Pvt Ltd (Authorized)

1. Sh. Manas Viyas, Authorized representative.
2. Sh. Dipak Periwal, Authorized representative.