### State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Uttar Pradesh

#### Directorate of Environment, U.P.

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# Minutes of the 612<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 27.05.2022

The meeting of 612<sup>th</sup> State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 27.05.2022 at the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg

2. Shri Paras Nath

3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

Chairman, SEIAA, U.P Member, SEIAA, U.P

Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P.

#### Agenda A -654th SEAC-2 Meeting Dated 13/05/2022

 Expansion of Existing Tannery unit from capacity of 4.5 TPD of Finished Leather (Wet Blue to Finished Leather) to 5TPD of Finished Leather (Raw to Finished Leather) at Plot No. A-3/2 & A3/3, Jainpur Industrial Area, Kanpur Dehat., M/s Tirubala Exports (India) Pvt. Ltd. File No. 5713/Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND/54278/2020

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-2 and grant EC to the said project. PP should install anaerobic digester for treating fleshing, cuttings and other leather related waste products. PP should follow ZLD in his plant. PP should adopt chrome-less tanning or any other substitute which is equally or more environmental friendly. Continuous effluent monitoring system will be installed.

 Stone, Khanda & Gitti, Boulder Mining at Arazi No. 339 (Khand No. 30 Naya, 19 Purana, Village: Daharra, Mahoba, Shri Mujiburrahman ., Area 1.214 Ha. File No. 7051/6396/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/76194/2020

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-2 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC-2 adding following specific conditions:-

- Validity period of this EC is 5 year from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 5 year or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
- Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.

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- 4. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
- Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
- Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
- 7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
- 8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 2,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- 9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 10 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
- 10. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
- Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
- 12. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
- 13. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit georeferenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
- 14. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
- If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate



measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.

 Sand/Morrum Mining Rihand River bed at Gata No.-246, Khand No.-Da, Village-Khebandha, Tehsil-Obrai, Sonbhadra, Shri Sushil Kumar Singhal, M/s R.K. Transport and Construction Ltd. Area-6.00 Ha. File No. 7055/6376/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/76234/2021

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-2 and grant EC to be issued only on geocoordinate certified by DM the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC-2 adding following specific conditions:-

- Validity period of this EC is 5 year from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 5 year or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
- In the absence of replenishment study, in compliance of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 06.05.2022 initially the EC will be operational till 31.12.2022 permissible quantity and area shall be strictly limited to quantity and area mentioned in LoI or mining plan, whichever is lesser, and maximum mineable depth will be limited to as approved in the mining plan.
- 3. For subsequent years, Project Proponent shall submit fresh annual replenishment study to SEIAA, UP for amendment in EC for mineable quantity and maximum permissible depth for mining based on scientific findings of replenishment study. Such study shall be placed before SEAC for appraisal for next three years to assess rate of deposition and accordingly, mineable production capacity and depth can be prescribed based on trends analysis, provided it is found scientifically satisfactory by the SEAC. The placing of the study report SEAC is mandatory for initial three years.
- Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
- The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
- 7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
- 8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 6,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.

- 9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 30 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
- 10. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
- Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
- 12. Project Proponent / Consultant has given an affidavit that the project area doesn't fall within the boundary of Critically Polluted Area (CPA). If the affidavit given by PP / Consultant is found to be false then EC will be cancelled and legal actions will be initiated against them. Further, mining should not commence without obtaining certificate from DM, Sonbhadra that area doesn't attract CPA and a copy of the same should be submitted to SEIAA.
- 13. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
- 14. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit georeferenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
- 15. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
- 16. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
- Gitti Boulder (Dolo stone) Mining at Araji No. 4478 Chha Village- BilliMarkundi, Tehsil- Obra, District- Sonbhadra., Shri Sachin Agarwal., M/s Omax Minerals Pvt Ltd., Area 2.20 Ha. File No. 7056/6747/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/76266/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that the above area is not present in the DSR. Hence SEIAA opined that the project shall submit documents regarding inclusion of the above area in the DSR.

 Gitti - Boulder (Dolostone) Mining at Araji No. 5593 Ka Khand No.-08 Village-BilliMarkundi, Tehsil- Obra, Sonbhadra, Shri Manish Khushlani, M/s K.D. Resources Pvt. Ltd., Area:4.230 Ha. File No. 7057/6724/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/76298/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that Total Mineable Reserve in LOI is



1,35,360 m3 per year and Sanctioned Period of Mine lease is 20 years whereas Total Geological Reserves is 21,78,590 m3 which is less than total proposed production for 20 years. Hence SEIAA opined that a show cause notice be issued to the consultant for causal approach and asking SEAC-2 to be more careful while examining the proposals and preparing the minutes.

 Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility at Khasra No.-274 & 279, Village-Rajdhani, Post-Nautanwa, District-Maharajganj, U.P., M/s AV Biomedical Waste Services. File No. 6494/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/ 66004/2021

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC-2 that the complaint letter dated 30/04/2022 of Medical Pollution Control Committee should be sent to Member Secretary, UP Pollution Control Board to provide the factual report of the above complaint letter.

 Khanda-Boulder/Gitty-Ballast and Red Morrum Mining at Arazi No. 2456 Kha (Khand 03), Village- Pahra, Tehsil- Sadar, Mahoba., M/s Jagdeesh and Company, area-4.0 ha. File No. 6645/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/235508/2021

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-2 to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC-2 but the SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

- Validity period of this EC is 5 year from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 5 year or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
- The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
- Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
- Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
- If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or



legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.

- 7. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 4,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- 8. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 20 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
- Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Noncompliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
- Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
- 11. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
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- 13. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
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- Expansion of Group Housing at Khasra No.527/4, 528, 549-554,556-559 Village-Kanawani, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad., M/s Niho Construction Ltd. File No. 6273/Proposal No. SIA/UP/NCP/207816/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended to grant environmental clearance under violation category. SEIAA opined that:

 Without prejudice to any other consequences, action to be initiated u/s 15 read with section-19 of EPA, 1986 against the PP and Project to be closed until EC is granted

- PP / consultant to submit point-wise compliance, in a tabular form, of MoEFCC, Gol OM no. 22-21/2020-IA.III dated 07.07.2021 (SoP for identification and handling of violation cases under EIA Notification 2006)
- PP / consultant to submit compliance report of earlier CtE and CtO through UPSPCB.
- Expansion of Production Capacity 100 TPD To 500 TPD Of Cement Grinding Unit Plot No. D-15, Ramnagar Industrial Area, Tehsil: Bilari Dih Chandauli., Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, M/s Alaknanda Cement Pvt. Ltd. File No. 6133/Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND/ 60022/2021

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC-2 to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC:-

- Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
- Sand/Moram Mining from Yamuna Riverbed at Khand No. 14/07 To 14/10, Village-Katri, Tehsil-Manjhanpur, Kaushambi, Shri Achintay Karvariya. Area: 17.0 ha. File No. 6152/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/60480/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and document and found that queries raised by SEAC-2 are not replied satisfactorily by the consultant. Hence SEIAA opined that consultant shall be issued show cause notice for causal approach and the matter shall be referred back to the SEAC-2 for review/comments.

 Stone (Sand Stone) Mining at Gata No.- 705, Village- Bhagautidei, Tehsil- Chunar, District- Mirzapur, U.P., Shri Mahusoodan Singh, M/s Maa Vindhyavasini Construction, Area -1.01 ha. File No. 6122/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/59846/2021

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-2 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC-2 adding following specific conditions:-

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- Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.

- Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
- 7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
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- Stone (Sand Stone) Mining at Gata No.-180/2, at Village- Bhagautidei, Tehsil- Chunar, District- Mirzapur, U.P., Shri Mahusoodan Singh, M/s Maa Vindhyavasini Construction, Area -1.21 ha. File No. 6123/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/59848/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and document and found that queries raised by SEAC-2 are not replied satisfactorily by the consultant. Hence SEIAA opined that consultant shall be issued show cause notice for causal approach and the matter shall be referred back to the SEAC-2 for review/comments.

## Assistant Nodal/Nodal Officer SEIAA, UP

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

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