

**State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),**  
**Haryana**

**Minutes of 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Haryana held on 30.09.2023, under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sameer Pal Srow, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, SEIAA, Haryana at Bay's No. 55-58, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Paryatan Bhawan, Sector-2, Panchkula, Haryana.**

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**List of Participants**

1. **Prof. R. Baskar,** **Expert Member, SEIAA**  
FGGS School of Sciences.  
IGNOU, Delhi  
  
(Attended Meeting through “VC”)
  
2. **Shri Pardeep Kumar, IAS** **Member Secretary, SEIAA**  
Director, Environment & Climate Change  
Department, Haryana  
  
(Attended Meeting through “VC”)

At the outset, the Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana (SEIAA), (hereinafter refer to as, “The Authority”), greeted the Members and requested the Member Secretary to give a brief background of the Proposals to be placed before the Authority as **“Agenda Items (Sr. No. 1 to 7)”** for discussions in the said meeting.

“Later, the Minutes of the 166<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 19.09.2023 were **“CONFIRMED”** as part of the proceedings of 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting” being held on 30.09.2023.

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**AGENDA ITEMS**  
**(Sr. No. 1 to 7)**

**The Authority took up the following Proposals during 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting for consideration and decisions thereof:**

**Item No. 167.01**

**Terms of Reference (under Violation Category) for proposed Lithium-Ion Battery Cell Manufacturing unit at Industrial Plot No.- EP-1, Sector-20, IMT Sohna, District- Nuh, Haryana by M/s ATL Battery Technology (India) Private Limited.**

1.	Proposal	<u>Approval of Terms of Reference</u>
2.	Project Proponent	<b>M/s ATL Battery Technology (India) Private Limited</b>
3.	Location & Category of the Project	<b>Industrial Plot No.- EP-1, Sector-20, IMT Sohna, District- Nuh, Haryana</b> 8(a)
4.	Project Cost	₹ 7387 Crore
5.	Project Consultant	M/s Vardan Environet
6.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	(No. NABET/EIA/2023/SA 0158 Valid upto : 05/04/2026.

The Project was submitted to the SEIAA, Haryana vide **online proposal No. SIA/HR/INFRA2/443136/2023** for Approval of Terms of Reference for **proposed Lithium-Ion Battery Cell Manufacturing unit** under Category 8(b) of EIA Notification 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited due Scrutiny fee (as applicable) of ₹ 2,00,000/- vide DD No. 003732 dated 05.09.2023 (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change, Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The said Proposal was taken up during **167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 30.09.2023.**

After having gone through the relevant record placed on the file, the Authority observed that the instant Proposal was submitted to the Authority for Approval of Terms of Reference (TOR) for **Lithium-Ion Battery Cell Manufacturing unit at Industrial Plot No.- EP-1, Sector-20, IMT Sohna, District- Nuh, Haryana;** Whereas, the Project Proponent vide communication dated 21.09.2023, has conveyed that due to some changes in development plan/ in the details of the present project; sought withdrawal of the Proposal, initially submitted on PARIVESH Web Portal through **online proposal No. SIA/HR/INFRA2/443136/2023.**

**Upon deliberations; the Authority decided to consider the request of the Project Proponent and allowed, withdrawal as requested.**

**In view of above, the case is disposed of.**

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**Item No. 167.02**

**Terms of Reference for Expansion of Manufacturing Capacity of Avtar Steel Limited Unit-IV from 29600 MTPA to 80000 MTPA, Village Mohana, Tehsil & District – Sonipat, Haryana by M/s Avtar Steel Ltd.**

1.	Proposal	Approval of Terms of Reference
2.	Project Proponent	<b>M/s Avtar Steel Ltd</b>
3.	Location &  Category of the Project	<b>Village Mohana, Tehsil &amp; District – Sonipat, Haryana</b>  3(a) Metallurgical Industries (ferrous and non ferrous)
4.	Project Consultant	<b>SBA Enviro Systems Pvt Ltd.</b>
5.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	<b>NABET/EIA/2023/RA 0198</b> <b>Validity: 24/05/2023 (expired)</b>

The said Proposal was submitted to the Authority, (SEIAA) (as **online Proposal**) **vide No. SIA/HR/IND1/411161/2023** for Approval of Terms of Reference, within the scope and meaning of category 3(a) of EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited Scrutiny fee of **₹ 1,50,000/- vide DD No. 442024 dated 17.12.2023** (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The said Proposal was taken up during **167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 30.09.2023.**

After having seen the relevant records placed on file, the Authority observed that the instant Proposal was submitted to the Authority for Approval of Terms of Reference (TOR) for **Expansion of Manufacturing capacity of Avtar Steel Limited Unit-IV from 29600 MTPA to 80000 MTPA, Village Mohana, Tehsil & District –**

**Sonipat, Haryana.** Accordingly, the Standard Terms of Reference (ToR) were approved by the Authority on 13.01.2023.

Further, the Authority also observed that the Project Proponent has already applied for withdrawal of the same through PARIVESH Web Portal.

The Authority after deliberations and discussions, decided to **refer the proposal to the Appraisal Committee (SEAC)** to examine whether **Office Memorandum (OM) No. F.No. IA3-22/6/2023-IA.III [E-204444] dated 20.04.2023** issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI; regarding applicability of EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for manufacturing of welded pipes and seamless tubes etc **is applicable / justifiable & appropriate, in the present proposal.**

**The Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) to examine the proposal, accordingly.**





*consider impact of project on the recipient environment in the light of the objections raised by the appellant. The appellant may furnish its version to the Committee through the Member Secretary, SEIAA, Haryana within two weeks, with a copy to the PP. The PP may give its response within next two weeks. The Committee may give its report to the Chairman of SEIAA within three months. Based on the said report, the SEIAA, Haryana, may, if necessary, revisit the EC and pass further appropriate order of granting or not granting EC or imposing additional conditions. Any aggrieved party will be free to take remedy as per law against the fresh decision of the SEIAA. Any step taken by the PP in pursuance of the impugned EC will be at its own risk and will be subject to further order of SEIAA or any proceeding arising there from.*

5. *We have not considered it necessary to issue notice to the respondents having regard to the nature of the above order and also in view of the fact that the parties will be provided opportunity of hearing by the joint Committee. However, if the respondents are aggrieved, they are given liberty to move this Tribunal.*

*The appeal is disposed of.*

*A copy of this order be forwarded to the Regional Officer, MoEF&CC, the Regional Officer, CPCB and the Member Secretary, SEIAA, Haryana and the Project Proponent by email for compliance.*

*In view of order in the main matter, I.A. No. 117/2021 also stands disposed of.*

Keeping in view of the above, directions a sub-committee was constituted vide SEIAA order Endst No. SEIAA/HR/2021/1045/1050 dated 27.10.2021, SEIAA/HR/2021/1306-1312 dated 14.12.2021 and SEIAA/HR/2022/721 dated 08.04.2022 to carry out site inspection and to submit detailed report.

The aforesaid sub-committee visited the project site and prepare a detailed report and submitted the same to the Authority to revisit the Environment Clearance dated 15.06.2018 and 01.02.2021, if necessary and to pass further appropriate orders, in the matter.

**The Authority after having held discussions; deemed it appropriate to circulate the Site Inspection Report to the Members of the Authority for their comments in the matter.**

**Accordingly, the Authority decided to defer this matter till the next meeting.**

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**Item No. 167.04**

**EC for Capacity expansion of mining of Stone along with associated minor minerals from 60,00,000 TPA to 85,00,000 TPA over and area 54.00 ha at village Atela Kalan, Tehsil and district Charkhi Dadri and state Haryana by M/s M S K (JV).**

1.	Proposal	<u>Grant of Expansion in EC</u>
2.	Project Proponent	M/s M S K (JV).
3.	Location & Category of the Project	Village Atela Kalan, Tehsil and District Charkhi Dadri and State Haryana 1(a)
4.	Project Cost	₹ 40 Crore
5.	Project Consultant	M/s Vardan Environet
6.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	(No. NABET/EIA/2023/SA 0158 Valid upto : 05/04/2026.

The project was submitted to the SEIAA, Haryana vide **online proposal No. SIA/HR/MIN/431911/2023 dated 08.06.2023** for obtaining **Environmental Clearance for Capacity Expansion** under Category 1(a) of EIA Notification 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited due Scrutiny fee (as applicable) of **₹ 1,50,000/- vide DD No. 004710 dated 11.04.2022** (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change, Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Appraisal & Recommendations of SEAC:**

The said case was taken up in 271<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 29.06.2023 and SEAC recommended the Project to SEIAA for **Grant of Environment Clearance.**

The said Proposal was taken up during **162<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 19.07.2023. The Authority**, after having gone through the details and relevant record placed on file, alongwith considering the recommendations of the Appraisal Committee (SEAC), **observed that District Survey Report (DSR), pertains to some other District, instead of Charkhi Dadri, where Mining activities are to be carried out.**



Besides this the Authority also observed and examined the proposal pertaining to enhancement of Production Capacity from existing 60,00,000 TPA to 85,00,000 TPA. The Appraisal Committee has recommended the same but without any justification. Whereas, the Authority deemed it appropriate to understand, whether proposed enhancement of production capacity will cause any dent on the Environment and other parameters, upon considering the proposal.

This is due to a recent incident, occurred in District-Bhiwani (Mining Site - Dadam), where many lives were lost and thereafter, it was also found that indiscriminate mining has made serious dents on the Environment / local surroundings by disturbing the eco-system (fauna & flora) and adversely affecting the normal life of the people. Hon'ble NGT also made serious observation and constituted a team of Experts to study and understand the reasons, leading to such unfortunate incident.

Therefore, it is more than imperative and urgent to understand, before considering, such proposals, where production capacity of this magnitude i.e. 60,00,000 TPA to 85,00,000 TPA is proposed to be enhanced, without expressing justification and possible dent on the Environment. The Authority is of the view that Appraisal Committee, while considering such proposals should have sought reasonability and circumstances for considering the proposal of enhancement of this magnitude. Therefore, a response needs to be called from Mines & Geology Department, Haryana in this regard.

Further, the Authority decided to constitute a Sub-committee of the followings:

1. Member Secretary, SEIAA (Head of the Sub-committee);
2. Member Secretary, SEAC (Member);
3. Representative of Member Secretary of HSPCB (Member);
4. Mining Officer, Charkhi Dadri (Member);
5. Regional Officer of HSPCB of the relevant area (To assist the Sub-committee).

The Sub-committee shall visit the project site and submit a detailed report about the proposal.

In view of the above, the Authority decided to **REFER BACK** the case to **Appraisal Committee (SEAC)** to re-examine the issues of capacity enhancement. Further, the Appraisal Committee needs to look into the precedents, if any and the circumstances and justification for considering such proposals.

Thereafter, the case was taken up during **273<sup>rd</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 28.07.2023**. The sub-committee constituted by SEIAA in its 162<sup>nd</sup> meeting, visited the site on 25.07.2023. The sub-committee has submitted its report and observed that the proposed enhancement of production capacity (from 60 MTPA to 85 MTPA) may be considered subject to certain conditions:

1. The project proponent will provide the provision of a dense multilayer green belt with 5 rows of avenue plantations all around the project's boundary using indigenous local species of plants to control air emissions, and noise pollution, and maintain ecosystem equilibrium.
2. The project proponent must implement sufficient dust suppression measure using water gun and sprinklers in critical with high PM<sup>10</sup> and PM<sup>2.5</sup> level to meet CPCB norms for ambient air quality.
3. Blasting operations should only be conducted during the daytime and must follow controlled practices to minimize ground vibrations and fly rocks. Drills should use dust extractors or water injection systems.
4. An Occupational Health Specialist should be appointed for regular medical examinations of workers engaged in the project. Workers with ailments like BP, diabetes, smoking habits, etc., should undergo health check-ups once every six months, and necessary preventive measures should be taken. National Institute recommendations for mine worker occupational environment should be implemented.
5. Mining operations should be limited to 2 meters above the groundwater table and should not intersect the groundwater table.
6. Pollution due to transportation should be effectively controlled, and mineral transportation should be carried out through covered trucks only. Vehicles should not be overloaded, and only those with a PUCC (Pollution Under Control Certificate) should be allowed to ply.
7. Rainwater harvesting measures should be planned, developed, and implemented in consultation with the Central Groundwater Board/Haryana Water Resource Authority to augment groundwater resources
8. Air pollution prevention and control measures should be implemented in surrounding villages i.e. Khanak, Baganwala and Tosham areas with heavily saturated Ambient Air Quality to bring down AAQ within prescribed standards. The project proponent will provide six Continuous Ambient Air Quality monitoring stations at different locations to cover Air quality profile of the lease mining area and surrounding.
9. Illumination and sound at the project during night time should not disturb nearby villages. Flood lights should be oriented away from villagers, and noise level should be kept within prescribed limits for day and night hours.
10. Vibration studies should be conducted before blasting to evaluate the impact on nearby habitats Alternative mineral extraction methods should be considered near sensitive areas vulnerable to blasting vibrations.
11. Main haulage roads should have permanent water sprinklers, and other roads should be regularly wetted with water tankers fitted with Sprinklers.
12. Mineral transportation through villages should not be allowed, and a bypass road should be constructed to mitigate sound, dust, and accident impacts. The project proponent should bear the cost of widening and strengthening existing public road networks if used for the project.
13. Regular monitoring of groundwater levels and quality should be conducted by establishing a network of wells and piezometers, and data should be sent to relevant authorities periodically.
14. Critical parameters like PM<sup>10</sup>, PMs, NO, and SO, will be monitored on a daily basis through CAAQMS (Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations)

- and water quality should be monitored periodically, and data should be made public via the company's website and display boards at the project site.
15. Noise levels in the work environment should be controlled below 85 dBA, and workers should be provided with ear plugs/muffs.
  16. Personnel in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices, and receive adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
  17. Prior permission from competent authorities is required for the drawl of surface water and groundwater.

Further, the PP has also submitted an affidavit clarifying the issue of capacity enhancement. The PP submitted as under:

1. Atela Kalan Mine is situated in district CharkhiDadri, Haryana as per approved District Survey Report. Khasra no. and area are mentioned in the approved DSR on page no. 09 which was submitted to SEAC on 30.06.2023.
2. The total Geological reserve is estimated as 74,338,540 Metric Tonne and extractable reserves at 90% recovery are 66,904,686 Tones as per approved Mining Plan. Total extract reserve up to May 2023 is 35,015,010.79 Metric Tonne. Thus, the proposed balance mineable reserve is 31,889,675.21 Metric Tonne.
3. Previous mining plan was approved for the production capacity of stone 60,00,000 TPA. Earlier the mine was in development stage and production was less with limited equipment. Now, the mine is fully developed and, number and capacity of the mining equipment have increased, enabling us to increase the production from 60,00,000 TPA to 85,00,000 TPA. Now, Mining plan is approved for the production of 85,00,000 TPA till the end of mine.
4. As no exploration was done in the area thus the status of the reserves remain the same as it was on 15.09.2014.
5. The Targeted Quantity of Masonary stone yearly to be produced in the next 4 years, till the end of mine.

#### Calendar program based on balance mineable Reserve

Year	ROM in (Million TPA)	Total Stone in MTPA @98%
2023-2024	8.50	8.33
2024-2025	8.50	8.33
2025-2026	8.50	8.33
2026-2027	6.39	6.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.89</b>	<b>31.25</b>

6. SEIAA, Haryana granted the Environmental Clearance to similar case for the Capacity Expansion Mining of Stone from 5.6 MTPA to 9 MTPA at Khasra No 216, over area of 29.50 ha Located at Kalyana 2 Village Kalyana, Tehsil & District Charkhi Dadri, Haryana proposed by M/s SBIPL Projects Limited. (Vide EC letter No. EC23B001HR137089 dated: 31.05.2023) (copy enclosed).

A detailed discussion was held on the report of sub-committee constituted by SEIAA as well as the reply submitted by the PP in support of their contention to increase the

capacity of production. Report submitted by sub-committee is self-explanatory, however, it is recommended that the certain conditions raised by the sub-committee may be considered and added while granting of Environment Clearance to the project. The report of committee is also enclosed with the concerned file.

Further, PP also submitted that in past also the SEIAA has granted environment clearance to some other projects in nearby area while raising their capacity of production (EC letter enclosed) and further submitted that as per record DSR is of District Charkhi Dadri and not of some other district.

After detailed deliberations on the documents produced during the presentation, submissions made by the PP and keeping in view the report of sub-committee constituted by SEIAA, the committee has decided to recommend the case to SEIAA for granting Environment Clearance as per the conditions conveyed vide Minutes of 271<sup>st</sup> meeting of SEAC and certain conditions observed by the sub-committee may also be considered and added while granting EC to the project.

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The said Proposal was taken up during 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 30.09.2023 and decided to direct the Project Proponent to make a representation before the Authority to justify that proposal, shall not have any adverse / damaging impact on the Environment around in the local area. Further, Member Secretary, SEIAA is to request to Member Secretary, HSPCB to direct the concerned RO, HSPCB and a representative of Director General, Mines & Geology Department, Haryana to remain present with the relevant record on the next date (will be communicated separately).

**Accordingly, the case is deferred.**

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**Item No. 167.05**

**Environment Clearance for proposed expansion of Affordable Residential Plotted Colony Project under DDJAY-2016 located at Village Dhunela, Sector-33, Tehsil Sohna & District Gurugram Haryana by M/s Global Horizon Holdings Private Limited.**

1.	Proposal	<u>Grant of EC for Expansion</u>
2.	Project Proponent	<b>M/s Global Horizon Holdings Private Limited</b>
3.	Location & Category of the Project	<b>Village Dhunela, Sector-33, Tehsil Sohna &amp; District Gurugram Haryana</b> 8(a)
4.	Project Cost	₹ 168 Crore
5.	Project Consultant	M/s Oceao Enviro Management Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
6.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	(No. NABET/EIA/2124/RA 0217 Valid upto : 08-04-2024)

The said Proposal was submitted to the Authority, (SEIAA) (as **online Proposal**) **vide No. SIA/HR/MIS/279337/2022 dated 22.06.2022** for Grant of **Environment Clearance**, within the scope and meaning of category 8(a) of EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited Scrutiny fee of **₹1,50,000/- vide DD No.001837 dated 29.04.2022 and ₹ 50,000/- vide DD No. 001989 dated 20.01.2023** (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The matter was considered during **167<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30.09.2023**; and upon discussion, the Authority observed that a report of Sub-committee is still, awaited. Member Secretary, SEIAA to ensure that requisite report in this case is called at the earliest.

**Accordingly, the case is deferred.**

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**Item No. 167.06**

**Environment Clearance for Affordable Residential Plotted Colony” (DDJAY) project for area admeasuring 15.5625 acres located at Sector-70A, Gurugram, Haryana by M/s Countrywide Promoters Pvt. Ltd.**

1.	Proposal	<u>Grant of Fresh EC</u>
2.	Project Proponent	M/s Countrywide Promoters Pvt Ltd
3.	Location & Category of the Project	<b><u>Sector-70A, Gurugram, Haryana</u></b> 8(a)
4.	Project Cost	₹ 100 Crore Approx.
5.	Project Consultant	M/s Oceao Enviro Management Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
6.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	(No. NABET/EIA/2124/RA 0217 Valid upto : 08-04-2024)

The said Proposal was submitted to the Authority, (SEIAA) (as **online Proposal**) **vide No. SIA/HR/INFRA2/413772/2023 dated 12.01.2023** for Grant of **Environment Clearance**, within the scope and meaning of category 8(a) of EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited Scrutiny fee of **₹ 2,00,000/- vide DD No. 509456 dated 04.01.2023** (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The matter was considered during 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 30.09.2023 and the Authority after deliberations, observed that the Site Visit Report dated 27.09.2023 of the Sub-committee has been received. The Authority deemed it appropriate to call the comments of the Members on the said report. The Member Secretary, SEIAA shall ensure to get it circulated at the earliest, among the Members of the Authority.

**Accordingly, the case is deferred.**

**Meeting : 167<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date : 30.09.2023**

**Item No. 167.07**

**Environment Clearance for Proposed Group Housing Project (5.00 ACRE) falling in the Residential Plotted Colony (50.14375 ACRE) in the revenue estate of Village Maheshwari & Garhi Alawalpur, Sector-23 & 24, Tehsil Dharuhera & District Rewari, Haryana by M/s AMD Estates Private Limited.**

1.	Proposal	<u>Grant of Fresh EC</u>
2.	Project Proponent	M/s AMD Estates Private Limited
3.	Location & Category of the Project	Village Maheshwari & Garhi Alawalpur, Sector-23 & 24, Tehsil Dharuhera & District Rewari, Haryana  8(a)
4.	Project Cost	₹ 101.82 Crore
5.	Project Consultant	M/s Oceao Enviro Management Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
6.	NABET, ACCREDITATION	(No. NABET/EIA/2124/RA 0217 Valid upto : 08-04-2024)

The said Proposal was submitted to the Authority, (SEIAA) (as **online Proposal**) **vide No. SIA/HR/INFRA2/402398/2022 dated 15.11.2022** for Grant of **Environment Clearance**, within the scope and meaning of category 8(a) of EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The Project Proponent has deposited Scrutiny fee of **₹ 2,00,000/- vide DD No. 011877 dated 11.10.2022** (in compliance of Haryana Government, Environment & Climate Change Department Notification No. DE&CCH/3060 dated 14.10.2021).

**Findings and Decision of THE AUTHORITY (SEIAA):**

The matter was considered during **167<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30.09.2023**; and upon discussion, the Authority observed that a report of Sub-committee is still, awaited. Member Secretary, SEIAA to ensure that requisite report in this case is called at the earliest.

**Accordingly, the case is deferred.**

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**The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.**

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