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J&K UT LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (JKEAC)

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MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF 69TH MEETING OF THE JK EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 05TH OF NOVEMBER, 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

In pursuance to Meeting Notice issued vide No: EAC/JK/20//10250-10275 dated: 23/10/2021, the 69th Meeting of JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) was held on 05th of November, 2021 via video Conferencing. The following attended the meeting: -

1	Mr. S.C. Sharma, IFS(Rtd.)	Chairman
2	Mr. M.A Tak, IFS(Rtd.)	Member
3	Engineer BB Sharma	Member
4	Mr. Irfan Yasin	Member
5	Prof. Anil Kumar Raina	Member
6	Mr. A.R. Makroo	Member
7	Humayun Rashid	Secretary

The Secretary, JKEAC welcomed the Chairman, Members of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee, project proponents and the consultants. It was again noted that the concerned stakeholder departments have not responded to the repeated requests for joining the meeting to provide on the spot clarification on certain issues which otherwise result in deferring the cases for same leading to delay in the process of appraisal.

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- 02, Area 7.47 Ha River Suran Upstream Sher-e-Kashmir Bridge Part-II, Village-Mangnar & Kunoyian, Tehsil & District-Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir in favour of M/S Sai Mines.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/59661/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/446
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:	

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	7.47	30.35	144.5	2.80	7.22	2.89

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	0.40	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
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 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	18/08/2021	13/03/2021	NA

APPRAISAL PROCESS

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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/
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	0.80	1.20	
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.00	1.62	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	1.30	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	1.50	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.60	
7	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	2.80	7.22	

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	1.00	

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.	0.39	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	1.50	
	Total		2.89	

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	---
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	---
7	Strongly opposed any such activity in the Nallah	Yes
8	Already done mining in the area has damaged the irrigation canals & as a result the agriculture lands have become barren.	Yes
9	Mining should be handed over to the local panchayat	Yes
10	Mining activities has resulted in the receding of the water levels in the area	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	-	-	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/	No	No	-	-	

	in close vicinity 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.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
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 29th meeting held on 13.03.2021 during which the Committee recommended TORs to the project subject to title verification of the mining block and exclusion of the private land if any involved due to change of nalla course and further subject to revision of project cost. The PP has obtained title verification of the land under the block.
- b) From the perusal of Public Hearing notes, it appears that the general mood amongst the people is not in favour of mining activity in the area probably due to the apprehension that as soon as mining activity begins, their Kuhls and canals will be left high and dry and that the agricultural

production will suffer for want of adequate water supply for irrigation. They seem not to have been satisfied with the assurances being given to them in this regard.

- c) Since, livelihood security of the local population, a top environmental concern need to be assessed, the JKEAC feels that the matter should be reassessed and re-verified on ground to ensure that genuine public concerns are addressed properly. The gravity of situation can be gauged from the fact that the people during public hearing have given the authorities to understand that if their grievances /concerns are not addressed, there may arise a situation where they may be forced to leave the area.
- d) In the above context, the Concerned Dy. Commissioner needs to constitute a committee comprising of Xen Irrigation, Xen Flood Control, Tehsildar concerned and the representatives of PRI to go through the concerns highlighted in the public hearing report and to evolve comprehensive proposals including engineering works which will ensure uninterrupted flow of water in the existing kuhls along the banks of Suran river, the cost thereof shall have to be met by the project proponent.
- e) **The Committee further observed features on Google Image, presumably indicative of an off-take point 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 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.**
- f) The active water channel passing through the mining block would require to be excluded.
- g) Illegal mining activity would also have to be explained and the Committee would require a certificate from the competent authority to be satisfied that the project proponent is not responsible for such activity.
- h) The EIA Report lacks photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of baseline data.
- i) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP and CER.
- j) Mining plan would require *denovo* approval by the competent authority.
- k) Proposal indicates a mining depth of 3 m and bulk density of 2.25. For the proposal to pass the scrutiny needs to adopt a mining depth of max. 1m and bulk density of 2 in absence of replenishment study and ground based measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not approve the project in its present form.
2. The PP, if he so desires, can approach JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case after complying with the observations and incorporating changes as indicated herein above.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 02

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for the Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) mining project at Block No.29, Area- 8.50 Ha Suran River Upstream Dhara Morha Foot Bridge, District-Poonch, State-Jammu & Kashmir in favour of M/S Kesari Nandan Mines.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1

Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/59755/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/436
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. Monty Khokhar

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	8.50	17.50	131.65	3.25	6.58	2.70

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	0.47	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
21/07/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	15/12/2020	25/03/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by 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	22/09/2021	10/03/2021	NA

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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	0.90	1.08	
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.35	1.62	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	2.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	0.88	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.00	
7	Installation of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	3.25	6.58	

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	0.70	
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.	0.50	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet in the nearby village	1.00	
5	Education	Distribution of free books, stationery etc in the school nearby	0.50	
	Total		2.70	

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	---
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	About 400 pony wallas will be left unemployed	Yes
8	Unscientific mining has resulted in the death of two children who fell in deep trenches	Yes
9	Taxes & royalty of the river bed material shall be fixed	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	-	-	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	Yes	-	310	A foot bridge
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located	No	No	-	-	

	within mining 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	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 presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
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	No	No	-	-	

grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project						
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DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 28th meeting held on 10.03.2021 during which the Committee recommended TORs to the project subject to report on illegal mining from the Multidept. Committee with necessary feedback from the local panchayat. The Committee expressed its dismay at non-compliance of the condition under which the TORs had been granted.
- b) A complaint dated 06/07/2021 forming part of the documentation uploaded on the portal has been filed by the local panchayat representatives addressed to the JKEIAA with a copy to Chairman, JKPCB and the District Development Commissioner, Poonch in which the complainants have opposed the mining activity citing adverse environmental issues.
- c) From the Google Images of May, 2021, it is evident that heavy Illegal mining activity still continues and that the river bed material reserves appear to have been nearly mined out to a large extent. The depletion of reserves is also supported by the findings of the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell dated 28/06/2021 which also reads that some parts of the block have not got replenished properly and may get replenished during the coming monsoon.
- d) The JKEAC cannot make its decision on assumptions of possible replenishment and desires that the mining block be put to rest for at least two years before it is again proposed for mining operations.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not approve the project.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 03

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for the Minor Mineral Block 2/4, Area 9.37 Ha in Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Muradpur Bridge, Village Narian, District Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/60806/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/438
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. Monty Khokhar

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	9.37	63.45	177.60	2.15	8.88	3.55

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	0.23	2.0	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

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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	08/09/2021	10/03/2021	NA

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	1.00	1.20	
2	Haulage route maintenance	1.15	1.62	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	2.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	2.00	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	2.06	
7	Installation of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	2.15	8.88	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

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1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	1.00	

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.	0.55	
4	Sanitation	Construction of separate toilet (Ladies & Gents) in the nearby village	1.00	
5	Education	Renovation of toilet of the nearby school	1.00	
	Total		3.55	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

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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)
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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	Dug wells in the area have dried up due to illegal mining	Yes
8	Mining block should be properly demarcated so that no private land gets involved in the mining activity	Yes
9	Irrigation lands have turned into dry lands as a result of illegal mining	Yes

10	Mining should not be allowed near the bridge	Yes
11	Mining should be done as per scientific guidelines	Yes

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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	Yes	-	-	Features presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
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 28th meeting held on 10.03.2021 during which the committee recommended grant of ToRs in favour of the project subject to prior NOC from competent authority in Forest Dept. and to resize/reduce the area near the corner so that forest land, if it is so, needs to be excluded.
- b) Though the Forest Dept. has issued NOC to the mining block and termed the block as non-forest, yet the NOC issued is on a generalized format without mentioning the coordinates of and distance between the nearest pillar of Forest boundary to the pillar-A of the mining block. Since, as per digital forest boundary, though on a course scale, appears to be traversing through the block near pillar-A, necessary clarification with coordinates of forest pillar and mining block needs to be obtained from the forest dept. before proceeding further in the matter.
- c) The PP has failed to submit title verification of the land under the mining block although the locals have raised the issue of proper demarcation and segregation of private land during the public hearing.
- d) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are presumably suggestive of many 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 realities.
- e) 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 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.
- f) Exclusion of active water channel while calculating the targeted mineral production.
- g) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block and in its close vicinity as per features on Google image of May, 2021 which needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell.
- h) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the date of collection of data is missing in EIA report.
- i) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP and CER.
- j) EMP budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget.
- k) 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.
- l) Mining depth of 3 m & a bulk density of 2.25 given in the mining plan not agreed by the committee. Therefore, the same need to be revised while calculating the revised targeted mineral production as per minimum standards fixed by the Committee in absence of replenishment data and actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. 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 in the present form.
2. The PP if he so desires, can approach JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case after complying with the requirements / observations as made herein above.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 04

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for the River bed mining of Minor Mineral in Block No. 3/5, Area 9.62 Ha in Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Nowshera Jabba Bridge, Village Bagnoti,, District Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/60807/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/437
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. Monty Khokhar

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	9.62	201.85	329.50	3.95	16.47	6.59

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	0.59	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
18/08/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	05/01/2021	25/03/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by 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	11/09/2021	10/03/2021	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	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for bulk density, 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 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	
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	1.00	1.20	6.00	5.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.95	1.62	8.00	7.00
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50

4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	5.00	2.00	2.00
5	Dust suppression	0.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	3.65	2.00	2.00
7	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	3.95	16.47	21.50	20.50

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	2.00	
2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village	2.00	
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.59	
4	Sanitation	Construction of separate toilet (Ladies & Gents) in the nearby village	2.00	
5	Education	Distribution of free books, stationery etc. in the nearby school	0.00	
	Total		6.59	

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	Mining should be done as per scientific guidelines	Yes
8	Deep trenches / Craters created by way of illegal mining should be filled back	Yes
9	Grazing field etc damaged due to illegal mining	Yes
10	Manual mining should be adopted	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	-	-	Google Image of 5/2021
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	No	No	-	-	

	mts. from the 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	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	-	-	Not identifiable
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	No	No	-	-	

	from the ends of mining block.					
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 28th meeting held on 10.03.2021 during which the committee recommended ToRs in favour of the project subject to NOC from I&FC Dept.
- b) Specific NOC from the Revenue Dept. w.r.t land title has not been obtained and the same need to be submitted prior to grant of EC.
- c) Illegal mining activity detected in the mining block and its vicinity as per features on Google image of May, 2021 which needs clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell, prior to grant of formal EC. In case it is reported that the PP has been involved in the mining activity in the designated mining block, the process for grant of EC shall not be proceeded with.
- d) The Committee observed that the active water channel passes through the blocks dividing the block into three distinct shoals out of which two shoals lying on the side of villages Bagnoti-Kheri were not found technically feasible due to issues including illegal mining and existence of irrigation offtake point. However, the Committee is of the opinion that the dry shoal lying on the other side (Eastern side i.e on the left side of the river measuring Approx. 1.55 Ha) can be considered for mining activity. Accordingly, it was desired that the consultant shall revisit the site and come up with a detailed revised haulage route, prior to grant of EC.**
- e) The Committee further desired the Xen Irrigation Division should revisit the site for identification of the Kuhl offtake points, if any, indicating distance thereof from the proposed mining block and issuance of a specific NOC to the effect that mining operations in the proposed mining block shall not adversely affect the irrigation water supply. The local PRIs /stakeholders may also be taken in to confidence in this regard.**
- f) The JKEAC desired that the conditions of NOC need to be adhered to in letter and spirit in close supervision of the stakeholder departments.
- g) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of data missing in EIA report needs to be submitted 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/CER 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 3 m & a bulk density of 2.25 given in the mining plan not agreed by the committee. Therefore, the same need to be revised while adopting maximum mining depth of 1m and bulk density of 2.0 for calculating the revised targeted mineral production.

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) Submission of title verification from the revenue department, prior to grant of EC.
- d) Submission of revised haulage route and to submit the updated PFR/ EIA prior to grant of EC.
- e) Clarification/certification from Irrigation Dept. as indicated herein above, prior to grant of EC
- f) Clarification from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell as per deliberations herein above, prior to grant of formal EC.
- g) **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.**
- h) **No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**
- i) Maximum targeted mineral production of **31000 MT.**
- 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 05

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.93 ha., Block-2/3 at Nowshera Tawi River, Downstream Muradpur Bridge, Village Chattiar, District Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir favouring M/S Karanvir Singh S/O- Sh. Surinder Singh R/O- Lane No 3 Saheed Udham Singh Nagar District Pathankot, Punjab. karanvir.ec@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/60805/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/439
Consultant with validity	P & M solution (10/12/2022)
Presenter of consultant:	Sh.Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Karanvir Singh

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	9.93	58.16	206.6	2.80	10.30	4.2

Mine Closure plan proposed	Mining depth proposed	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation
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(in lacs)	(mts.)			(Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.36	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
06/08/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	05/01/2021	25/03/2021

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	08/09/2021	10/03/2021	-

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	
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.	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	1.00	1.20	6.00	5.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	1.80	1.62	3.00	2.00
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	2.48	3.00	2.50
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	3.00	1.00	3.00
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	10.00	6.00
	Total	2.80	10.30	24.50	21.00

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.	1.40	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.50	
3	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.90	
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.	1.40	

5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		4.20	

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	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS AND COMMITMENTS

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	Yes
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	Yes
8	Pollution, land degradation, loss of water body and rivulets/ soil erosion	--
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	--
10	Impact on social life and Horticultural/pasturelands	Yes
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	--
12	Ban on mining activities at the night	Yes
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	Drinking water and Irrigation canals may be saved	Yes
18	Embankments of the Mining Block should be protected	--

19	Title of land from Revenue Department should be demarcated before the auction of Mining Block	----
20	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	Yes
21	Impact on irrigation off take points and loss of productive agricultural	-
22	Religious places should be saved from mining activities	Yes
23	Public properties like dug wells, irrigation Canals, water sources etc should be saved from mining activities.	Yes
24	Mining should not be allowed near the bridges, dug wells, springs etc.	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	-	-	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	No	No	-	-	

	/orchard etc. if any located within mining 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	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 presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
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	-	-	
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DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 28th Meeting held on 10/03/2021 during which the Committee had recommended ToRs to the project subject to Multi-dept. report on illegal mining with feedback from the local panchayat representatives and title verification.
- b) Heavy illegal mining activity was again observed by the Committee as per features on Google image of May, 2021 for which the report of Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell constituted by the Govt. says that the PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity in the designated mining block.
- c) In view of depletion of river bed material owing to illegal mining observed on the Google image, the project proponent would require to obtain a **'fit for mining'** certificate from the G&M Dept. prior to grant of EC.
- d) The Committee observed that a permanent active water channel bifurcates the block into two dry shoals and therefore, opined that due to limited options of haulage route, only the dry shoal measuring **7.88 Ha** located in the north towards upstream could be considered for mining activity with minimum environmental implications, provided adequate budget is kept for laying Hume pipes across the channel near Pillar –A. The PP would require to revise the PFR and EIA for the haulage route, accordingly.
- e) In case of damage to the existing structures and same being traced as emanating from the mining operations, damages would have to be restored by the project proponent and an undertaking to this effect needs to be given to owners of such assets. Undertakings shall constitute a part of documentation for the case.**
- f) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, revised 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.
- g) 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 which needs to be submitted prior to grant of EC.
- h) Mining depth of 3.00 m and Bulk density of 2.25m in mining plan not agreed by the Committee.
- i) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- j) A nominal bulk density of 2.00m be applied 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) Revision of PFR/EIA with revised haulage route from the **pillar –A.**
- d) **Submission of 'Fit for mining Certificate'** from the G&M Dept., prior to grant of EC.
- e) 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 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.

- f) Maximum targeted mineral production of **94,500 MT**.
- 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) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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: 06

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.06 ha., Block-04 at Naj Nallah Upstream Naj Bridge, District Kathua (Plan-II) Jammu and Kashmir area 9.06 ha. M/S Singh Minerals R/O Near Kali Mata Mandir, Kollu Wali Gali, Pathankot. singhminerals.ec@outlook.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/61939/2020
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/530
Consultant with validity	P & M solution (10/12/2022)
Presenter of consultant:	Sh.Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Singh Minerals

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	9.06	55.71	203.61	1.45	10.18	4.07

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.11	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
22/09/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	17/02/2021	13/07/2021

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	March-May 2021	23/09/2021	14/06/2021	--

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	Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Kathua has conveyed NOCs of stake holders. However, the NOC issued by the flood control division wrongly mentions the area. (9.19Ha)
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	Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	Not issued	
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	0.90	1.20	
2	Haulage route maintenance	0.55	2.92	
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.00	2.00	
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	2.00	
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	2.06	
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	1.45	10.18	

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.	2.07	
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	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	1.00	
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	1.00	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		4.07	

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/ soil erosion	Yes
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	--
10	Impact on social life and Horticultural/pasturelands	--
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	Drinking water and Irrigation canals may be saved	---
19	Land suited along the banks of river may be protected	---
20	Title of land from Revenue Department should be demarcated before the auction of Mining Block.	Yes
21	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	Yes

23	Irrigation canals, irrigation off take points and both embankments should be protected during mining operations	Yes
25	Mining should be socio - economic friendly and biodiversity should be maintained	-
26	Safeguard of Water resources	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 06/2021
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	-	-	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 45th Meeting held on 14/06/2021 during which the Committee recommended ToRs to the project subject to detailed report / NOC from the stake holder departments.
- b) The Committee has observed time and again that authorities do not accord necessary attention to site specific details while giving NOCs. NOCs are observed to be always generalized in nature giving little help to appraisal process. In the instant case, the NOC given by Fisheries Dept. is a glaring example where the Asst. Director, Fisheries, while granting permission for mining, is also prohibiting mining in areas below HFL. All areas which constitute bed of a nalla necessarily are below HFL and therefore the NOC is not only contradictory but against the principles of scientific management of water resources.
- c) The NOCs issued by the Xen Irrigation Dept. and PHE Dept. are also absolutely general in nature. These shed little light on the existence of any departmental assets that exist in the close vicinity of the mining block that may get damaged /adversely affected due to mining operations in the proposed block. The NOC also fails to assess the threat of damages to such assets of public importance due to mining operations and to prescribe engineering mitigation measures, if required to be put in place to redress the general apprehension prevalent among the general public that the mining operations may degrade, deplete and reduce the water availability.
- d) Not only the public sentiment, as gathered from the Public Hearing Report, is against mining on account of scarcity of water, written representations too stand received on the subject. The crux of these representations highlights the possible adverse effects as shall be caused due to mining in water scarce areas which Billawar area indeed is, these representations also apprehend damage to the historical /archaeological structures as lie on banks of Naj Nallah.
- e) The Committee desired that the Concerned Dy. Commissioner needs to constitute a committee comprising of Xen Irrigation, Xen Flood Control, Tehsildar concerned and the representatives of PRI to visit the site to know the actual ground conditions vis-a-vis the apprehensions expressed in the public hearing and the representations received in this regard.
- f) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are presumably suggestive of irrigation off-take points in the vicinity of the mining block. 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 on the back side of Colour Google image of the area depicting the mining block boundary and Kuhl 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.**
- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority.
- h) EMP Budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget.
- i) NOCs issued by the stakeholder depts. is subject to title verification but title has not yet been verified by the concerned revenue authority.
- j) The Committee observed that the area is deficient in drinking water and the availability of water in dug wells need to be regulated.
- k) 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.
- l) Mining depth of 2.00 m and Bulk density of 2.25m in mining plan not agreed by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. 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 in the present form.
2. The PP if he so desires, can approach JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case after complying with the requirements / observations as made herein above.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 07

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 8.14 ha., Block-1/8 at Ans River, Downstream Kotranka Bridge, Village Kotranka, District Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma S/O Shri Shiv Narayan Sharma R/O B-33568, Gurudaswara Saroop Nagar, Ludhiana Punjab. umesh.kumar.ec1@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/60790/2020
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/449
Consultant with validity	P & M solution (10/12/2022)
Presenter of consultant:	Sh.Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma

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	8.14	89.62	237.52	2.65	11.87	4.75

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.36	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
06/08/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	05/01/2021	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	28/07/2021	13/03/2021	-

APPRAISAL PROCESS

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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	As per NOC issued by the Fisheries Dept. the Block 1/8 Kotranka area falls under Reserved Trout Beat and the extraction from the block may affect the trout fish fauna
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.	issued	
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
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		Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	0.90	1.20
2	Haulage route maintenance	1.75	1.62
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.0	3.50
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	3.70
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.85
8	Laying of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00
	Total	2.65	11.87

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.	1.75	
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	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	1.00	
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	2.00	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		4.75	

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	Yes
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/ soil erosion	Yes
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	Yes
10	Impact on social life and Horticultural/pasturelands/ Agricultural lands	Yes
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	--
12	Ban on mining activities at the night	Yes
13	Installation of solar lights	--
14	Haulage route maintenance	-
15	Proper plantation of the nearby area	Yes
16	Mining should be carried out in scientific Manner	Yes
17	Drinking water and Irrigation canals may be saved	---
18	Embankments of the Mining Block should be protected	Yes
19	Land suited along the bank of river may be protected	Yes
20	Title of land from Revenue Department should be demarcated before the auction of Mining Block	Yes
21	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	Yes
23	irrigation canals, irrigation off take points should be protected during mining operations	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	-	-	As per latest available google image of 12/2020
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	No	No	-	-	

	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.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
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	Yes	Yes	-	-	As per NOC of Fisheries Dept., the block falls under Reserved Trout beat

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 ToRs to the project subject to report of Multidept. Committee on illegal mining, exclusion of active water channel and title verification.
- b) The PP has submitted the illegal mining report from MDDLTF Cell in which it is mentioned that the PP is not involved in the illegal mining. The Title verification has also been issued by the competent authority.
- c) As per NOC issued by the Fisheries Dept. the Block 1/8 Kotranka area falls under Reserved Trout Beat and the RBM extraction from the block may affect the trout fish fauna.

- d) The examination of mining block on Google Earth platform revealed features that are presumably 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 realities.
- e) 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 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.**
- f) The EMP budget appears inadequate.
- g) 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 the EIA report.
- h) 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.
- i) Mining depth of 3 m & a bulk density of 2.25 given in the mining plan not agreed by the committee. Therefore, the same need to be revised while calculating the revised targeted mineral production as per minimum standards fixed by the Committee in absence of replenishment data and actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not approve the case for grant of EC in the present form.
2. The PP, if he so desires, may again approach the JKEIAA after ensuring compliance to the observations and incorporation in project estimates, the cost of required mitigation measures.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 08

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 9.43 ha., Block- 06 at Nagbal Hospital to Power Grid Downstream Rambiarra Nallah, District Shopian, State-Jammu & Kashmir favouring M/S Amit Mahajan R/O- Near Kali Mandir Kolluwali Gali, District Pathankot, Punjab. amitmahajan.ec@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/59680/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/374
Consultant with validity	P & M solution (10/12/2022)
Presenter of consultant:	Sh.Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Mr. Monty Khiokhar

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	9.43	51.31	226.71	1.35	11.34	4.54

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1.00	0.69	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
18/07/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	03/18/2020	12/02/2021

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	March- May 2021	26/08/2021	19/01/2021	-

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/	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

	Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)		
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NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	<p>I. NOC issued by the Fisheries Dept. does not mention the mining block number /details and is on a generalized format not useful for appraisal process</p> <p>II. NOC from irrigation Division, Shopian mentions about the supply channel, Natoo canal, Manul Zoura canal, Lar, Sanigloo and Sathoo canal without indicating which supply channel of the canal is in the close proximity of the proposed block</p> <p>III. Instead of verifying Title, Adl. DC, Shopian has issued NOC</p>
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	issued/ambiguous	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	issued/ambiguous	
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	0.95	1.20	
2	Haulage route maintenance	0.40	1.50	
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution Monitoring	0.00	2.00	
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	3.00	
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	3.64	
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	
10	Augmentation of the protection works for Irrigation supply line (subject to revision by the Irrigation & Flood Control Dept.) and Towers	0.00	0.00	
	Total	1.35	11.34	

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.	1.54	
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.	2.00	
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	1.00	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		4.54	

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	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/ soil erosion	--
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	--
10	Impact on social life and Horticultural/pasturelands	--
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	--
12	Ban on mining activities at the night	Yes
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	Drinking water and Irrigation canals may be saved	---
18	Embankments of the Mining Block should be protected	Yes
19	Land suited along the bank of Chenab river may be protected	---
20	Title of land from Revenue Department should be demarcated before the auction of Mining Block	----
21	People and panchayat members of the concerned area would be consulted before tendering process	----
23	irrigation canals, irrigation off take points and both embankments should be protected during mining operations	----
24	Contractor should obtain NOC from the concerned departments and	-
25	Pollution control measures will be taken for Air and Noise pollution.	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	-	-	As per latest available google image of 09/2018
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the	No	No	-	-	

	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	Not identifiable	-	-	Not identifiable
8	Active water channels, if any	Yes	Yes	-	-	Active water channel excluded

	crossing the mining block.					
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	Yes	-	-	Features on Google image indicative of a supply channel of nearby Fish breeding farm

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

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier in the 24th Meeting held on 19/01/2021 during which the Committee recommended ToRs to the project.
- b) Illegal mining activity was observed by the Committee as per features on Google image of September, 2018 and the Committee desired to know whether such illegal mining activity has continued in the area for which clarification and responsibility be fixed by the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell constituted by the Govt. for the purpose.
- c) The Committee further observed a well-defined off-take point of an irrigation canal existing within 15m to 17m from the boundary of the mining block closely adjacent to the Shopian Town which runs through the interiors of the Town itself and may be used by locals for drinking water purpose besides irrigation works which seems to get impacted by mining activity in the proposed block. Therefore, the Committee desired clarification on this from the concerned Xen, Irrigation and PHE Depts.
- d) Further, features on the Google Image also indicate one more supply line off-take point supplying fresh water to the nearby presumably trout fish farm in close proximity of the block, likely to get badly impacted by any mining activity in the designated block. NOC issued by Asst. Direct Fisheries concerned does not mention mining block No. / Details of the proposed block and departmental assets in close proximity of the proposed mining block which needs clarification from the concerned Dept.
- e) The NOC issued by the Irrigation Dept. on a generalized format mentions only the supply channel of Nattoo canal, Manul Zoura canal, Lar, Sanigloo and Sathoo canal against a number of mining blocks altogether without indicating which irrigation offtake point is falling in proximity of the proposed block thereby making appraisal process difficult.

- f) Instead of issuing Title Verification of the mining block, the Adl. Dy. Commissioner has issued NOC but has not verified the title of the block.

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 rejection of Environmental Clearance in view of reasons cited herein above under serial (c) and (d) deliberations in the present form.

However, the PP, if he so desires, may obtain an unambiguous clarification and report on the impact of mining activity on the fish farm and irrigation canal in close vicinity of the mining block from the concerned officers of Irrigation, PHE and Fisheries Dept., besides, clear title verification of the land under the proposed block from the concerned revenue authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 09

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Resized Area of 4.00 ha., Block- 22, at Ziarat Syed Rehmatuallah Nazneenpora Downstream nallah Rambiarra, Village- Nazneenpora Tehsil Keegam, District Shopian (Jammu & Kashmir) favoring M/S Zahoor Ahmad Peerzada S/O Gh. Mohd. Peerzada R/O Aripora Shopian-192305 192305 (J&K) shopianblock22@gmail.com (ADS)
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/61237/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/482
Consultant with validity	Oceao Enviro Management Solutions India Pvt Ltd. 23.01.2021
Presenter of consultant:	Sh Hemanshu Goel
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	M/S Zahoor Ahmad Peerzada

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	Revised EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		Revised CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	4.00	86.81	398.00	39.80	29.15	8.00

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)
0.15	1.00	3.33	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
18/07/2020	18/09/2021	30/11/2021	03/10/2020	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 (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	29.06.2021	01/04/2021 and 28/08/2021	11/10/2021

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	
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.	Issued	

8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
9.	PDD (Power development department)	Issued	
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	Capital	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	6.50	5.50	5.00	3.50
2	Haulage route maintenance	5.00	4.50	5.00	3.50
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
4	Pollution monitoring	1.50	1.50	1.50	2.00
5	Dust suppression/water sprinkling	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
6	Solid waste management	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.10
6.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	5.05	5.05	1.00	2.00
7	Laying of Hume Pipes/ Soil Conservation works/ Augmentation of the protection works for Irrigation supply line (subject to revision by the Irrigation & Flood Control Dept.)	19.00	10.00	25.00	10.00
	Total	39.80	29.15	40.25	23.60

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health/Drinking water facility	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up Installation of hand pumps	1.00	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	2.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	2.00	

4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	1.00	
5	Rain water harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
6	Improvement of local Environment	Development / maintenance of Recreation Park/green space	2.00	
	Total		8.00	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Budget recommended by Committee (in lacs)
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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	---
9	Loss of land, unemployment and environmental concerns	---
10	Impact on social life and horticultural/pasturelands	---
11	Money generated should be utilized at panchayat level	-
12	Ban on mining activities at the night	-
13	Installation of solar lights	-
14	Haulage route maintenance	Yes

15	Proper plantation of the nearby area	-
16	Demarcation of Rambiarra Nallah by Revenue Authority	-
17	Irrigation canals be saved in various Blocks before clearing it for mining	-

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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.	Yes	Yes	-	-	HT Electric Transmission Tower identified on Google Image
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Yes	-	-	NOC of Irrigation Dept. indicates presence of supply channel of Nazneenpora and Sallar Kuhl
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	Yes	Yes	-	-	Electric transmission towers as seen on Google image 09/2018

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

- a) The project had earlier been discussed during 32nd meeting held on 01/04/2021 during which the Committee recommended ToRs to the project. The case again came to be discussed for grant of EC in the 57th JKEAC held on 28/08/2021 during which the Committee desired as under:-
- a. To submit a detailed techno-feasibility report powered with topographic maps, videos and photographs of the mining block and the irrigation works/ transmission towers etc. suggesting mitigative measures under which mining activity in the designated block shall not affect the irrigation work and electric transmission towers.
 - b. To submit a categorical and specific NOC from the Concerned Agency w.r.t the HT Electric transmission towers lying inside the mining block and its periphery.
 - c. To revise the documents as per deliberations recorded herein above.
 - d. To submit a categorical and specific NOC from the Irrigation Dept. to the effect that mining activity in the designated mining block will not affect the Irrigation facility.
 - e. To resize the mining block to ensure safe distance to the supply channel of headworks of kuhl.
- b) The project proponent has submitted compliance to the above cited recommendations which were discussed by the Committee in detail and the Committee observed as under:-
- a. The Techno-feasibility report has been submitted in compliance to earlier observations.
 - b. The PP has submitted compliance to observation (ii) in the form of NOC issued by Xen KPDCL, Shopian stating that no HT/LT line is passing over/nearby proposed site. Since, electric transmission towers, one inside and another near the boundary of mining block are very much identifiable on the Google image, it appears that the concerned officer issuing the certificate is not aware about the actual limits of the mining block w.r.t the electric transmission towers. The Committee observed that the PP has not obtained NOC from the actual stakeholder dept. owning the towers and desired that the PP should obtain the same on the back side of Google screen shot showing location of HT Towers and the mining block boundary with annotations depicting same, from the concerned Transmission Division of PDD before grant of EC.
 - c. The EMP and other documents have been revised. However, the Committee desired that the PP should further revise the EMP in the light of deliberations and EMPs suggested in similarly situated cases in the vicinity.
 - d. A categorical conditional NOC has been issued by the concerned Xen, Irrigation Division, Shopian in favour of the mining block. However, 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 due to proposed mining activity in order to regulate the water supply to the canal during and after excavation of mineral from the block. Further, the project proponent shall have to bear the cost of any such work suggested by the Irrigation and Flood Control Dept.
 - e. The Committee desired that the funding proposed in the EMP needs further revision in view of importance of safety of irrigation works and the HT Transmission towers, which shall however, be as per assessment and demand of Irrigation & Flood Control Dept.
 - f. The PP has got the block resized to only 4.00 Ha from the G&M Dept. However, he needs to ensure that there is minimum 50m buffer all around the HT Transmission Towers and at least 100m buffer from the Irrigation supply channel leaving aside an area of only 4.00 Ha for mining activity.
- c) Though illegal mining activity is not observed on the latest available Google image of 9/2018, yet the present status needs to be got examined, verified and reported by the MDLTF Cell before grant of formal EC. In case, it is reported that the PP is involved in the illegal mining activity, the EC so processed is liable to be withdrawn.
- d) The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of baseline data is missing in EIA report and the same needs to be submitted, prior to grant of EC.

- e) The conditions of NOCs need to be adhered to in letter and spirit under close supervision of stockholder departments.
- f) Project cost has been underestimated by the consultant as it does not include cost of EMP, surveillance equipment, Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc. and therefore needs to be revised.
- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, revised area, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority prior to grant of EC or as decided by JKEIAA.
- h) Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
- i) Bulk density of 2.3 in mining plan not agreed. Committee desired that in absence of actual measurements, a nominal bulk density of 2.0 be adopted.

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 all observations made herein above under deliberations before grant of formal EC.**
- c) Issuance of categorical NOC from concerned Xen, Transmission Division, holding the HT Towers / concerned stake holder dept. with seal and signature on the back side of Google screen shot showing location of HT Towers and the revised mining block boundary with annotations depicting same, before grant of EC.
- d) Revision of EMP budget as per revised budget suggested in the remarks column.
- e) Revision of EIA report with compliance of specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of the Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the date of collection of data, before grant of formal EC.
- f) 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.**
- g) No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**
- h) Maximum targeted mineral production of 48000 MT.**
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- 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.**

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	P and M Solution	Oceao Enviro Management Solutions India Pvt Ltd
1	Submission of the documents	6	5
2	Site Appreciation Note, kml /kmz file, site photo and site videos and PowerPoint presentation	5	5
3	Presentation of factual details of case(s)	5	6
4	Field knowledge of the case(s)	5	5
5	Formulation of PFR, EMP, EIA, CER etc.	6	6
	Overall professional conduct during proceedings	5.4	5.4

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.

The minutes were formulated online by the JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) immediately after the deliberations and are hereby issued with approval of the esteemed Chairman, JKEAC.



(Humayun Rashid)
S E C R E T A R Y
JKUT level Expert Appraisal Committee

NO:EAC/JK/21/10684-10695

Dated:08/11/2021

Copy by email to:

1. The Member Secretary, J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), /PCCF/Director, Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K Govt., Jammu for favour kind information and necessary action please.
2. Sh. S. C. Sharma, Chairman, J&K Expert Appraisal Committee, (JKEAC) 331 Shastri Nagar, Jammu-180004 for favour of kind information.
3. Sh. M. Atak, Member, J&K Expert Appraisal COMMITTEE, (JKEAC) 124 Mominabad (Near Jakfed), Anantnag Kashmir, -192101 for favour of kind information.
4. Sh. Braj Bhushan Sharma, Member, J&K Expert Appraisal COMMITTEE, (JKEAC) 278/2 Channi Himmat, Jammu for favour of kind information.
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12. Dr. Falendra Kumar Sudan, Member, J&K Expert Appraisal COMMITTEE, (JKEAC) Professor Department of Economics University of Jammu, Jammu for favour of kind information please.
13. Sh. Sheikh Sajid, PA for information and with direction to upload the minutes on the environmental clearance portal at parivesh.nic.in.
14. Concerned File.

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.