# STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE - TAMIL NADU

Minutes of 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 14.12.2022 (Wednesday) at SEIAA Conference Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, PanagalMaligai, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015 for consideration of Building Construction Projects & Mining Projects.

# Agenda No: 338-01

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(File No: 8447/2022)

Proposed Rough Stone & Gravel quarry Lease over an extent of 4.85.0 Ha at S.F.No. 478/2, 479/2B(P), 480/1A(P), 480/2B, 480/2C(P), 480/2D(P), 482/1, 482/2(P) & 483(P) in Chinnakallipatti Village, Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.S.Palanisamy – For Environmental Clearance(SIA/TN/MIN/403228/2022 dated 15.10.2022)

The proposal was placed in 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

# The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru.S.Palanisamyhas applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed rough stone & gravel quarry lease over an extent of 4.85.0 Ha at S.F.No. 478/2,479/28(P), 480/1A(P), 480/2B, 480/2C(P), 480/2D(P), 482/1, 482/2(P) & 483(P) in Chinnakallipatti Village, Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The salient features of the proposal are as follows:

SI. No	Details of the Proposal				
1	Name of the Owner/Firm	Thiru.S.Palanisamy S/o. SennimalaiGounder No.3/84D, Kumarapalayam Thandukarampalayam Avinashi Taluk Tiruppur District-641655			
2	Type of quarrying (Savudu/Rough Stone/Sand/Granite)	Rough stone and Gravel			
3	S.F. No. Of the quarry site with area break-up	478/2, 479/2B(P), 480/1A(P), 480/2B, 480/2C(P), 480/2D(P),			
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		482/1, 482/2(P) & 483(P)	
4	Village in which situated	Chinnakallipatti	
5	Taluk in which situated	Mettupalayam	
6	District in which situated	Coimbatore	
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	4.85.0Ha	
8	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of	11°22'03.70"N to 11°22'11.21"N	
	the quarry site	77°06'52.07"E to 77°07'01.22"E	
9	Topo Sheet No.	58-E/03	
10	Type of mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining	
11	Period of quarrying proposed	10 years	
12	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	11,98,380m <sup>3</sup> of Roughstone & 84,312m <sup>3</sup>	
		ofgravel	
13	Depth of quarrying	47mbelowgroundlevel	
14	Depth of water table	70m - 65m	
15	Man Power requirement per day:	49 Nos.	
16	Water requirement:	7.5KLD	
	1. Drinking & domestic purposes	2.5 KLD	
	2. Dust suppression	3.0 KLD	
	3. Green Belt	2.0 KLD	
17	Power requirement	9,72,754 Liters of HSD for the	
		entire project life	
18	Precise area communication approved	Rc.No.779/Kanimam/2020, Dated:	
	by the Assistant Director, Dept. of	24.11.2020	
	G&M with date		
20	Mining Plan approved by the Assistant	Rc.No.779/ Kanimam/2020 Dated:	
	Director of Geology and Mining with	31.12.2020	
	date		
21	500m cluster letter issued by the	Rc.No.779/Mines/2020 Dated:	
	Assistant Director of Geology and	31.12.2020	
	Mining with date		
22	VAO certificate regarding habitations	Letter dated: 30.12.2020	
	in 300m radius		
23	Project Cost (excluding EMP)	Rs.1,16,21,000/-	
24	EMP cost	Capital cost: Rs.1,21,14,942/-	
<b>6</b> 7		Recurring cost: Rs.44,79,788/-	
25	ToR Issued details	ToR Issued letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.	
2.2		No. 8447/SEAC/ToR-995/2021	
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		Dated: 28.07.2021.
26	Public Hearing Details	Public hearing conducted on: 27.06.2022
27	EIA Report Received	ElA received on: 20.10.2022

Earlier, the proposal was placed in 330<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 17.11.2022. Based on the presentation and details furnished by the project proponent, the Committee noted that the data furnished in the EIA report submitted by the proponent is improper/irrelevant. Hence, after detailed discussions, the Committee decided to consider the proposal after the submission of a properly revised EIA report by the Proponent/consultant.

Based on the revised documents submitted by the proponent, the proposal is again placed for appraisal in this 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, after detailed deliberations, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the quantity of 11,98,380m<sup>3</sup> of Rough stone & 84,312m<sup>3</sup> of gravel with an ultimate depth of 47m below ground level, subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF&CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The PP shall inform the notice of opening of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety (DMS)/Chennai Region and get the necessary statutory permission under the MMR 1961 pertaining to the mine working operations in the proposed quarry from the DMS, Chennai before obtaining the CTO.
- 3. The mine manager and other statutory competent persons such as blaster (or) mine mate shall be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961before the obtaining the CTO from the DEF/TNPCB.

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- 4. The PP shall ensure that the benches & haul road are properly designed and formed in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1991.
- 5. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry without the prior permission of the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region.
- 6. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 7. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 8. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry.
- 9. Since few habitations are situated at a distance range of 340 m to 400 m from the mine lease boundary, within one year from the commencement of mining operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies on 'Design of Suitable blast parameters for reducing the cumulative impact of blast-induced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarries in the cluster by adopting appropriate controlled blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 10. The PP shall furnish a 'Standard Operating Procedure for carrying out the safe method of carrying out the blasting operation in the cluster situation' by involving all the other operating quarries to the concerned DEE/TNPCB before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.

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- 11. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 12. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 13. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 14. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus,. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.
- 15. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 16. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is **Rs. 10 lakhs** and the amount shall be spent towards two Schools for the activities as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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(File No: 8531/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 0.93.0Ha at S.F.Nos.304/3, 304/4, 304/5, 317/2B, 317/2C1, 317/2C2, 317/2C3, 318/1B2, 318/1C1 & 318/1C2 of Mallanampatti Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru-M.Baskaran- For Environmental Clearance.(SIA/TN/MIN/209790/2021, dated: 20.04.2021).

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Earlier, this proposal was placed for appraisal in 231<sup>st</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 03.09.2021. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru-M.Baskaran, has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 0.93.0Ha at S.F.Nos. 304/3, 304/4, 304/5, 317/2B, 317/2C1, 317/2C2, 317/2C3, 318/1B2, 318/1C1 & 318/1C2 of Mallanampatti Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC noted that there is a complaint from local Panchayat President on behalf of the village residents. Hence SEAC decided to conduct an on the spot siteinspection by the sub-committee members to verify the facts.

On receipt of the inspection report, the committee would further deliberate on this project and decide the further course of action.

The Sub-Committee of SEAC visited the project site on 28.02.2022 (Monday) to collect the factual information and took photographs of the salient features of the site to get the first-hand information of the site. The Sub-Committee inspection report was placed in 259<sup>th</sup>meeting of SEAC held on 31.03.2022 and the observations of the Sub-committee are as follows

Observations Made by the Sub-Committee:

- 1. This is an existing quarry and applied for fresh lease. There were no quarrying operations observed during the visit.
- 2. No effective Fencing has been installed around the boundary of the existing quarry, as per rule 36(4) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.

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- 3. As per earlier lease deed conditions, the required safety distance of 7.5 and 10 m has not been provided to the adjacent Patta and Poramboke lands and quarrying had been carried out in the safety zone area also.
- 4. The Proponent has not maintained the 5m height and width with 45 degree slope from horizontal in order to avoid untoward incident as per regulation 106(2)(a) & 106(3) of the Metalliferrous Mines Regulations 1961 and also he has not carried out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view of proper safety of the Labourers.
- 5. The owner of the mine, failed to appoint a duly qualified manager for overall management, supervision, direction and control of the mine resulting in contravention of regulation 34 of the Metalliferrous Mines Regulations 1961.
- 6. It was also observed that a family is living in a shed located at a distance of 325 m in South Eastern side from the existing quarry and the resident Thiru. R. Dasan have informed that the blast-induced ground vibration and fly rock produced from the quarry blasting operations have been reduced since the NONEL shock tube initiation system is in practice but otherwise the blasts were not properly carried out in a scientific and safe manner earlier using the Detonating Fuse initiation system.
- 7. There is no habitation within a distance of 300 m. However, it has been noted that a Solar Energy Producing Unit is located just adjacent to the boundary of the existing quarry at a distance of 2 m covering around 0.80 Ha on the boundary of the quarry site which is against the Rule No. 36 (1-A) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.
- 8. No intensive growth of the Green belt has been observed on the boundary of the existing quarry even though it is in the operation for 40 years.
- 9. During the interaction with Mr. K. Murugan, Panchayat President, Malanampatti Village who had earlier sent the letter of complaint to the SEAC have categorically replied that there was a resolution made by the ward members of the Panchayat favoring the closure of the quarry operations. He also added that no CER/CSR funds were spent from the quarry side during the last 2 and half years for the developmental activities in the village.

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- 10. During the on-site enquiry with the villagers on 28.02.2022 by the subcommittee, namely, Mrs. Jaya Ponnukalai, Mr. Ganesan, Mrs. Valarmathi Selvaraj and MrKaruppuDevar who are residing at a distance of more than 500 m from the quarry site, have supported the quarrying operations as it provides the employment opportunities.
- 11. During the above on-site enquiry, Mrs Jayalakshmi, VAO (i/c) have revealed that more complaints have come against the quarrying operations only after the installation of the solar power panel unit.

### Recommendations of the Sub committee

- 1. The Subcommittee observed that the Village Panchayat President had agreed about the complaint letter which has been sent to the SEIAA against the quarrying operations based on the resolution made in the panchayat council meeting. Now, he did not want to provide any letter supporting the quarrying operations without the knowledge of the panchayat council ward members.
- 2. Secondly, the Subcommittee observed that the Solar Panel Power unit is situated at a distance of 2 m from the boundary of existing quarry which is violating the Rule No. 36 (1-A) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 as vide Dist Collector Letter No. 380/2020, dated. 24.05.2021. In this regard, the Asst Director/Geology & Mining, Dindigul District has instructed the local such Revenue Official/Dindigul, administrative officials as Govt Thasildar/Nilakottai, the Block Development Officer/Vathalakundu to stop and remove the installation of solar panels vide letter no.44/2022, dated. 31.01.2022.

Hence, the subcommittee opines the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 0.93.0Ha of Thiru, M. Baskaran at S.F.Nos.304/3, 304/4, 304/5, 317/2B, 317/2C1, 317/2C2, 317/2C3, 318/1B2, 318/1C1 & 318/1C2 of Mallanampatti Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District Tamil Nadu may not be considered unless (i) a letter of consent from the local panchayat president favoring the commencement of quarrying operations; (ii) a letter of confirmation from the Asst Director /Geology & Mining, Dindigul District-stating that the quarrying operations can be carried out with the presence of MEMBER SECRETARY 8 CHAIR

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Solar Panel Unit located within 300 m radial distance of quarry; (iii) copy of the notice of opening sent to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region, Chennai-34 about the commencement of quarrying operations, are submitted to the SEAC.

Based on the Inspection report and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided that the project proponent shall furnish the following details as raised by the sub-committee during site inspection,

- 1. A letter of consent from the local panchayat president favoring the commencement of quarrying operations;
- 2. A letter of confirmation from the Asst Director /Geology & Mining, Dindigul District stating that the quarrying operations can be carried out with the presence of Solar Panel Unit located within 300 m radial distance of quarry;
- 3. Copy of the notice of opening sent to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region, Chennai-34 about the commencement of quarrying operations, shall be submitted to the SEAC.

This proposal again been placed in 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022. The SEAC noted that the following

- 1. The Proposal No. 8531 (online No. 209790) and this proposal 8620 are located in the same area.
- 2. The Solar panel structure is situated adjacent to the boundary of the proposed quarry lease in Northern side of the proposal. Further, as indicated in the 259<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting, the PP had not submitted any letter of confirmation received from the Asst Director /Geology & Mining, Dindigul District stating that the quarrying operations can be carried out with the presence of Solar Panel Unit located within 300 m radial distance of quarry.
- 3. More habitations are located at a distance range of 200 m to 300 m from the southern side of the proposed quarry lease.
- 4. No benches were formed during the earlier operative period posing unsafe situation.
- 5. No green belt was developed for ensuring healthy environment considering the existence of habitations nearby.

6. In the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court verdict on W.P (MD) No. 2495, 2072, 2073 & 6623 of 2021 Dt. 8.10.2021 has stated that "The BDO also MEMBER SHORETARY 9 CHAIRMAN" SEAC -TN SEAC - TN

reported that the villagers have been fighting to stop the quarry site for past 20 years. It indicates that the Local people have already raised their objections for the ongoing and proposed quarrying operations.

7. Besides the above, the PP had not submitted the adequate responses for the queries raised during the 259<sup>th</sup> Meeting, on the grant of permission by the competent authority while the structures such as solar panel is abetting the boundary of proposed quarry leasehold area and a clarification from Panchayat on the objections raised earlier.

In view of the above reasons, the SEAC decided that not to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance.

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### (File No: 8565/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 2.00.0 Ha at S.F.Nos.7/1 (Part) of Veppalampatti Village, Uthangarai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.P.Govindasamy - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/214724/2021, dated: 11.06.2021).

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

#### The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru.P. Govindasamy, has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 2.00.0Ha at S.F.Nos.7/1 (Part) of Veppalampatti Village, Uthangarai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The production for the five years states that the total quantity of recoverable as 1,80,858cu.m of Rough Stone and 20,586cu.m of Top Soil with annual peak production as 39,905cu.m (5<sup>th</sup> year) and 19,602cu.m (1<sup>st</sup> year) of top soil and the ultimate depth of mining is 35m below ground level.
- 4. Earlier, this proposal was placed in 231<sup>st</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 03.09.2021. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent.

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SEAC that earlier EC obtained by the proponent is valid till November 2021. Hence SEAC decided the project proponent shall submit clarification letter from AD, mines on last quarry operated date.

- 5. On the receipt of the reply furnished by the PP, this proposal was again placed in 297<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21.07.2022. The PP made a presentation along with above said details. Based on the presentation made by the proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the PP.
  - i) The PP shall furnish DFO letter stating that the proximity distance of Onnakarai RF, other Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., upto a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.
- 6. Subsequently, the proposal was again placed in 542<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 23.08.2022. The authority noted that the subject was appraised in 297<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21.07.2022. In addition to these, SEIAA decided to obtain the following additional particulars from the project proponent.
  - a) Impact of mining on the water bodies and agricultural fields situated in the vicinity of the proposed lease area may be studied through an accredited Research Institute.
  - b) Impact of mining/blasting on the arterial roads, roadways/pathways situated in the vicinity of the proposed lease area may be studied through an accredited Research Institute.

Based on the reply furnished, the proposal was again placed in 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022.

During the presentation, EIA coordinator informed that PP was absent for the meeting. Hence, the proposal was not taken up for appraisal.

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(File No: 8575/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 0.64.5Ha at S.F.Nos. 302/2(P) of Mallanampatti Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.K.Sivan - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/215420/2021,dated: 16.06.2021).

The proposal was placed for appraisal in the 239<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 22.10.2027, 263<sup>rd</sup>meeting of SEAC held on 09.04.2022 & 298<sup>th</sup> EAC held on MEMBER SECRETARY 11 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC -TN 26.7.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

1. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

SI. No.	Details of th	e Proposal
1.	Name of the Owner / Firm	K. Sivan, S/o. KuppuGounder, D. No. 1/559, Peddampatti, Pappireddipatti Taluk, Dharmapuri District - 636903 Viluppuram District - 605 502
2.	Type of quarrying (savudu / Rough stone / Sand / Granite)	Rough Stone quarry
3.	S.F. No. of the quarry site with area break-up	S. F. Nos. 302/2(P)
4.	Village in which situated	Mallanampatty Village
5.	Taluk in which situated	NilakottaiTaluk
6.	District in which situated	DindigulDistrict
7.	Extent of Quarry (in ha.)	0.64.5Ha
8.	Life of the Quarry	Five years
9.	Lease period of the Quarry	Five years
10.	Type of Mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining
11.	Production (Quantity in m3)	The production for 5 years not to exceed 42936m3 of Rough stone. The Annual peak production as per mining plan is 9768m3 of rough stone (4 <sup>th</sup> year) with proposed depth – 38m (8m AGL + 30m BGL).
12.	Latitude &Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	10°10'23.96"N to 10°10'27.14"N 77°48'26.04"E to 77°48'29.97"E
13.	Topo sheet No.	58 F/16
<u>14.</u> 15.	Man power requirement per day: Precise Area Communication approved by the District Collector Dindigul District with date	27 Employees Rc.No. 117/2021/Mines, dated 27.05.2021
16.	Mining plan approved by the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining with date	07.06.2021
17.		Rc.No. 117/2021(Mines), dated 07.06.2021
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	Mining with date	
18.	Water requirement: 1. Drinking & domestic purposed (in KLD) 2. Dust Suppression & Green	1
	Belt (in KLD)	2.0 KLD&1.75 KLD Existing Bore well
19.	Power requirement: a. Domestic purpose b. Machinery works	TNEB 34336Liters of HSD
20.	Depth of Mining	38m (8m AGL + 30m BGL)
21.	Depth of Water table	60m
22.	Whether any habitation within 300m distance	No
23.	Project cost (excluding EMP cost)	35.79 Lakhs
24.	EMP cost	69.4Lakhs
25.	CER cost	7 lakhs
26.	VAO letter dated	Nil

Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the project proponent

1. The project proponent shall furnish a letter from DFO stating that the details of nearest RF (Kadavakurichi) & its distance located with respect to the project site.

The project proponent has submitted detail vide in its letter dated 14.05.2022 received by SEIAA on 16.05.2022. The proposal was placed in this 298<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 22.07.2022. The project proponent presented along with the details requested in the 263<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 09.04.2022. However, based on the presentation and the Approved Mining Plan furnished by the project proponent, SEAC had observed the following:

 The layout of the working faces revealed in the section along X-Y and A-B of both the Plate –IV of Yearwise Development / Production Plan & Sections and the Plate – VI of the Conceptual Plan & Sections that the height of the proposed working bench is given as 6 m and breadth of the bench is given as 5 m.

The SEAC direct the NABET Coordinator to examine the Mining Plan precisely and the Plan shall be modified and the calculations should be reassessed afresh and the MEMBER SECRETARY 13 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC - TN same should be approved by the competent authority which shall be then furnished to the SEAC for further course of actions.

It is also informed that the SEAC also insist the NABET Coordinator to check the Plan proposal in accordance with the law before submitting it to the SEAC before appraisal.

This proposal again been placed in 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022. The SEAC noted that the following

- 1. The Proposal No. 8531 (online No. 209790) and this proposal 8620 are located in the same area.
- 2. The Solar panel structure is situated in adjacent to the boundary of the existing quarry lease in Northern side of the proposal.
- 3. More habitations are located at a distance range of 200 m to 300 m from the southern side of the proposed quarry lease.
- 4. No benches were formed during the earlier operative period posing unsafe situation.
- 5. No fencing was installed by the PP during the previous EC period.
- 6. No green belt is existing around the quarry boundary for ensuring healthy environment considering the existence of habitations nearby.
- 7. In the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court verdict on W.P (MD) No. 2495, 2072, 2073 & 6623 of 2021 Dt. 8.10.2021 has stated that "The BDO also reported that the villagers have been fighting to stop the quarry site for past 20 years. It indicates that the Local people have already raised their objections for the ongoing and proposed quarrying operations.

In view of the above reasons, the SEAC decided that not to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance.

### Agenda No: 338-05

(File No: 8620/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone Quarry lease over an Extent of 1.00.0Ha (Government land) in S.F.Nos. 173/1 (Part - 1) at Pattakurubarapalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.K.Srinivasa – For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/217548/2021, dated 30.06.2021)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup>meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The project proponent was absent for the meeting. SEAC decided to defer the subject to a

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later date directing the project proponent to furnish the reason for not attending the meeting.

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(File No: 8621/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 1.16.0Ha at S.F.Nos. 173/1 (Part-2) at Pattakurubarapalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.K.Srinivasa - For Environmental Clearance.(SIA/TN/MIN/217612/2021, dated: 01.07.2021)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The project proponent was absent for the meeting. SEAC decided to defer the subject to a later date directing the project proponent to furnish the reason for not attending the meeting.

### Agenda No: 338-07

(File No: 8652/2021)

Proposed gravel laterite& Pebble Quarry lease over an Extent of 2.25.0Ha in S.F.Nos. 261/4(p), 262/3B & 262/4 C N palayam Village, Cuddalore Taluk, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu by Tmt P Indhumathi – For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/221237)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup>meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

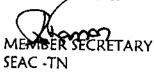
# The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Tmt P Indhumathihas applied seeking Environmental Clearance for the Proposed gravel laterite& Pebble Quarry lease over an Extent of 2.25.0Ha in S.F.Nos. 261/4(p), 262/3B & 262/4 C N palayam Village, Cuddalore Taluk, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to ask for the following additional details from the Project Proponent.

(i) The project proponent shall enumerate the Trees, Age of trees & its yield details.

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- (ii) Irrigation potential of surrounding areas.
- (iii) Details of ground water table in the vicinity of the project site.
- (iv) DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF, WLS located within
   25 Km radius from the project site.

### Agenda No: 338-08

### (File No: 8671/2022)

Proposed Rough Stone & Gravel quarry Lease over an extent of 3.26.0 Ha at S.F.No. 123/10, 123/11, 123/12, 123/14A, 123/14B, 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, 131/1, 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, 131/5A, 131/5B, 131/6, 131/7, 131/8, 131/9, 131/10A, 131/10B, 131/10C & 132/4B in Menallur Village, Vembakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Sri Ganesh Blue Metals - II – For Environmental Clearance(SIA/TN/MIN/403228/2022 dated 15.10.2022)

The proposal was placed in 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

# The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s. Sri Ganesh Blue Metals Il has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed rough stone & gravel quarry lease over an extent of 3.26.0 Ha at S.F.No. 123/10, 123/11, 123/12, 123/14A, 123/14B, 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, 131/1, 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, 131/5A, 131/5B, 131/6, 131/7, 131/8, 131/9, 131/10A, 131/10B, 131/10C & 132/4B in Menallur Village, Vembakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The salient features of the proposal are as follows:

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SL. No	Details of	Details of the Proposal		
1	Name of the Owner/Firm	M/s. Sri Ganesh Blue Metals-II S.F.No.127/2B & 129 Menallur Village, Vembakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai-631702		
2	Type of quarrying (Savudu/Rough Stone/Sand/Granite)	Rough stone & Gravel		
3	S.F No. Of the quarry site with area break-up	123/10, 123/11, 123/12, 123/14A, 123/14B, 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, 131/1,		
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		131/2, 131/3, 131/4, 131/5A, 131/5B,		
		131/6, 131/7, 131/8, 131/9, 131/10A, 131/10B, 131/10C & 132/4B		
4	Village in which situated	Menallur		
5	Taluk in which situated	Vembakkam		
6	District in which situated	Tiruvannamalai		
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	3.26.0Ha		
8	Latitude & Longitude of all corners	12°44'17.75" N to 12°44'24.44" N		
	of the quarry site	79°42`17.81"E to 79°42`26.01"E		
9	Topo Sheet No.	57 P/10		
10	Type of mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining		
11	Period of quarrying proposed	10 years		
12	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	6,20,600m <sup>3</sup> ofRoughstone&53,432m <sup>3</sup> of		
		gravel		
13	Ultimate Depth of quarrying	42mbelowgroundlevel		
14	Depth of water table	60-65m		
15	Man Power requirement per day:	42 Nos.		
16	Source of Water Requirement	water vendors & Existing bore well		
17	Water requirement:	4.0 kLD		
	1. Drinking & domestic purposes	1.0 kLD		
	2. Dust suppression	2.0 kLD		
	3. Green Belt & Wet Drilling	1.0 kLD		
18	Power requirement	5,05,390 Liters of HSD		
19	Precise area communication	Rc.No.628/Kanimam/2021 dated:		
	approved by the Deputy Director with date	12.07.2021		
20	Mining Plan approved by the	Rc.No.628/Kanimam/2021 dated:		
	Deputy Director of Geology and	23.07.2021		
	Mining with date			
21	500m cluster letter issued by Deputy	Rc.No.628/Kanimam/2021 dated:		
	Director, Dept.of G&M with date	23.07.2021		
22	VAO certificate regarding habitations within 300m radius	Letter dated: 22.03.2021		
23	Project Cost (excluding EMP)	Rs.67.23 Lakhs		
24	EMP cost	Capital cost: Rs.64,95,815/-		
		Recurring cost: Rs.20,81,380/-		
25	ToR Issued details	Tor Issued letter No. SEIAA-TN/F. No.		
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		8671/SEAC/ToR-1043/2022 Dated: 31.01.2022.
26	Public Hearing Details	Public hearing conducted on: 24.06.2022
27	EIA Report Received	ElA received on : <u>26.08.2022</u>

4. As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 10 years. The mining plan is for the period of 10 years. The total production for 10 years not to exceed 6.20,600 m<sup>3</sup> of Roughstone & 53,432 m<sup>3</sup> of gravel with an ultimate depth of 42m below ground level.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, after detailed deliberations, SEAC considering the safety aspects decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the restricted quantity of6,19,600m<sup>3</sup>ofRoughstone&53,432m<sup>3</sup>ofgravel after leaving the 9<sup>th</sup> bench in XY-EF section, for an ultimate depth of 42m below ground level, subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF&CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The PP shall inform the notice of opening of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety (DMS)/Chennai Region and get the necessary statutory permission under the MMR 1961 pertaining to the mine working operations in the proposed quarry from the DMS, Chennai before obtaining the CTO.
- 3. The mine manager and other statutory competent persons such as blaster (or) mine mate shall be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961before the obtaining the CTO from the DEE/TNPCB.
- 4. The proponent shall maintain the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the

commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.

- 5. Further, the PP shall maintain the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the pit leaving behind the mandatory safety zone of 7.5 / 10 m as it is designed to take care of run-off water (size, gradient and length) before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 6. The PP shall schedule the timing for the movement of trucks taking into consideration of school, etc.
- 7. The PP shall ensure that the benches & haul road are properly designed and formed in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1991.
- 8. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry.
- 9. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 10. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 11. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry.
- 12. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 13. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.

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- 14. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 15. Since the proposed quarry is situated in a cluster environment, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies within one year from the commencement of mining operations, on 'Design of Suitable blast parameters for reducing the cumulative impact of blast-induced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarries in the cluster by adopting appropriate controlled blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MOEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 16. The PP shall furnish a 'Standard Operating Procedure for carrying out the safe method of carrying out the blasting operation in the cluster situation' by involving all the other operating quarries to the concerned DEE/TNPCB before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 17. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 18. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 19. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is **Rs. 8 lakhs** and the amount shall be spent towards Schools for the activities as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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### (File No: 8686/2021)

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proposed Rough stone & Gravel Quarry lease over an extent of 2.50.0Ha in S.F.Nos. 180/4, 180/5, 180/8, 180/9, 180/10 & 180/11 of Periyavenmani Village, MaduranthagamTaluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.S.Raju - for Environmental Clearance.(SIA/TN/MIN/401729/2022, dated 29.09.2022)

The proposal was placed in 338<sup>th</sup>Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the minutes are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

# The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.S.Raju has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 2.50.0 Ha at S.F.Nos.180/4, 180/5, 180/8, 180/9, 180/10 & 180/11 of Periyavenmani Village, Maduranthagam Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per mining plan, the lease period is 5 years. The mining plan is for the period of five years & the production should not exceed 3,19,840 m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and 7,338 m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel with an ultimate depth of mining 37m (2m Gravel + 35m Rough stone) Below Ground level. The annual peak production 72243 m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone (3<sup>rd</sup> year) and 3484 m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel (1<sup>st</sup> year).
- 4. ToR was issued Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8686/SEAC/ToR-1045/2022Dated: 27.01.2022.
- 5. Public hearing was conducted on Dated:14.06.2022.

SI. No	Details of the Proposal		
1	Name of the Owner/Firm	Thiru. S.Raju S/o.Sivaji No.17/7, Tholkappiyam Street Chitlapakkam Kanchipuram Kanchipuram District-600064	
2	Type-of quarrying	Rough stone & Gravel	
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Now the proposal was placed in this 338th Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022.

3	S.F No. Of the quarry site	180/4, 180/5, 180/8, 180/9, 180/10 &
	with area break-up	180/11
4	Village in which situated	Periyavenmani Village
5	Taluk in which situated	Maduranthagam Taluk
6	District in which situated	Kanchipuram District
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	2.50.0Ha
8	Period of quarrying proposed	5 years
9	Type of mining	Opencast mechanized Mining
10	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	As per mining plan, the lease period is 5
	1	years. The mining plan is for the period
		of five years & the production should not
		exceed 3,19,840 m <sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and
		7,338 m³ of Gravel with an ultimate
		depth of mining 37m (2m Gravel + 35m
		Rough stone ) Below Ground level. The
		annual peak production 72243 m³ of
		Rough Stone (3 <sup>rd</sup> year) and 3484 m <sup>3</sup> of
		Gravel (1ª year).
11	Latitude & Longitude of all	12°24'03.58" N to 12°24'09.72" N
	corners of the quarry site	79°58'15.82"E to 79°58'23.00"E
12	Top Sheet No.	57 P/15
13	Man Power requirement per	26 Employees
	day:	
14	Precise area communication	Na.Ka.No.269/Q2/2017 dated: 18.11.2019
	approved by the District	
	Collector, with date	
15	Mining Plan approved by the	Rc.No.269/Q2/2017 dated: 29.06.2021
	Assistant Director(i/c),	
	Department of Geology and	
	Mining, Chengalpattu with	
	date	
16	AD mines 500m cluster letter	Rc. No.269/Q2/2017 dated: 09.07.2021
	by the Assistant Director,	
	Department of Geology and	
	Mining, Chengalpattu with	
	date	2.964 KLD
17	Water requirement:	0.864KLD
	5. Drinking & domestic	0.90KLD
	purposes (in KLD)	1.20 KLD
	6. Dust suppression 7. Green Belt (in KLD)	
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18	Power requirement	
	a. Domestic Purpose	TNEB
	b. Industrial purpose	257095 Liters of HSD
19	Depth of quarrying	37m
20	Depth of water table	47-50m
21	Whether any habitation within 300m distance	No
22	Project Cost	Rs. 68.78Lakhs
23	EMP cost	Rs.159 Lakhs
24	CER cost	Rs.5 Lakhs
25	VAO certificate regarding 300m radius cluster	

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for total excavation quantity of 3,19,840m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and 7,338m<sup>3</sup> of gravel not exceeding the annual peak production of 72243m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and 3484m<sup>3</sup> of gravel with maintaining an ultimate pit depth of 37m bglsubject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

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- 6. The PP shall ensure that the benches & haul road are properly designed and formed in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1991.
- 7. The PP shall schedule the timing for the movement of trucks taking into consideration of nearby village, etc.
- 8. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry.
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- 12. Since the proposed quarry is situated in a cluster environment, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies within one year from the commencement of mining operations, on 'Design of Suitable blast parameters for reducing the cumulative impact of blast-induced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarries in the cluster by adopting appropriate controlled

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blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.

- 13. The PP shall furnish a 'Standard Operating Procedure for carrying out the safe method of carrying out the blasting operation in the cluster situation' by involving all the other operating quarries to the concerned DEE/TNPCB before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
- 14. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 15. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 16. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 17. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 18. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 19. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent towards the Panchayat Union Middle School, Periyavenmani

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Village, Maduranthagamfor the activities as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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Agenda No: 338-10

# (File No: 8698/2021)

Proposed Expansion of API Manufacturing facility at S.F. No:155Pt, Plot No C-29B, SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Cheyyar Phase-II of Mathur Village, Vembakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Global Pharma Health Care Private Limited- For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/IND2/223559/2021 Dt. 09.02.2022)

The proposal was placed in 338th SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, M/s.Global Pharma Health Care Private Limited has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of APL Manufacturing facility at S.F.No: 155Pt, Plot No C-29B, SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Cheyyar Phase-II of MathurVillage, VembakkamTaluk, TiruvannamalaiDistrict, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 5(f) "synthetic organic chemicals" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per S.O.2859(E) dated 16.07.2021, " All proposals for projects or activities in respect of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients(API), received from 16th July, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021, shall be appraised, as Category 'B2' projects, provided that any subsequent amendment or expansion or change in product mix, after the 31" December, 2021, shall be considered as per the provisions in force at that time."
- 4. Earlier the proposal was placed in 254<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 17.03.2022. Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent SEAC decided that, the project proponent shall conduct public consultation and shall submit a fresh EIA study report. On receipt of the above documents along with public hearing report and EIA study report, the committee would further deliberate on this project and decide the further course of action.
- 5. Subsequently, the proposal was placed in the 307th SEAC meeting held on 26.08.2022. The PP had requested time to furnish the Additional Details called CHA

# for in the 254<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 17.03.2022.

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1	Name of the	by M/s. M/s. Global Pharma					
	Project	Healthcar	e Pvt Ltd				
2	Location		Survey No 155pt Plot No C 29B SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Cheyyar Phase II, Mathur Village Vembakkam Taluk Tiruvannamalai Tamil Nadu				
3	Type of	Schedule 5(f) - Synthetic organic chemicals industry (dyes & dye intermediates; bulk drugs					
:	Project	and interr	and intermediates excluding drug formulations; synthetic rubbers; basic organic chemicals, other synthetic organic chemicals and chemical intermediates)				
4	Total Area	10117.09	Sq.m (2.50 Ha)				
		SI.No.	Blocks	Ground cover area in			
				Sq.m			
		1	Production Block	606.21			
			RM/PM stores	145.29			
			QC/QA/Admin	170.34			
			R & D/ Pilot plant	143.62			
			Solvent Recovery & Storage tanks	72			
			Utility block	359.73			
			ETP	108.72			
			STP	41.04			
			EB Yard	40			
			Two wheeler parking	20.46			
			Security Cabin	12.5			
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			Total (A)			1719.91
		2	Road (B)			1253.17
		3	Green area (C	C)		1999.72
		Total (A	+B+C) (For API Uni	t)- I		4972.80
		Area all	otted for formulati	ion (Separat	e unit within	5144.29
		allotted	l plot separated by	internal wa	)-	
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+	Cost of	Rs. 9.0 C	rores			
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Brief description		Proposed	d of API Manufactu	ring capacit	y of 750 TPA	
	of the	SI.No	Products	Total	Drug Usage	
	project	il		(TPA)		
			Ofloxacin	250		terial infections of the skin,
						ate, or urinary tract d kidneys) and pelvic
				·		ry disease and chlamydia
					and /or gon	orrhoea
			Ciprofloxacin	200	To treat pre	vent certain infections
			Hydrochloride			acteria such as pneumonia;
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			Moxifloxacin	100		eumonia and skin and
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		Total		750		
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product	In	Qty In Kg/	QtyIn	Waste Qty	Qty In	in Kg/ Ga		Kg/Batch	-
					Kg/			Residue	Spent
	Kg/ Batch	Batch	Kg/ Batch	In Kg/ Batch	Batch				solvent
Ofloxacin	4016	1109	1189	3	47	Q.Acid =	658	16.84	147.16
						Ofloxacin	=846		
						Total=150	04		
Ciprofloxacin Hyfdrochloride	5700	2928	1480	2	-	878		42.31	369.69
Moxifloxacin	4613	1800	2000	2	25	500		29.37	256.63
Norfloxacin	4267.5	2838	562	15	57	495		30.86	269.64
Totai	18596.5	8675	5231	22	129	<u>3377</u>		119.38	1043.12
Vater requirem	ent		<u> </u>	[					
Water Requirer	nent	Fresh (KLC	)	Rec	ycle (KLD)		Tota	(KLD)	<u>.</u>
Boiler		0		14.	5		14.5		
Purified Water	DM	15.0*		0			15.0		, <u></u>
Water Generati	on for:	(in which !	5 KLD is						
Process and Equ	uipment	Reject, 5.0	) KLD for						
Cleaning		process, 2		-					
Qc & R&D		and 3.0 KL	D for Pilot						
Pilot Plant Use						-			
Pilot Plant Use	-	2		0			2		
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	Cooling Wat	er	0	3		3	
	Scrubber		2	0		2	
	Domestic		6	0		6	
	Green Belt		1.4	5.4	<u>_</u>	6.8	
	Total		26.4	22.9		49.3	
	b) Source of water	SIPCOT	I	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
<u> </u>	Sewage generation, treatment and disposal	STP Сарас ЕТР Сарас	ity-10 kLD ity-20 kLD				
11	Quantity of Solid Waste	SI. N	Description	Quantity	Method of Collection	Method of Disposal	
	generated per day (in Kgs), Mode		Organic Waste	54	In Drums	Local panchayat bin through SIPCOT	
		2	Inorganic Waste	36		Authorized TNPCB	
	of treatment					Recyclers	

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Heading as per HWM rules			
	Sub heading	Quantity (Ann)	Mode of Disposal
5. Industrial operation using minerals/synthetic oil as lubricants	5.1 used oil/spent oil	100 liters	Collection and storage disposal to TNPCB Authorized Recyclers
5. Industrial operations using Minerals/synthetic oil as lubricant	5.2wastages/ residue containing oil	10 liters	Collection and storage disposal for co-
20. production/industrial use of solvents	20.3 distillation residues	32.0 MT	processing
28. production/ formulation	28.2 Spent catalyst 28.3 spent carbon	None 0.76 MT	Collection , storage , Transport Disposal to authorized recycler
and health care	Spent Organic waste	3.256 MT	Collection , storage , Transport Disposal through TWML, Gummidipoondi
28.Production/ formulation of.	28.5 date expired	0.10 MT	Collection , storage ,
drugs/pharmaceuticals and health care products	28.4 off specification drug 28.6 Spent solvents	- 279.53 MT	Transport Disposal to authorized recycler
	minerals/synthetic oil as lubricants 5. Industrial operations using Minerals/synthetic oil as lubricant 20. production/industrial use of solvents 28. production/ formulation of drugs/ pharmaceuticals and health care products 28.Production/ formulation of. drugs/pharmaceuticals and health care	minerals/synthetic oil as lubricants5.1 used oil/spent oil5. Industrial operations using Minerals/synthetic oil as lubricant5.2wastages/ residue containing oil20. production/industrial use of solvents20.3 distillation residues28. production/ formulation of drugs/ pharmaceuticals and health care28.2 Spent catalyst 28.3 spent carbon28.Production/ formulation of.28.5 date expired 28.5 date expired 28.4 off specification drug28.Production/ formulation of.28.5 date expired 28.4 off specification drug	minerals/synthetic oil as lubricants5.1 used oil/spent oil100 litersS. Industrial operations using Minerals/synthetic oil as lubricant5.2wastages/ residue containing oil10 liters20. production/industrial use of solvents20.3 distillation residues32.0 MT28. production/ formulation of drugs/ pharmaceuticals and health care products28.2 Spent catalyst 28.3 spent carbonNone 0.76 MT28.Production/ formulation of.28.5 date expired 28.5 date expired0.10 MT28.Production/ formulation of.28.5 date expired 28.4 off specification drug0.10 MT

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	treatment of		from waste	3.0 MT		Transport
	exhaust air, v	water, waste	water			Disposal to authorized
	water from		35.3 MEE salts			recycler/
	the processe	s in this schedule	55.5 WILL 30113			Collection , storage ,
	and					Transport
	common ind	ustrial effluent	2			Disposal through
	treatment					TWML,
						Gummidipoondi
	33. Diposal o	f barrels,				
	containers u	sed				
	   for handling	of hazardous	33.1 Discarded	Barrels	1000 nos	TNPCB Authorized
	wastage chemicals Empty Container		containers/ barrels 500 kg			Recyclers
			liners contamina	ted		
			with hazardous			
			wastes/ chemica			Empty bags will be
	Empty bags		wastes/ chemica	3200 N	os	taken back by
						suppliers
13	Power	300 kVA (TANGEI	DCO)			
	requirement	Boiler – 1 X 3.0 T	on/Hr, Source – Bi	o Briquette		
		Dio Driguetto - 3	.2 TPD, Source – L	and Supply		
			.z 160, 300100 - 0	Jean Supply		
14	Details of	1 X 350 kVA, Sou	rce – Fuel - HSD			
	D.G. set					
	with					
	Capacity					
15	Fuel	Fuel Type	Source	Requirement		
	requirement	HSD	Local	80 Ltrs/Hr		
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16	Air Pollution				- · · · · ·			
	Control Measures	Source		Fuel	Stack Det	Stack Details		
	(Stack)			, uci	NO. of sta	icks Height (m	1)	
		DG Set – 350 kVA (API		HSD	1	19		
		3 TPH - Boiler * (A	NPI)	Bio Briquette	1	30		
		Reactor 1 & 2, 3 8	4-API**	-	4	19		
		Note:	L	<u>-</u>			]	
		*3000 kg/Hr boiler	(cyclone dust c	ollector) will	be provid <mark>ed</mark> w	ith a stack of 30n	n AGL.	
		**All the reactors v	vill be connecte	ed to a double	stage scrubb	er with stack heig	ht of 19	
		height.						
17	Details of	Stage	Permanent	ent (No) Temporary (No)		Total (No)		
	man power	Construction 5		30		35		
		Operation						
		EC Process	30	70		100		
.8	Details of	1999.72\$q.m			<u></u>			
	Green Belt							
	Агеа					<u>.</u>		
9	Details of Parking	20.46 Sq.m.						
	Area							
10	Provision	Rain water harvesti	ing pits– 5 Nos.					
	for rain							
·	water harvesting							
1	EMP Cost	Eapital Cost - Rs. 1.	42 Crores				<u></u>	
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	(INR)	Recurri	ng Cost - Rs. 0.16 Crores			
22	CER activity	to spen	CER Notification, the 2.0% of project d for CER activities. As per the Latest e spent as per EAC recommendation	OM F.No. 22	2 <b>-65/2</b> 017-IA.III (	dated: 30.09.20
		S. No	Activities	2021 (In lakhs)	2022 (I= lakhs)	2023 (In lakhs)
		1	Medical camp setup to Nearby Habitation	6	-	
		2	De-silting and bend formation of Lake near Mangal	-	4	-
		3	Sanitation and Drinking water facility to Government Higher Secondary School. Sodiyambakkam	2	2	-
		4	Sanitation and Drinking water facility to Government School, Mamandur	-	2	2
			Sub Total		8	2
			Grand Total		18	

Under the above circumstance the proposal was again placed in 338thSEAC Meeting held on 14.12.2022. Based on the presentation, document furnished and clarification given by the proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the above notings, subject to the following specific conditions in addition to normal conditions stipulated by MOEF&.CC

- The project proponent shall provide the Green belt area not less than 40% of the land area all along the periphery of the unit and maximum green belt shall be maintained in the down wind direction as reported. Selection of plant species shall (As per Appendix).
- 2. The project proponent shall operate and maintain the Sewage treatment Plant and Effluent treatment plant effectively to meet out the standards prescribed by the CPCB.
- 3. Necessary permission letter for the supply of water shall be obtained from the competent authority before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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- 4. The effluent generated from the process should be treated through the ETP to achieve the treated effluent standards prescribed by the CPCB/TNPCB.
- 5. The proponent shall ensure the zero-liquid discharge.
- 6. The proponent shall continuously operate and maintain adequate Airpollution control measures for the process area.
- 7. The proponent should continuously monitor the VOC and ensure that VOC levels are within permissible limits.
- 8. The proponent shall obtain and maintain valid safety licenses for the concerned department for boiler, solvent/fuel/raw material storage areas etc.
- The proponent shall ensure that the area earmarked for the boiler, further the proponent may submit the safety measures on the same to TNPCB before obtaining CTO.
- 10. The proponent shall strictly follow the norms and guidelines mentioned in the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 for the handling and disposal of Hazardous waste to be generated.
- 11. The proponent shall periodically conduct and submit fire safety study, emergency evacuation plan, risk assessment study, occupational health safety study for the worst case scenario in regard to existing safety measures/standard operating procedures adopted for the process/ equipment/utilities for operation &maintenance and the storage areas of products, raw materials, solvent, fuel, etc. in the different operating zones of the plant at least once in a year to regularly identify safety fragile areas within the plant which requires regular monitoring and the proponent shall submit the same along with timeline for implementation of the said recommendations to the concerned departments.
- 12. A detail report on the safety measure and health aspects including periodical audiometry, pulmonary lung function etc. test reports once in a year for all the workers shall be submitted to TNPCB.
- 13. As the plant operation involves the sensitive processing, the medical officer and the supporting staff involved in the health centre activities shall be trained in occupational health surveillance (OHS) aspects through the MEMBER SECRETARY
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outsourced training from the experts available in the field of OHS for ensuring the health standard of persons employed.

 As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020, the proponent shall adhere the EMP as committed.

S. No	Activities	2021 (In lakhs)	2022 (In lakhs)	2023 (in lakhs)
1	Medical camp setup to Nearby Habitation	6	•	-
2	De-silting and bend formation of Lake near Mangal	-	4	-
3	Sanitation and Drinking water facility to Government Higher Secondary School, Sodiyambakkam	2	2	
4	Sanitation and Drinking water facility to Government School, Mamandur	-	2	2
	Sub Total	8	8	2
	Grand Total	•	18	

15. The CER cost is Rs. 18 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for activities of

before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

### Agenda No: 338-11

(File No: 8728/2021)

proposed Earth (Savudu) Quarry lease over an extent of 1.82.5Ha in S.F.Nos. 133/4C2 (P), 133/11, 133/13, 134/1A1, 134/1A2, 134/2A & 134/2C of Velangipattu Village, Bhuvanagiri Taluk, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.R.Rajendiran- for Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/223888/2021, Dated 09.08.2021)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022.

The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

### The SEAC noted the following:

 The Project Proponent, Thiru.R.Rajendiran has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Earth (Savudu) quarry lease over an extent of 1.82.5 Ha at S.F.Nos.133/4C2 (P), 133/11, 133/13, 134/1A1, 134/1A2, 134/2A & 134/2C of Velangipattu Village, Bhuvanagiri Taluk, Cuddalore

District, Tamil Nadu.

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- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per the Notification issued by the Industries Department dated. 14.12.2022 which states that

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1A) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely: -

In the said Rules, -

- (1) In rule, 7, in sub-rule (5), for the expression "Earth commonly called as savadu", the expression "ordinary earth which is used for filling or levelling purpose in construction work, embankments, roads, railways and building' shall be substituted;
- (2) In rule 12,
  - (a) The expression "savadu' wherever it occurs shall be omitted;
  - (b) In sub-rule (2),-
  - (c) (ii) in the second provision to clause claise (b), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;
  - (d) In sub-rule (4), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;
- (4) In rule 36-A, for the expression "earth", wherever it occurs, the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;
- (5) In rule 36-B, in the proviso to sub-rule (1), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted; and
- (6) In APPEDIX II, under the heading "A. SEIGNIORAGE FEE", in tabular column, in column (2), against Serial Number 4 in column (1), for the expression "Earth", the expression "Ordinary Earth" shall be substituted......"

Considering the above legal implications, the SEAC Committee, therefore directed the proponent to submit the following additional details for further processing the proposal.

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- The composition/component of the minerals proposed to be quarried shall be tested in any of the laboratories authorized by the Dept of Geology & Mining as directed in the above Judgment.
- 2. The proponent should produce a letter from the Department of Geology and Mining stating that the location of quarry site does not lie adjoining to the rivers, streams, canals etc., and also does not come under any notified/declared protected zones in terms of the above Judgment.
- 3. On viewing the google map, the SEAC observed that there is an existing pit. Hence the AD (Geology & Mines) shall visit the site to submit the report on details of any excavation made earlier by the PP.
- 4. It was found two non-contiguous site present and EC shall be given for only for one contiguous site, hence the PP revise all the documents accordingly.

On receipt of the aforesaid details, the proposal will be considered for further deliberations.

## Agenda No: 338 - 12

(File No: 8761/2021)

Proposed rough stone and gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 0.94.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 95/22, 94/23 & 95/24 Chithannavasal Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. R. Sathiyamoorthy-For Environmental Clearance amendment

# (SIA/TN/MIN/226014/2021 Dt: 25.08.2021)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC Meeting held on 14.12.2022. The project proponent gave detailed presentation. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The project proponent, Thiru. R. Sathiyamoorthyhas applied for the Environmental Clearance for proposed rough stone and gravel quarry lease area over an extent of 0.94.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 95/22, 94/23 & 95/24 Chithannavasal Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

3. As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 5 years. The production for 5

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years not to exceed 30335m<sup>3</sup> of rough stone. The annual peak production as per mining plan is 6445m<sup>3</sup> of rough stone (2<sup>nd</sup> year) with ultimate depth of 22m BGL

- 4. Earlier the proposal was placed in the 271" SEAC Meeting held on 12.5.2022. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the project proponent. The project proponent shall furnish a NOC from Archaeological Survey of India, since the Chithannavasal Archaeological site is located in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- 5. Based on the reply furnished by the PP, the proposal was placed in the 307th SEAC meeting held on 26.08.2022. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- 6. Subsequently, the proposal was placed in 552<sup>nd</sup> Authority meeting held on 19.09.2022. The proponent was requested to furnish NOC from Archeological Survey of India. But the proponent had obtained Site report from the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukottai.

The Authority after detailed discussion, decided that

1. As per the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 [G.O. MS. No. 295, industries (mmc.1), 3rd November 2021, In the said Rules,-(4) in rule 36, in sub-rule (1-A),-

(d) "Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no lease or licence shall be granted for quarrying of any mineral within 500 metres radial distance from the boundaries of an archaeological site or remains and ancient Monument,"

The proponent had submitted the village map indicating the distance from the centre of the proposed mine lease area and the archaeological site. Hence, the proponent is requested to submit the radial distance from the boundary of the archaeological site to the nearest mine lease boundary.

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- 2. Further, the assistant director has recommended the report based on the observations of the VAO. Hence, AD/Mines is directed to inspect the site and measure the shortest distance between the Archeological site and the nearest mine lease boundary and shall issue a letter regarding the same.
- The proponent must submit the NOC letter obtained from the Archeological Survey of India as per the additional details sought in the 271<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 12.05.2022.

In the view of the above, SEAC may examine with the above-mentioned points and furnish the remarks to SEIAA.

Based on the reply furnished by the proponent, the proposal was again placed in the 322<sup>nd</sup> SEAC meeting held on 19.10.2022. Based on the presentation made by the proponent, SEAC decided to call for additional details

- The proponent shall clarify regarding the boundary of the Chithannavasal cave from the competent authority. Further, the proponent is requested to obtain the distance from the boundary of the Archeological site to the nearest proposed mine lease area boundary from the competent authority.
- The proponent shall submit the detailed study report regarding the impact on the archeological site due to blasting.
- 3. Further, the assistant director has recommended the report based on the observations of the VAO. Hence, AD/Mines is directed to inspect the site and measure the shortest distance between the Archeological site and the nearest mine lease boundary and shall issue a letter regarding the same.
- 4. The proponent shall submit a report regarding the impacts of quarrying on the paintings inside the Archeological site considering the dust pollution, vibrations, noise etc., and further shall discuss the mitigation measures to be adopted to conserve the archeological site.

On receipt of the above details, SEAC would further deliberate on this project and decide the further course of action.

Now, the proposal was again placed in the 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022. During the presentation the PP requested for want of time for submitting the ADS MEMBER SECRETARY 40 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC TN queries asked in the previous SEAC meeting and SEAC therefore decided to defer the proposal.

#### Agenda No: 338-13

#### (File No: 8847/2021)

ProposedRough Stone and Gravel quarry project over an extent of 3.40.5 Ha in S.F.No. 64/3A, 3B, 3D, 65/2A, 65/2B, 65/3A, 65/6, 66/1A1, 66/1A2, 66/1B2, 66/2A2, 66/2B1, 66/2B2, 67/3A1, 65/3B1, 66/3B2, 66/1B1, 66/2A1, 64/6A, 64/7A, 64/6B, 64/7B at Sundakottai Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.M.Thiruvappu - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/77342/2021 dated: 29.09.2021)

Earlier, this project proposal was placed in the 303<sup>rd</sup> SEAC meeting held on 18.08.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

#### The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, Thiru.M.Thiruvappuhas applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 3.40.5ha at S.F.No64/3A, 3B, 3D, 65/2A, 65/2B, 65/3A, 65/6, 66/1A1, 66/1A2, 66/1B2, 66/2A2, 66/2B1, 66/2B2, 67/3A1, 65/3B1, 66/3B2, 66/1B1, 66/2A1, 64/6A, 64/7A, 64/6B, 64/7B of Sundakottai Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per mining plan, the lease period is for 10 years and the mining plan is for the period of five years the total quantity of recoverable should not exceed **502843m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone for five years & 48210m<sup>3</sup> Gravel for two years** with an ultimate depth of mining is 39.5m BGL [as per approved ToR]. The annual peak production 130933 m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and 37,038 m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel (1<sup>st</sup> year).
- 4. ToR issued vide Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8847/SEAC/TOR-1103/2021 Dated : 21.03.2022.
- 6. Public hearing was conducted on 03.11.2022.

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5. Certain survey nos of the land possessing the quarry site indicates the existence of 'Nanjai' land classification.

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Based on the presentation & details furnished by the PP, the SEAC decided to call for the following details.

- 1. Project Proponent shall conduct Public Hearing as imposed in the TOR granted for the Project and revise EIA/EMP reports based on public hearing accordingly.
- 2. The PP shall provide the information on land classification changes.

The Project proponent has made a presentation along with clarification for the above shortcomings observed by the SEAC.

S.No	ADS by SEAC	Reply by PP
1	Project Proponent shall conduct Public Hearing as imposed in the TOR granted for the Project and revise EIA/EMP reports based on public hearing accordingly.	Now the PP has conducted public hearing on 03.11.2022.
2	The PP shall provide the information on land classification changes.	The PP has obtained letter from VAO dated 09.12.2022 stating that " in the past 5 fasli year from 1428 to 1432 agricultural activities was not carried out". We discussed that Tahsildar or RDO certificate needed with regard to utilisation of Nanjai land for quarry. It is only VAO observation. It was decided for ADS to get certificates from Tahsildar or RDO only during the meeting. Redraft please

Now the proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022.

SI. No	De De	talls of ti	ne Proposal
1	Name of the Owner/Firm		Thiru.M.Thiruvappu S/o.Muniyasamy Devarkurichi Village Kadaladi Taluk Ramanathapuram District-623704
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2	Type of quarrying	Rough stone & Gravel
3	S.F No. Of the quarry site with area break-up	S.F Nos 64/3A, 3B, 3D, 65/2, 65/2B, 65/3A, 65/6, 66/1A1, 66/1A 66/1B2, 66/2A2, 66/2B1, 66/2B 67/3A1, 65/3B1, 66/3B2, 66/1B 66/2A1, 64/6A, 64/7A, 64/6 64/7B
4	Village in which situated	Sundakottai
5	Taluk in which situated	Aruppukottai
6	District in which situated	Virudhunagar
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	3.40.5Ha
8	Period of quarrying proposed	5 years
9	Type of mining	Opencast Semi mechanized Mining
10	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	As per mining plan, the lease period is for 10 years and the mining plan for the period of five years the tot quantity of recoverable should not exceed 502843m <sup>3</sup> of Rough Stor for five years & 48210m <sup>3</sup> Gravel for two years with an ultimate depth of mining is 39.5m BGL. The annu- peak production is 130933m <sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and 37,038 m <sup>3</sup> of Gravel.
11	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	9°28'7.09" N to 9°28'14.50" N 78°11'4.71"E to 78°11'11.81"E
12	Top Sheet No.	58 K/3
13	Man Power requirement per day:	20 Employees
14	Precise area communication approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining with date	Na.Ka.No:KV1/666/2020/Kanimam dated: 08.01.2021
15	Mining Plan approved by the Deputy Director, Department of Geology and	Roc. No.KV1/666/2020 dated: 13.01.2021

	Mining, with date	
16	AD mines 500m cluster letter by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, with date	Roc. No.KV1/666/2020 dated: 24.09.2021
17	Water requirement:	5 KLD
	<ol> <li>Drinking &amp; domestic purposes (in KLD)</li> <li>Dust suppression</li> <li>Green Belt (in KLD)</li> </ol>	1.5 KLD 2.0KLD 1.5 KLD
18	Power requirement	
	a. Domestic Purpose b. Industrial purpose	TNEB Nil
19	Ultimate Depth of quarrying	39.5m BGL
20	Depth of water table	50m Below ground level
21	Whether any habitation within 300m distance	Nil
22	Project Cost	Rs. 50 Lakhs
23	EMP cost	Rs.121.4 Lakhs
24	CER cost	Rs. 5 Lakhs
25	VAO certificate regarding 300m radius cluster	12.01.2021
26	ToR Issued	Lr No.SEIAA- TN/F.No.8847/SEAC/TOR-1103/2021 Dated : 21.03.2022.
27	Public Hearing details	Public Hearing Conducted on 03.11.2022

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for total excavation quantity of 502843m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone for 5 years and 48210m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel for 2 years not exceeding the annual peak production of 130933m<sup>3</sup> of Rough Stone and 37,038m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel with maintaining an ultimate pit depth of 39.5m bglsubject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure 1 of this minutes & MEMBER SECRETARY 44 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC MIL

normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The PP shall inform the notice of opening of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety (DMS)/Chennai Region and get the necessary statutory permission under the MMR 1961 pertaining to the mine working operations in the proposed quarry from the DMS, Chennai before obtaining the CTO.
- The mine manager and other statutory competent persons such as blaster (or) mine mate shall be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961before the obtaining the CTO from the DEE/TNPCB.
- 4. The proponent shall maintain the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 5. Further, the PP shall maintain the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the pit leaving behind the mandatory safety zone of 7.5 / 10 m as it is designed to take care of run-off water (size, gradient and length) before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 6. The PP shall carry out adequate plantation around the periphery of the quarry lease in the safety zone of 7.5 m as a part of Greenbelt development before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 7. The PP shall ensure that the benches & haul road are properly designed and formed in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1991.
- 8. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry.

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- The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 10. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 11. The PP shall carry out maximum of two rounds of controlled blast only per day, restricted to the maximum of 50 to 60 number of holes per round with maintaining maximum charge per delay in such a manner that the blast-induced ground vibration level (Peak Particle Velocity) measured in the houses/structures located at a distance of 300 m shall not exceed 2.0 mm/s and no fly rock shall travel beyond 10 m from the site of blasting. The PP shall also ensure that the blasting operation shall be carried out once in 2 days to reduce the environmental impacts effectively.
- 12. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry.
- 13. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 14. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 15. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 16. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a

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reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.

- 17. Since four bore wells are located at a distance of 25 m, the PP shall carry out the Hydrogeological studies assessing the ground water status by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, 11T-Madras, University of Madras-Guindy Campus, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, IRO/MoEF, DEE/TNPCB, and the concerned AD (Geology & Mines) as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 18. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 19. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent towards the Govt High School, Sundakottai for the activities as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

## Agenda No: 338-14

(File No: 8862/2021)

Proposed Red Soil quarry lease over an extent of 1.44.5 Ha at S.F.No: 24/3A of Kudhakkottai Group Village, Keelakarai Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. B.Manikandan - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/229030/2021 Dt.27.09.2021)

Earlier, this proposal was proposal in 297<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21.7.2022. Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the PP.

- 1. The project proponent shall furnish registered lease document for the proposal.
- 2. The project proponent shall revise the EMP as per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020.

Subsequently, it was placed in 542<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 23.8.2022 and called for the following additional details. MEMBER SECRETARY 47 CHAIRMAN' SEAC -TN SEAC- TN  In the KML file submitted, it was ascertained that a small patch's of scatter trees are present within the lease applied area. Hence, it is requested to submit the name of present within the lease applied area with species name and age of the trees.

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- 2. Road is present at the northern side of the lease applied area. The project proponent shall submit the buffer area proposed between the mining lease area and the road. Further, shall ascertain the impact of the mining activity on the road abutting to the mining lease area.
- 3. Impact of the mining activity on the surrounding area shall be furnished since, Veeranvalasai school, road, habitation is present within 300 m from the lease applied area

Based on the PP's reply, this proposal again been placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022.

The SEAC noted the following:

 The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

SI. No	Details of	of the P	roposal
1	Name of the Owner/Firm	:	Thiru. B. Manikandan, S/o. C. Boominathan, No.1/881, Shet Ibrahim Nagar, CBM Lorry Service, Bharathi Nagar, Ramanathapuram Taluk, Ramanathapuram District - 623 501.
2	Type of quarrying (Savudu/Rough Stone/Sand/Granite)	:	Red Soil
3	S.F No. of the quarry site with area break-up	:	24/3A
4	Village in which situated	:	Kudhakkottai Group 🔿
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5	Taluk in which situated	:	Keelakkarai
6	District in which situated	:	Ramanathapuram
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	1.44.5 Ha
8	Period of quarrying proposed	:	1 year
9	Type of mining	:	Opencast Semi Mechanized Mining
10	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	:	10816 m³
11	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of	:	09°18'35.22"N to 09°18'39.58"N
	the quarry site	]	78°51'17.04"E to 78°51'23.72"E
12	Topo Sheet No.	:	58-K/15
13	Man Power requirement per day:	:	11 Nos
14	Precise area communication approved	:	Na.Ka.En.19/G&M.2/2020,
	by District Collector with date		dated:05.08.2021
15	Mining Plan approved by	:	Roc.No.19/G&M.2/2020 dated
	Commissioner, Department of Geology		19.08.2021
	and Mining with date		
16	Water requirement:	:	3.0 KLD
	1. Drinking water & domestic		1.0 KLD
	purposes (in KLD)		
	2. Dust Suppression (in KLD)		1.0 KLD
	3. Green Belt (in KLD)		1.0 KLD
17	Power requirement		
	a. Domestic Purpose	:	TNEB
18	Depth of quarrying	:	1.0m bgl
19	Depth of water table	:	14m to 15m bgl
20	Whether any habitation within 300m	:	No
	distance		
21	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	:	Rs. 16.50 lakhs
22	EMP cost	:	Rs. 2.25 lakhs
23	CER cost	:	Rs. 0.33 lakhs
24	Assistant Director, mines 500m cluster	:	Roc.No.19/G&M.2/2020,
	letter		dated:19.08.2021
25	0 0	:	Letter dated: 08.10.2021
	cluster		

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for 10816 m<sup>3</sup>of Red Soil with ultimate depth of 1m BGL. subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by

MOEF&CC in addition to the following specific conditions:

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- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- The statutory competent persons shall be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 before the obtaining the CTO from the DEE/TNPCB.
- 3. Further, the PP shall maintain the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the pit leaving behind the mandatory safety zone of 7.5 / 10 m as it is designed to take care of run-off water (size, gradient and length) before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 4. The PP shall ensure that the haul road are adequately wetted for controlling the dust.
- 5. The PP shall install a storage tank for collecting the water received from the quarry pit before discharged to the surrounding area.
- 6. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.
- 8. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 10. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 11. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 2.5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent towards the Kudhakkottai Village Government schoolfor the committed activities before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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## Agenda No: 338-15.

(File No: 8898/2021)

Proposed Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 2.46.5 Ha (Patta Land) in S.F.Nos. 485/3, 485/5 & 487/1 of Kondakuppam Village, Walajah Taluk, Ranipet District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru S. Thirumeni- For Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/233772/2021 Dated 22.10.2021)

Earlier, this proposal was placed in the 277th meeting of SEAC held on 26.05.2022. The project proponent presented the details of the proposed quarry. The details of the proposed quarry furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted of the following:

- The Project Proponent, S. Thirumeni, has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 2.46.5 Ha (Patta Land) in S.F.Nos. 485/3, 485/5 & 487/1 of Kondakuppam Village, Walajah Taluk, Ranipet District, Tamil Nadu
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The lease period is 2 years and the proposed mining would be for 20,180 cu.m. of Gravel and the total depth proposed is 1 metre below GL.

SI. No	Details	of the	P	roposal
Î	Name of the Owner/Firm		:	Thiru. S.Thirumeni,
				S/o. Singaram,
				No.3/362,
				Athithiravida Colony,
				Kilapatti
				Rasingamangalam
				Alangudi Taluk,
				Pudukkottai District.
2	Type of quarrying (Savudu/Rough Stone/Sand/Granite)	5	:	Gravel
3	S.F No. Of the quarry site with area break-up		:	485/3, 485/5 & 487/1
4	Village in which situated		:	Kondakuppam
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5	Taluk in which situated	:	Walajah
6	District in which situated	:	Ranipet
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	:	2.46.5 Ha
8	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site		13° 04' 26.01" N to13° 04' 31.48" N 79° 18' 15.24" E to 79° 18' 22.30" E
9	Topo Sheet No.	:	58 O/8
10	Type of mining		Opencast Semi-Mechanized Mining
11	Period of quarrying proposed	:	2 years
12	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	:	20,180m³ of Gravel
13	Depth of quarrying	:	1 m
14	Depth of water table	:	20m BGL
15	Man Power requirement per day:		10 Nos.
16	Source of Water Requirement		water vendors
17	Water requirement:	:	3.0 KLD
	8. Drinking & domestic purposes		1.0 KLD
	(in KLD)		1.0 KLD
	<ol> <li>Dust suppression, Green Belt &amp;Wet Drilling (in KLD)</li> </ol>		1.0 KLD
18	Power requirement		TNEB
19	Whether any habitation within 300m distance	:	No
20	Precise area communication issued AD/Mines with date	:	Rc.No.136/2020(Mines) dated 03.09.2021
21	Mining Plan approved by Assistant Director Geology and Mining Mines with date	:	Rc. No: 136/2020(Mines) dated 21.09.2021
22	500m cluster letter issued by AD/Mines		Rc.No. 136/2020(Mines) dated 01.10.2021
23	VAO certificate regarding habitation within 300m radius		Letter furnished.
24	Project Cost	:	Rs.21.5 Lakh
25	EMP cost	:	Capital Cost - Rs 5.10 lakh Recurring Cost – Rs. 12.01 Lakhs/2Years.
26	CER cost		Rs. 2 Lakhs
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. . . Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided call for the following details from the PP.

- 1. The PP shall furnish the letter from DFO concerned, stating the exact distance of the Venugopalapuram Reserve Forest with respect to the shortest boundary of the project site.
- 2. Soil testing report analysed through approved institution/agencies of Dept Mining & Geology, Govt of Tamil Nadu.

On the receipt of the same further deliberation will be done. Subsequently, the proposal was placed in the 523<sup>th</sup> Authority meeting held on 21.06.2022. The authority decided to request the Member Secretary, SEIAA to communicate the SEAC minutes to the project proponent held on 26.05.2022.

The proponent has furnished reply vide Ir. Dt: <u>09.11.2022</u>. In this connection, the proposal was again placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC Meeting held on 14.12.2022.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the ultimate depth of mining upto 1m BGL and the quantity of 20,180 cu.m. of Gravel. The annual peak production shall not exceed 10092 cu.m. of Gravel subject to the standard conditions & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory competent persons accordingly for the proposed quarry size to satisfy the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferrous Mines Regulations, 1961.
- The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 3. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 4. 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. No change in basic mining

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proposal 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 of Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.

- 5. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals.
- 6. The Proponent shall ensure that the noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures undertaken accordingly.
- 7. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.
- 9. Taller/one year old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably eco-friendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 10. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
- 11. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent

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shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.

- 12. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 13. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones: and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 14. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 15. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted, as per
- 16. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 17. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 18. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District ADDD (Geology

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and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) by the proponent without fail.

- 19. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 20.Prior clearance from Forestry & Wild Life including clearance from committee of the National Board for Wildlife as applicable shall be obtained before starting the quarrying operation, if the project site attracts the NBWL clearance, as per the existing law from time to time.
- 21. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 22. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under.
- 23. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 24. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 25.As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.

26. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 2 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the Government High school, Koncakuppam MEMBER SECRETARY 56 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC - TN Village for developing sanitary and library facilities, planting trees in and around the school as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

## Agenda No: 338-16 (File No: 8903/2021)

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Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 1.60.0 Ha in S. F. Nos. 412/11 (Part-4) of Palamathi Village, Vellore Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.H. Kirubasankar - For Environmental Clearance.(SIA/TN/MIN/238277/2022 Dated 06.01.2022)

Earlier, this proposal was placed in 279<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 28.05.2022. During the meeting it was noted that both the project proponent and EIA Coordinator were absent. SEAC therefore, decided to defer the proposal and call for the explanation of the PP.

the proposal was again placed in 318<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 07.10.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

## The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.H.Kirubasankar has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 1.60.0HaatS.F.No.412/11(Part4) of Palamathi Village, Vellore Taluk, Vellore District, TamilNadu.
- The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "MiningProjects" of the Schedulet othe ElANotification, 2006.

The PP requested to defer the project. Hence the committee decided to defer the proposal.

Now the proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The PP requested to defer the project. Hence the committee decided to defer the proposal.

# Agenda No: 338-17

(File No: 8906/2022)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 1.58.5 Ha (Patta Land) in S.F.No. 92/1B, Maveripatty Village, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru A. Thirumal- For Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/250859/2022 Dated 18,01.2022)

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The proposal was placed in the 338<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEACheld on 14.12.2022. The project proponent presented the details of the proposed quarry. The details of the proposed quarry furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

#### The SEAC noted of the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru A. Thirumal has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry over an extent of 1.58.5 Ha (Patta Land) in S.F.No. 92/1B, Maveripatty Village, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. As per mining plan, the lease period is 10 years and the proposed Scheme of mining plan for the period of 5 years (2022-2027) with the production should not exceed 68278 cu.m. of Rough Stone and 2376 cu.m. of Top soil. The annual peak production 15640 cu.m. of Rough Stone (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and 2376 cu.m. of Top soil (1<sup>st</sup> year). The ultimate depth is 35m BGL.
- 4. The area has been quarrying operation earlier and EC issued vide DEIAA. Lr.No.01/DEIAA-DPI/EC.No.01/2017 dated: 24.06.2017 for the production 109221 m<sup>3</sup> of Rough stone to depth of 28m BGL for a period of 5 years. the existing pit is 15m BGL.
- 5. Earlier, this proposal was placed in the 277th meeting of SEACheld on 26.05.2022. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent. SEAC decided to obtain following details from the PP.
  - The PP shall furnish certified EC compliance report obtained from MOEF&CC/TNPCB.
  - The PP shall furnish the details on the completion of fencing work around the existing quarry.
  - It is found that the existing pit does not have benches. The PP shall, therefore, furnish slope stability action plan involving the realignment of benches (or) stability measures approved by the AD/Mines, DGM for the existing quarry.

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- The proponent had submitted the EC compliance report, slope stability action plan and Drone videos about the fencing around the lease area vide letter dated: 22.08.2022
- 7. Hence, this proposal was placed for reappraisal in the 307<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEACheld on 26.08.2022. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC noted that mining has been done without proper benches in the past and this aspect has not been taken into account in the mining plan and therefore decided to obtain following details from the PP.
  - The Project Proponent shall furnish the revised mining plan approved by the competent authority, incorporating the slope stability action plan by maintaining benches of appropriate geometry.
- Subsequently, this proposal was placed in the 552<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Authorityheld on 20.09.2022. After detailed discussion, the Authority decided to obtain following details from the PP in addition to the above.
  - The impacts of mining on Agriculture and vegetation around the mining area shall be studied.
  - The PP shall furnish details of soil erosion management and soil conservation plan.

SI. No	Details of the Proposal		
1.	Name of the Owner / Firm	Thiru.A.Thirumal	
		S/o.Angamuthu	
		Kalladipatty Village	
		Achalvadi Post	
		Harur Taluk	
		Dharmapuri District-636903	
2.	Type of quarrying (savudu /	Rough Stone quarry	
	Rough stone / Sand /		
	Granite)		
3.	S.F No. of the quarry site	92/1B	
	with area break-up		
4.	Village in which situated	Maveripatty	
5.	Taluk in which situated	Harur	
6.	District in which situated	Dharmapuri	
7.	Extent of Quarry (in ha.)	1.58.5 Ha (Patta Land)	
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8.	Period of Quarrying	5 years		
	proposed			
9.	Type of Mining	Opencast sem	ni mechanized	mining
10.	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )			
		Parameters	As per Approved Mining Plan	As per Revised Plan permitted by the SEAC
		Total	73790 m <sup>3</sup>	
		excavation	of Rough	
			stone & 5580 cu.m.	Stone & 2376 cu.m.
			of Top soil	of Top soil
		Annual	15640 m <sup>3</sup>	15640 m <sup>3</sup>
		Peak	of rough	of Rough
		Production Capacity	stone	Stone
		Ultimate Depth	30 m	35 m
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11.	Annual peak Production	15640 cu.m.	of Rough S	tone (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
	(Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	and 2376 cu.	m. of Top soi	l
12.	Latitude & Longitude of all	12°2`56.94"N	l to 12º3'4.04	"N
	corners of the quarry site	78°30'28.57'	'E to 78º30'3	3.77"E
13.	Topo sheet No.	58 L/12		
14.	Man power requirement per	21 Nos		
	day:			
15.	Precise Area Communication	Rc.No.424/2	013/Mines, Da	ated:
	approved by the Assistant	21.07.2017		
	Director			
16.	Mining plan approved by	Rc.No.424/2	013/Mines, Da	ated:
	the Deputy Director,	28.10.2022.		
	Geology & Mining			
17.	500mts letter approved by	Rc.No. 424/2	2013/Mines, D	ated:
	the Deputy Director,	17.12.2021.	-	
	Geology & Mining	]		
18.	Water requirement:	3.0 kLD		
	1. Drinking (in KLD)	0.200 KLD		
	2. Domestic Purpose (in	0.8 KLD		
	KLD)	1.0 KLD		
	3. Dust Suppression (in	1.0 KLD		
	KLD)			*
	4. Green Belt (in KLD)			()
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19.	Power requirement:	
	a. Domestic purpose	TNEB
	b. Machinery works	59954 liters of HSD for the entire period of project life.
20.	Depth of Mining	35m BGL (3m Topsoil + 32m Rough stone)
21.	Depth of Water table	55m in Summer Season & 50 m Rainy Season
22.	Project cost	Rs. 40,45,000/-
23.	EMP cost	Capital cost- Rs. 2134340/- Recurring cost/annum- Rs. 2247540/-
24.	CER cost	Rs. 4,10,000/-
25.	VAO letter dated	Letter Date: 10.01.2022

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the total production quantity of 68,278 cu.m. of Rough Stone with the annual peak production not exceeding 15640 cu.m. of Rough Stone for the ultimate depth is restricted upto35m BGL subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The PP shall inform the notice of opening of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety (DMS)/Chennai Region and obtain 'NOC' for carrying out the blasting operation in the proposed quarry from the DMS, Chennai before obtaining the CTO as the habitations are situated nearby.
- 3. The Project Proponent shall ensure strict compliance of the provisions given under the Mines Rules, 1955 for the health and welfare of the persons employed therein.
- 4. Further, the PP shall construct the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the bottom of the pit leaving behind the

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mandatory safety zone of 7.5 m as it is designed to take care of run-off water (size, gradient and length).

- 5. As the habitations are located nearby, the PP shall carry out the controlled blasting using jack hammer drilled shallow holes (32-34 mm dia& 1.5 m length) only and NONEL shock tube initiation system with muffling techniques to ensure the environmentally acceptable blasting operation.
- 6. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry.
- 7. The PP shall carry out maximum of two rounds of controlled blast only per day, restricted to the maximum of 50 to 60 number of holes per round with maintaining maximum charge per delay in such a manner that the blast-induced ground vibration level (Peak Particle Velocity) measured in the houses/structures located at a distance of 300 m shall not exceed 2.0 mm/s and no fly rock shall travel beyond 20 m from the site of blasting. The PP shall also ensure that the blasting operation shall be carried out once in 2 days to reduce the environmental impacts effectively.
- 8. Since few habitations are situated at a distance range of 400 m to 500 m from the mine lease boundary, within one year from the commencement of mining operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies on 'Design of Blast parameters for reducing the impact of blast-induced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarry by adopting appropriate controlled blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MOEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 9. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of

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Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.

- 10. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 11. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him only as per the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 12. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the school/other habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone.
- 13. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 14. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 15. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 16. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 17. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 4.10 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Harur as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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## Agenda No: 338-18

#### (File No: 8931/2022)

proposed of Rough stone Quarry lease over an extent of 1.00.0Ha in S.F.No. 419 (Part-1A) of Vinnamangalam Village, Ambur Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.C.Sampath - for Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/249184/2021,Dated 05.01.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup>meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (www.parivesh.nic.in).

#### The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.C.Sampath has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 1.00.0Ha at S.F.No.419 (Part-1A) of Vinnamangalam Village, Ambur Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

Based on the presentation made by the proponent, SEAC decided to call for additional details,

1. The project proponent shall furnish documentary evidence from the concerned District Forest Officer showing the distance between the nearest R.F and the proposed quarry site.

#### Agenda No: 338-19

## (File No: 8934/2022)

Proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 1.74.5 Ha in S.F.Nos. 845/1, 845/2, 845/3, 845/4, 845/5, 845/6, 845/7 & 845/8 of Gurunadhanaickanur Village, Dindigul West Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru M. Shankarfor Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/250623/2022 Dated 19.01.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup>Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. The project proponent gave detailed presentation. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

## The SEAC noted the following:

1. The Project Proponent, Thiru M. Shankar has applied for EnvironmentalClearancefor the proposed Rough Stone and Gravel quarry lease over anMEMBER SECRETARY64SEAC -TNSEAC -TN

extent of 1.74.5 Ha in S.F.Nos. 845/1, 845/2/ 845/3, 845/4, 845/5, 845/6, 845/7 & 845/8 of Gurunadhanaickanur Village, Dindigul West Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.

- 2. The proposed quarry/activity would fall under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The lease period is 5 years and the mining for the entire period of five years should not exceed 2,14,680 cu.m. of Rough Stone and 65,270 cu.m. of Gravel. The annual peak production 52200 cu.m. of Rough Stone (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and 26750 cu.m. of Gravel (1<sup>st</sup> year). The ultimate depth of mining would be 50m BGL. Existing pit-1m.
- 4. Earlier, this proposal was placed in the 278<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEACheld on 27.05.2022. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the following details from the PP.
  - The PP shall furnish a letter from AD/DD Mining stating that details of quarries located within 500m radius as per the prescribed format.
  - The PP shall furnish a letter from AD/DD Mining stating details of structures & habitations located within 300m from the boundary of the project site.
  - The PP shall provide the details of industrial activities within a radius of 500 m from the proposed site.

SI. No	Details of the Proposal		
1.	Name of the Owner / Firm	Thiru.M.Shankar	
		S/o.Manikannan	
		No.4,L.G.B.Compound	
		Dindigul District-624001	
2.	Type of quarrying (savudu / Rough	Rough Stone and Gravel quarry	
	stone / Sand / Granite)		
3.	S.F No. of the quarry site with area	845/1, 845/2/ 845/3, 845/4, 845/5,	
	break-up	845/6, 845/7 & 845/8	
4.	Village in which situated	Gurunadhanaickanur	
5.	Taluk in which situated	Dindigul West	
6.	District in which situated	Dindigul	
7.	Extent of Quarry (in ha.)	1.74.5 Ha	
8.	Period of Quarrying proposed	5 years	
9.	Type of Mining	Opencast semi - Mechanized Mining	
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		Method
10.	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	2,14,680 cu.m. of Rough Stone and
		65270 cu.m. of Gravel
11.	Annual peak Production (Quantity in	52200 cu.m. of Rough Stone(2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
	m³)	and 26750 cu.m. of Gravel(1" year)
12.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of	10°28'49.56"N to 10°28'54.08"N
	the quarry site	77°53`25.62"E to 77°53`31.49"E
13.	Topo sheet No.	58 F/15
14.	Man power requirement per day:	31 Nos
15.	Precise Area Communication	Lr.Rc.No.213/2021 (Kanimam), dt:
	approved by the Assistant Director,	10.11.2021
	Geology & Mining	
16.	Mining plan approved by the	Lr. Rc.No.213/2021 (Mines), dt:
	Assistant Director, Geology &	23.11.2021.
	Mining	
17.	500mts letter approved by the	Lr.Rc.No.213/2021 (Mines), dt:
	Assistant Director, Geology &	09.12.2022
	Mining	
18.	Water requirement:	3.3 kLD
	1. Drinking &Domestic Purpose	0.300KLD
	(in KLD)	1.0KLD,
	2. utilized water (in KLD)	1.0KLD
	3. Dust Suppression & Green Belt	1.0KLD
	(in KLD)	
19.	Power requirement:	
	a. Domestic purpose	TNEB
	b. Machinery works	182624 liters of HSD for the entire
		period of project life.
20.	Ultimate Depth of Mining	50m (5m Gravel +45m Rough
		stone) (Existing pit-1m)
21.	Depth of Water table	70 m in Summer Season & 60 m Rainy
		Season
22.	Project cost	Rs. 53,20,000/-
23.	EMP cost	Capital cost- Rs. 30,85,712/-
		Recurring cost/annum- Rs. 17,38,104/-
24.	CER cost	Rs. 5 lakhs
25.	VAO letter dated	Letter Date: 22.12.20211

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the MEMBER SECRETARY

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total production quantity of 2,14,680 cu.m. of Rough Stone and 65270 cu.m. of Gravel with the annual peak production not exceeding 52200 cu.m. of Rough Stoneand 26750 cu.m. of Gravelfor the ultimate depth is restricted upto50m BGL subject to the standard conditions as per the Annexure I of this minutes & normal conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

- The prior Environmental Clearance granted for this mining project shall be valid for the project life including production value as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier vide MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.
- 2. The PP shall inform the notice of opening of the quarry to the Director of Mines Safety (DMS)/Chennai Region and obtain 'NOC' for carrying out the blasting operation in the proposed quarry from the DMS, Chennai before obtaining the CTO as the habitations are situated nearby.
- 3. The proponent shall construct the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- The Project Proponent shall ensure strict compliance of the provisions given under the Mines Rules, 1955 for the health and welfare of the persons employed therein.
- 5. Further, the PP shall construct the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the bottom of the pit leaving behind the mandatory safety zone of 7.5 m as it is designed to take care of run-off water (size, gradient and length).
- 6. The Project Proponent (PP) shall submit a 'Slope stability action plan' incorporating the haul road ramp keeping the benches intact while carrying out the 'mound' portion of the proposed quarry lease after it is duly vetted by the concerned AD (Mines) before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.
- 7. As the habitations are located nearby, the PP shall carry out the controlled blasting using jack hammer drilled shallow holes (32-34 mm dia& 1.5 m

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length) only and NONEL shock tube initiation system with muffling techniques to ensure the environmentally acceptable blasting operation.

- 8. No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry.
- 9. The PP shall carry out maximum of two rounds of controlled blast only per day, restricted to the maximum of 50 to 60 number of holes per round with maintaining maximum charge per delay in such a manner that the blast-induced ground vibration level (Peak Particle Velocity) measured in the houses/structures located at a distance of 300 m shall not exceed 2.0 mm/s and no fly rock shall travel beyond 20 m from the site of blasting. The PP shall also ensure that the blasting operation shall be carried out once in 2 days to reduce the environmental impacts effectively.
- 10. Since few habitations and temple are situated at a distance range of 300 m to 500 m from the mine lease boundary, within one year from the commencement of mining operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies on 'Design of Blast parameters for reducing the impact of blastinduced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarry by adopting appropriate controlled blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.
- 11. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall when the depth of the quarry touches 30 m bgl (or) after the completion of 4 years of operation whichever is earlier, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, and Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF,

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TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.

- 12. The PP shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
- 13. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman employed by him only as per the provisions of MMR 1961 and it shall not be carried out by the persons other than the above statutory personnel.
- 14. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the school/other habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone.
- 15. The PP shall meticulously carry out the mitigation measures as spelt out in the revised EMP.
- 16. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.
- 17. The Project Proponent shall send a copy of the clearance letter marked to concerned Panchayat from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.111 dated:
   30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 19. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 5 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for the Government Middle School, Gurunathanayakkanur Village as committed, before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

(File No: 8980/2022) Proposed Rough Stone & Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 0.82.0 Ha at S.F.No. 166/1A(Part)Koppampatti Village, Kayathar Taluk, Thoothukudi District, (Tamil Nadu

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# by Thiru .A.Ajeesh, M/s.United Blue Metals Associates - For Environmental clearance.(SIA/TN/MIN/253356/2022 dated 29.01.2022)

Earlier, this proposal was placed for appraisal in 280<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 02.06.2022. The project proponent gave a detailed presentation. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

## The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.A.Ajeesh, M/s.United Blue Metals Associates has applied seeking Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Rough Stone & Gravel quarry lease over an extent of 0.82.0 Ha at S.F.No. 166/1A(Part) , Koppampatti Village, Kayathar Taluk, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B2" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the ElA Notification, 2006.

Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to ask for the following additional details from the Project Proponent.

- (i) PP shall produce certified EC compliance report for the existing quarry operated by the PP.
- (ii) The project proponent shall furnish an action plan approved by the AD/Mines, DGM for realignment of benches for already mined out area.
- (iii) The project proponent shall furnish slope stability plan for the proposed mine.

On receipt of the above details, SEAC would further deliberate on this project and decide the further course of action.

Now the proposal was placed in this 338<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 14.12.2022. During the meeting it was noted that the project proponent was absent. SEAC therefore, decided to defer the proposal and the PP shall furnish the reason for his absence.

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## (File No: 6846/2022)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 4.50.0 Ha at S.F.Nos301(Part-2), Athi Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai DistrictTamil Nadu by Thiru. R. Ganesan for Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/36808/2019, Dt. 08.02.2022)

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Earlier, this proposal was placed in this 295<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 15.7.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- It is a Government Poramboke land which is not fit for the cultivation and the applicant has been awarded with this land through 'Tender cum Auction' in 2019.
- The Project Proponent, Thiru. R. Ganesan has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough Stone quarry lease over an extent of 4.50.0 Ha at S.F.Nos 301(Part-2), Athi Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District Tamil Nadu.
- 3. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 4. As per the mining plan the lease period is 10 years. The mining plan is for the period of five years &production should not exceed 1056550 cu.m of rough stone &36900 m3 of top soil. The annual peak production is 6875 cu.m of rough stone (3<sup>rd</sup> year). The proposed depth is 50m (40m AGL + 10M BGL) and ultimate depth is 95m (40m AGL +55m BGL).
- 5. It is a shallow open cast quarry. The Massive Charnockite is found after 1.0m (top soil formation) which is clearly inferred from the outcrops.
- 6. The precise area Communication letter was received from the District Collector, Tiruvannamalai vide Rc.No.18/Mines/2019, Dated: 16.05.2019.
- 7. The lease applied area is Hilly topography with highest elevation of 100m on the Southern side and lowest elevation of 50m on the North western side and gentle slope Northwest. The altitude of the area is 100m (max) above Mean sea level. The area is covered by the Topsoil which is about 1.0m thickness.
- 8. Surrounding Water Bodies; Vaikkal 50m West; Cheyyar River 200m West ;Athikulam 1km Northeast ;Pudur Lake 800m Southeast.



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- The nearest habitation Athi village is situated at a distance of 2 km from the site.
- 10. Apart from this proposed quarry, there are no other existing/proposed quarries situated within a radius of 500 m.
- 11. There are no approved layouts/habitations located within a radial distance of 300m.
- 12. The PP has issued with ToR vide Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6846/SEAC/ToR-707/2020 Dated: 27.05.2020

Based on the presentation made by the proponent SEAC noted that the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras in its order Dt. In WP No. 15007/2020 & WMP 18683/2020 has pronounced that "It is also to be noted at this juncture that the State Level Impact Assessment Authority, before according the Environmental Clearance, shall also depute personal to the site in question and cause independent inspection and verification as to the ground reality and thereafter, proceed further in accordance with law".

Further the PP has been directed to furnish the following details:

- 1. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the proposed working benches / quarry wall when the depth of the quarry exceeds 40 m as well as the existence of river bed at a distance of 200 m, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as NIRM, IITs, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal, Anna University Chennai-CEG Campus, and any CSIR Laboratories etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted during the appraisal. The report shall also cover the slope stability action plan incorporating haul road along with benches, for the proposed workings in the hilly terrain of the quarry.
- 2. The PP shall carry out a comprehensive hydrogeological study to evaluate the impact of mining on the surrounding water bodies, especially, Cheyyar River 200m located in West, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT Trichy, University of Madras, Anna University-CEG Campus, and any other reputed research institutions etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted during the appraisal.

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- 3. The PP shall carry out a comprehensive biodiversity study (flora & fauna) including soil health to evaluate the impact of mining on the surrounding environmental settings, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as TN Agricultural University-Coimbatore, Anna University Chennai-CES, and any other reputed academic/research institutions etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted during the appraisal.
- 4. The PP shall also carry out a comprehensive study on 'Socio-economic aspects' of the proposed site, indicating the developmental activities to be undertaken to enhance the quality of life in the surrounding villages, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as Madras School of Economics, Pondicherry University, IIT-Madras, NIT Trichy, Anna University Chennai-Main Campus, etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted during the appraisal.
- 5. The PP shall carry out a study on "Impact of Climate Change on quarrying operation and flood control measures and Environmental Management" in the proposed site, indicating the mitigating measures during the development of the project, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as IIT-Madras, NIT Trichy, Anna University Chennai-Main Campus, and any other CSIR Laboratories etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted during the appraisal.
- 6. The PP shall also provide the detailed mitigating measures to be carried out for the issues raised by the people who had participated in the Public Hearing, against the proposed quarrying project.

On the receipt of the above reports, and based on the 'on-site inspection' to be carried out by the sub-Committee constituted by SEAC to assess the allegations as quoted in the WP, the SEAC will further carry out the deliberations.

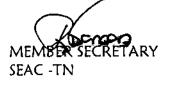
### INSPECTIONPROCEEDINGS

A subcommittee comprising of the following members was constituted by the Chairman, SEAC toinspect and study the field conditions in the proposal seeking Environmental Clearance for Proposed Roughstone quarry, videLr.No.SEAC-TN/6846SiteInspection/2022 dated15.07.2022. Ur. K.S. KaviKumar, MemberSEAC-TN & Shri.K.Kumar, MemberSEAC-TN MEMBER SECRETARY 73 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC -TN Accordingly, the sub committee have inspected and studied the field conditions on 03.12.2022 (Saturday) and observations have been furnished as follows.

SI	Description	Remarks
<u>No</u>	SEIAAFileNo.	6846/2020
2.	OnlineProposalNo.	SIA/TN/MIN/41586/2019Dated:20.08.2019 (B1Category-Cluster)
3.	NameofProponent	Thiru.R.Ganesan,Directorof M/s.SRCProjects (P)Ltd.
4.	NameoftheProject	AthiRoughStoneQuarry
5.	NameoftheDistrict	Tiruvannamalai
6.	NamoftheTaluk	Cheyyar
7.	Nameofthevillage	Athi
8.	SFNos.	301(Part-2)
9.	ExtentinHa	4.50.0
10.	Nameofthemineral	Roughstones
11.	GrantedLeaseperiod	10years
13.	SEACsiteInspection letter	SEAC-TN/6846SiteInspection/2022dated
14.	DateofSub-committee Site inspection.	03.12.2022

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SINO.	Criteria	Observationinthefiled
1.	YearwiseMineraloutput	Noticedasper approvedminingplan, the development & production details are prepared according to the site conditions by the QP and it is then duly approved by the competent authority under Rule 11 (5) of MCDR 1988.



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2.	Formation of Benches &FencingProvisions	<ul> <li>i. ItisaGovernmentPorambokeland, the PP has beenawarded this Lease area through "Tender-Cum-Auction' processfrom the State Government. Hence, the PP could not install the fencing in theprojectsite.</li> <li>ii. The PP has informed that the benches will be formed for the scientific &amp; systematic quarrying practices as per the design proposed in the Approved Mining Plan and also in the recommendations given by the Department of Mining Engineering, NIT, Surathkal for ensuring the stability of the slopes for the highwall benches.</li> <li>iii. The PP has also informed that the necessary permission under Reg.106 (2) (b) of MMR 1961 will be obtained while sending the Notice of Opening to the Regional Inspector of Mines, DGMS, Chennai Region for ensuring safe work environment.</li> </ul>
3.	Drilling, BlastingandHeav y Machineryuse	The proposed mine is basically categorized under 'Mechanized mine' type. Due to hard charnockite formation in the proposed quarry, the conventional 'Drilling & Blasting' is practically inevitable for the breaking of such rock masses using explosives to obtain the fragments for further downstream operations including loading, transportation, screening and processing. Non-conventional methods such as rippers, rock breakers cannot be deployed in such formations due to geomechanical characteristics of the rock formation.
4.	Adequate and qualified statutorypersonnel	The PP has informed that they plan to employ the statutory personnel such as First Class/Second Class Mines Manager's certificate of competency, Foreman, Mine Mate / Blaster, under MMR 1961, for the proposed quarry.
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6.	Habitation/Forestlocatio n	<ul> <li>i. There is no habitation within 300 mtsradial distance of lease hold area as per Rule 36(1)ofTNMMCR,1959.</li> <li>ii. The Nearesthabitation is located at about 890m belongs to Athi village fromtheNorth Eastcorneroftheprojectsite.</li> <li>iii. Similarly, the forest - VengunamRFissituatedabout11.09 kmSouthsideofthe project(aerialdistance).</li> </ul>
7.	Ground water tableintersection.	<ul> <li>i. Themining area basically comprise of a hillocktopography,situated above ground level.</li> <li>ii. Initially, a depth of 50m(40magl+10mbgl)isproposedforfirstfive years of Mining Plan</li> </ul>
		<li>iii. During the second 'five year' excavation programme of Mining Plan, a depth of 95m(40magl+55mbgl) is proposed for extracting theentiredeposit.</li>
		<ul> <li>iv. Here, it has been observed that the Watertableinthisareais lying at 70mtsfromGL.Hence, thereisnopossibilityofintersectiongroundw atertable.</li> </ul>
		v. Besides the above, the PP have also assured that necessary steps will be implemented during the quarrying operation as per the recommendations provided by the scientific institution who had carried out the hydrogeological studies in line with instruction given by the SEAC.
8.	GreenBeltdevelopmenti nsafetyzoneandasperno rmsintermsofspecies andnumbers.	The proposed site being a Government Poramboke land, the PP has not yet initiated the greenbelt development at the project site. However, the proponent has developed thick greenbelt comprising over 200 trees surrounding the crusher unit established within 1 km distance from the quarrying site. The PP
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		developed at the quarry site after obtaining the environmental clearance
9.	MinedMineralstorage	<ul> <li>i. The PP has informed that theentire mined out quantity of mineralwillbetransportedtotheir crushingplant for further processing and also to the needycustomers who purchase it from their site.</li> <li>ii. Therefore, it is clearly understood that the mineral will not be transported through the village roads and stored within the lease area by the PP.</li> </ul>
10.	Surfacedrainage	Vaikkalislocatedabout50 mWestandCheyyarriverisabout200mWestsideoft he projectsite.lt has been observed that no 'Garland drainage' has been constructed by the PP for streamlining the flow of surface run-of since it is a Government poramboke land.
11.	Mined material transportroute	It was informed that a Temporary approach road is existing close to the projectsiteconnectingthe Cheyyar– Perunagarroad will be utilized for project purposes.
12.	Others	i. It was observed that an abandoned quarry is located at South East side of the project area (operated during the period of 21.08.2008 to 20.08.2018) and it is partially water logged.
		ii. There are no approved HRCE owned (or) Village-Panchayat managed temples, Archaeological monuments exists within the proximity of 300m from the project area.
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- 1. The project area exhibits hillock topography with boulders and scatteredscrubsandthickets, with the vegetation on the hillockdominatedbythegrass species. Hence, the PP shall remove the boulder rock fragments before commencing the quarrying activities for providing the safe environment.
- 2. The PP shall commence the quarrying operation from top to downwards by forming the benches of adequate dimension as specified in the approved Mining Plan (or) approved by the DGMS, Chennai Region.
- **3.** The PP shall take adequate mitigating measures as spelt out in the Hydrological & Slope stability reports submitted by the scientific agencies while working close to an abandoned quarry which islocated at SouthEastsideoftheprojectarea, which as of nowwater logged.
- **4.** Asperthe direction of the SEAC during the EIA appraisal, theProponenthascarriedout additional studies involving highly reputed scientific/academic institutions. The table below provides a brief summary of the recommendations from the studies:

SI.No.	Name of the Study	Conclusions & Recommendations of the Study Reports
1.	Slope stability studybytheNationalInstitut eofTechnology Karnataka,Surathkal,Mang alore	
		Page.No.28 <i>SI.No.4.</i> Proposedbenchheightof5masperapprovedmine/qu arryplanmaybeadopted. Bench width should be at least5mwhileworkingthebenches.Theslope angle of individual bench may be kept at 85° to 90° in general.
		However, the ultimate pit slope angle should not be more than 45° while working of benches for the safety reasons.
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		<b>SI.No.8</b> As water content was found to be nil during the laboratory experiments indicating it is fully non porous rock, there is no possibility of water percolating into benches to cause instability. <b>SI.No.9</b> . There is Cheyyar river located at around 200m on west side of the proposed quarry. The river is unlikely to influence the stability of the benches, or quarry operations are not likely to influence the water level of the river as the rock mass in the quarry is found to be non-porous in nature, and also there is considerable amount of level difference between the quarry and the river. <b>Page No. 285I.No.8</b> . The quarry management should maintain an effective drainage system in order to avoid inrush
2.	Comprehensivehydrogeol ogical studies byDepartment of Geology,UniversityofMadr as	of water during rainy season on to the benches. Page.No.69(Point. No. 1) The proposed mine region is categorizedas wasteland. The nearest water bodiesof the proposed mine are Vaikkal (nala)at50mandCheyyarRiveratadistanceof200mal ongthewestdirection of the proposed mines. Thereare no streams, canals or water bodiescrossing the proposed mine area.The proposed mine lies in a high reliefregionwhencomparedtotheregionfallingnear theCheyyar River.
		Page.No.69 (Point. No. 2) The mining operation carried out (Abandoned Quarry) so far has not affected the quality of both surface water and groundwater in this region. This zone is highly compact and the movement of water is very insignificance or negligible. From the geophysical studies, it is clear that groundwater movement is very poor in this region as the massiveness of the rock formation increases from the depth of 14 m (bgl) on an average. The transmissivity range of the study area
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	is 16 m2/day, suggesting that the proposed quarry falls under poor groundwater transmissivity zone. The above transmissivity property of the study area indicates that there is very insignificant movement of groundwater at sub surface level or the movement may be completely negligible. <b>Page.No.70 (Point.No.3)</b> The Cheyyar River flowing in the western part lies at much lower relief (82 m, amsl) than that of the proposed mine which is situated in elevated region (132 m, amsl). The difference in relief between Cheyyar River and the proposed mine is 50 m. Hence, the flooding in the Cheyyar River does not have any impact on the quarry and nearby villages.
	Page.No.70 (Point.No.4) The proposed mine is categorized under cluster which is covered in 6.50.0 Ha. The remaining 12.80.0 Ha area of the Athi hills is un-mined and act as protected zone from Cheyyar River flooding to the nearest Athi village which is located at a distance of 1.2 km NE. Thus the flooding in Cheyyar River does not have any implications to Athi Village. The drinking and agricultural water resources in the nearby villages are not affected by this mining activity as the proposed mining area lies in highly elevated region. Page.No.70(Point.No.5) The groundwater flow does not have anyimpact due to the mining activity in thisregion.
	<b>Page.No.70(Point.No.7)</b> The meteorological data and water level recorded for past five years show that the area in and around the proposed mine follow almost similarpatternandhence,theproposedmineand its surrounding does not have anyimpactofclimatechange.
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	artmentofSocialWork(Aide	$\label{eq:constraint} From the survey it was found that the women in Athivilla \label{eq:constraint}$
	d)MadrasChristianCollege, EastTambaram	geareeducatedbut most of them are unemployed
	casti ambaram	and homemakers. The study has shown that only
		few women are very successful at SHG level. I
		women are benefitted with special provision fo
		capacity building and skill development, the
		training them would be beneficial.
		2. The older women are not involved in an
		activities presently, but are interested to be a par
		of any home based employment activity. A few
		women who are widows are unemployed as well.
		3. The youth groups are interested to be in the field
		of sports, but facilities like play grounds and gym
		are not available to them.
		4. The village does not have a library and there i
		no facility for the children to access any study
		material. There are no schools nearby for th
		children to access the library. Evening tuition system
		has to be initiated in the village.
		The Anganwadi in the village has to
		bemaintainedproperly.
		5. From the suggestions provided by
		thevillagersitwasfoundthatmostofthevillagersrequir
		ecattlesheds.Someofthehouseshavenopropersanitat
		ionfacility. There is no feasibility to
		accessthePrimaryhealthcentre inthe village
		6. The youth in the village, most of
		themseemtobeunemployed.Entrepreneurshiptraini
		ngandbusinessdevelopmenttraininghavetobegivent o
		theyouthinthevillage.
[		7. The socio-economic survey did not specifically
		analyze the impact of the mining activities on the
		villagers - both in terms of the negative and
		positive consequences. The survey could have
		included responses of the villagers to the question
		on dust pollution, movement of quarry trucks
	_	anticipated impact due to drilling & blasting
		operations etc.
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4.	Baselinesurveyofplantdiver sity,CSIR- CentralInstituteofMedicina I&Aromaticplants,Research Centre, Bengaluru	Page.No.13(Point.No.8) The core project proposed site as well astheentirehillockis coveredwithgrassspecies, very scattered scrubs and thickets. Herbaceous species are dominated in this area. Though few endemicspeciesrecordedfromthestudy areamostofthemareherbaceous and the populations are Pan-Indian distribution. There is no threatened (Critically Endangered, Endangered & Vulnerable)speciesrecordedfromthe coreproject proposedareaaswellas fromtheentirehillock.
5.	IMPORTANT POINTSMENTIONE DINTHEFAUNASURVEY REPORT SUBMITTED BYDr.DEVANATHAN.	Page.No.3(Point.No.3.2)A total of 19 varieties of species were observed in the core zone of Athi village, Rough stone quarry (Table No 3.7) among them numbers of insects 6 (32%), reptiles 4 (16%), Mammels 2 (10%) and Avian 8 (42%). A total of 19 species belonging to 16 families have been recorded from the core mining lease areaNoneofthesespecies in the study area and surroundings arethreatened or endangered. There is noSchedule IspeciesandsevenspeciesareunderscheduleIVaccording totheIndianWildlife Act 1972Page.No.5(Point.No.3.3)1.1.Assuchtherearenochancesofoccurrence of any rare or endangered orendemicorthreatened(REET)specieswithinthe coreor buffer area.
		<ol> <li>TherearenoSanctuaries, NationalParks, TigerR eserveorBiosphereReserveorElephantCorridororot herprotected areas within 10 km radius fromcore area. It is evident from the availablerecords, reports, and circumstantialevidence that the entirestudy area including the core and buffer areaswere free from any endangered animals. There were no resident birds other than common bird species such as, green beeaters, Indian rollers, Roseringed parkeet, Common Mynas, Black drangos, Crows, GreyFrancolin.</li> <li>Atotalof14species of birdwere sighted in the study area. There are nocritically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, and endemicspecies. There are no parts on nearby fauna species.</li> </ol>
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4. Dominant species are mostly birds and insects, and the two amphibian observed
During the extensive field visit were Sphaerothecabrevicepsand Euphlyctishexadactylus.
PageNo.6(Point.No.3.4)
There are no migratory corridors, nestingand breeding siteswithinthe proposedsiteor in thecorearea and study area.No need to take any mitigation measuresinthis connection.
(Point No.3.4.1)
From the list, no Rare or Endangered orEndemic or Threatened (REET) speciesor anyspecies listed in Schedule 1 of theWildlife (Protection) Act. Hence, speciesspecificandhabitatspecificmitigationmeasures arenotneededinthisconnection.Theprojectsitedoesn ot overlapwithanyoftherecognizedRamsarsites. PageNo.12
MITIGATIONMEASURES
1. Norare, endemic&endangeredspeciesarereportedinthebufferzone. However, during the course of mining, the managementshall practice thescientific method of miningwithaproper Environmental Management Planincluding pollution control measures specially for air and noise,toavoidanyadverse impact on the surrounding wildlife.
2. Fencing shall be carried out around the mine
lease area to restrict the entry of stray animals. 3. Greenbelt developments hall be carried out which will help in minimizing adverse impact on the flora found in the area.
4. Topsoil shall be used for restoration andsuitablesurfacesforplantedseedlings. Allthepreventivemeasures shall be taken for the growth& development offauna.

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the detailed mitigating measures to be carried ou	<sup>e</sup> the EMP measures also have been revised.
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**1.** The Sub-Committee strongly recommends that the PP shall employ the following statutorily competent persons to carry out the proposed quarrying operation for implementing the recommendations made in the above scientific reports to ensure eco-friendly, safe, scientific &

SI. No	Designation	Qualifications	Number of Persons
1.	Mines Manager	First Class Mine Manager's Certificate of Competency under MMR 1961	1
2.	Assistant Mine Manager	Second Class Mine Manager's Certificate of Competency under MMR 1961	1
3.	Geologist	M.Sc., specialized in Hydrogeology	1
4.	Foreman	Foreman Certificate of Competency under MMR 1961	2
5.	Mine Mate	Mine Mate Certificate of Competency under MMR 1961	1
6.	Blaster	Blaster's Certificate of Competency under MMR 1961	1
7.	Environmental Engineer	B.E/ B.Tech (or) M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering	1
8.	Welfare Officer	MSc. in Social Welfare / Labour Welfare	1
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systematic way of mining operation.

- 2. One Thiru M.Palani S/o.Mannu residing at Athi village filed petition W.P.No15007/ of 2020 in the High court of Judicature at Madras against the District Collector, Tiruvannamalai and the same was disposed by an order vide W.P.No15007/2020 and W.M.PNo.18683/2020 Dated 10.11.2020against the Counter affidavit by theDistrictCollector,Tiruvannamalai, Based on the observation, the Sub-Committee had felt that the proposed quarry does not have any such serious impacts as indicated in the above petition.
- 3. The final conclusions & recommendations of the sub-committee based on the merits of all scientific study reports carried out by the highly reputed Scientific & Academic Institutions, and Field Inspection is thattherewillnotbeany significant impactorimplicationsto environment, public, habitations, water bodies, livelihoods, ground water, birds & animals during the operation of proposed rough stone quarry project through thestrict compliance of environment management plan as presented earlier to the SEAC. Further, the nearby villagerswill be benefited by direct and indirect employment from this project for the next 10 years which will also provide an opportunity for developing this area economically. Besides. theAthivillageandnearbyvillagerswillbebenefitedbythisproject through revenueobtained from theTenderAmount,SeigniorageFee,GreenFund, District MineralFoundationTrustFund, CER Fund, and CSR Fund.

Hence, thesubcommittee opines the grant of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rough stone quarry lease over an extent of 4.50.0 Ha at S.F.Nos 301 (Part-2) Athi Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu belongs to Thiru. R. Ganesan, M/s. SRC Projects (P) Ltd., maybeconsidered subject to the following conditions addition to the above recommendations:

1. The proposed action plan for green belt development shall be maintained in safety barrier zone of the over all project area and accordingly the plantation shall be carried out in the proposed quarry site and baul roads.

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- 2. The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory MinesManager of the concerned mine and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look in to the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.
- 3. The proponent shall maintain the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs to TNPCB.
- 4. Further, the PP shall maintain the garland drain with proper size, gradient and length along the boundary of the pit leaving behind the mandatory safety zone of 7.5 / 10 m as it is designed to take care of runoff water.
- 5. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.,
- No 'Deep-hole large diameter drilling and blasting' is permitted in the proposed quarry without obtaining prior permission from the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region under the provisions of Reg. 106 of MMR 1961.
- 7. Since habitations are situated at a distance of 890 m from the mine lease boundary, within one year from the commencement of mining operations, the PP shall carry out the scientific studies on 'Design of Blast parameters for reducing the impact of blast-induced ground/air vibrations and fly rock caused due to operation of the quarry by adopting appropriate controlled blasting techniques', by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal and Anna University CEC Campus. A MEMBER SECRETARY
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copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MOEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance.

- 8. The PP shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out during a prescribed time interval with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry after having posted the sentries/guards adequately to confirm the non-exposure of public within the danger zone of 500 m from the boundary of the quarry.
- 9. The PP shall carry out the advanced tools in the blasting operation such as advance vibration monitoring models, electronic detonators, etc. such that the ground vibration due to blasting is reduced to negligible PPV level and no fly rock is produced.
- 10. The PP shall carry out the scientific studies to assess the slope stability of the benches and quarry wall after three years from the commencement of mining operation for ensuring safety of the persons employed in the mine, by involving a reputed Research and Academic Institution such as CSIR-Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research (CIMFR) / Dhanbad, NIRM, IIT(ISM)/Dhanbad, IIT-Madras, NIT-Dept of Mining Engg, Surathkal etc. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.
- 11. The PP shall carry out the socio-economics studies in the villages located within 2 km from the site by involving reputed institutions such as Madras School of Economics, Chennai, Department of Management Studies, Pondicherry University and Madras School of Social Work, etc. during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year after the commencement of quarrying operations. A copy of such scientific study report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF, and the DEE/TNPCB, as a part of Environmental Compliance without any deviation.

12. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate bank MEMBER SECRETARY 87 CHAIRMAN SEAC -TN SEAC -TN account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF& CC and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.

This proposal was placed in 338<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.12.2022. Based on the inspection report and document furnished, SEAC accept the recommendation made by the Sub Committee and decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for production should not exceed 1056550 cu.m of rough stone &36900 m3 of top soil. The annual peak production is 235650cu.m of rough stone. The proposed depth is 50m (40m AGL + 10M BGL) and ultimate depth is 95m (40m AGL +55m BGL) in addition to the conditions in Annexure -1 of this minutes and the conditions suggested by the Sub Committee with the following specific conditions:

- 1. As per the MoEF& CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-1A.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere EMP furnished.
- 2. As accepted by the Project proponent the CER cost is Rs. 16,59,080/- and the amount shall be spent towards the Government Higher Secondary School, Elaneerkundram, T.V. Malai Districtbefore obtaining CTO from TNPCB.

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### ANNEXURE-1

- 1. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the required number of statutory officials and the competent persons in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Metalliferrous Mines Regulations, 1961.
- The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 4. 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 i.e. quantum of mineral, waste, over burden, inter burden and top soil etc.. 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 not 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 of Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The proponent shall ensure that the slope of dumps is suitably vegetated in scientific manner with the native species to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion and surface run off. The gullies formed on slopes should be adequately takep care of as it impacts the overall stability of dumps.

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- 7. Perennial sprinkling arrangement shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
- 8. The Project Proponent shall carry out slope stability study by a reputed academic/research institution such as NIRM, IIT, Anna University for evaluating the safe slope angle if the proposed dump height is more than 30 meters. The slope stability report shall be submitted to concerned Regional office of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Chennai as well as SEIAA, Tamilnadu.
- 9. The Proponent shall ensure that the Noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be submitted to TNPCB once in 6 months.
- 10. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 11. The purpose of Green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University and local school/college authorities. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 12. Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably ecofriendly bags should be planted in proper escapements as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 13. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) The Proponent shall carry out only the Controlled Blasting operation using NONEL shock tube initiation system during

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daytime. Usage of other initiation systems such as detonating cord/fuse, safety fuse, ordinary detonators, cord relays, should be avoided in the blasting operation. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks should be implemented meticulously under the supervision of statutory competent persons possessing the 1 / II Class Mines Manager / Foreman / Blaster certificate issued by the DGMS under MMR 1961, appointed in the quarry. No secondary blasting of boulders shall be carried out in any occasions and only the Rock Breakers (or) other suitable non-explosive techniques shall be adopted if such secondary breakage is required. The Project Proponent shall provide required number of the security sentries for guarding the danger zone of 500 m radius from the site of blasting to ensure that no human/animal is present within this danger zone and also no person is allowed to enter into (or) stay in the danger zone during the blasting. (ii) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.

- 14. Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 15. The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.
- 16. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 17. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried materials shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried rough stones; and

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transport of rough stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.

- 18. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 19. After mining operations are completed, the mine closure activities as indicated in the mine closure plan shall be strictly carried out by the Proponent fulfilling the necessary actions as assured in the Environmental Management Plan.
- 20. The Project proponent shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition that is fit for the growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 21. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
- 22. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMRD, 1956, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
- 23. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 24. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
- 25. Prior clearance from Forestry & Wild Life including clearance from committee of the National Board for Wildlife as applicable shall be obtained perfore starting

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the quarrying operation, if the project site attracts the NBWL clearance, as per the existing law from time to time.

- 26.All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 27. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- 28. The Project proponent shall install a Display Board at the entrance of the mining lease area/abutting the public Road, about the project information as shown in the Appendix –II of this minute.

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No	Scientific Name	Tamil Name	Tamil Name
1	Aegle marmelos	Vilvam	ஷல்வம்
2	Adenaan thera pavonina	Manjadi	மஞ்சாடி, ஆனைக்குன்றிமனர்
3	Albizia lebbeck	Vaagai	വണ്ടാട
4	Albizia amara	Usil	உசில்
5	Bauhinia purpurca	Mantharai	மந்தாரை
6	Bauhinia racemosa	Aathi	ுக்கி
7	Bauhinia tomentos	Iruvathi	இருவாத்தி
8	Buchanania axillaris	Kattuma	காட்டுமா
9	Borassus flabellifer	Panai	LIDERT
10	Butea monosperma	Murukkamaram	முருக்கமரம்
11	Bobax ceiba	Ilavu, Sevvilavu	କ୍ରିଶ୍ୟ
12	Calophyllum inophyllum	Punnai	Laterat
13	Cassia fistula	Sarakondrai	சரக்கொன்றை
14	Cassia roxburghii	Sengondrai	செங்கொன்றை
15	Chloroxylon sweitenia	Purasamaram	புரசு மரம்
16	Cochlospermum religiosum	Kongu, Manjafllavu	கோங்கு, மஞ்சள் இலவு
17	Cordia dichotoma	Naruvuli	தருவுளி.
18	Creteva adansoni	Mavalingum	பாவிலங்கம்
19	Dillenia indica	Uva, Uzha	±_#1
20	Dillenia pentagyna	SiruUva, Sitruzha	சிறு உசா
21	Diospyro sebenum	Karungali	கருங்காலி
22	Diospyro schloroxylon	Vaganai	ait <b>emat</b>
23	Ficus amplissima	Kalltchi	கல் இச்சி
24	Hibiscus tiliaceou	Aatrupoovarasu	ஆற் <b>ருட்புதைக</b>
25	Hardwickia binata	Aacha	्रभुङंसा
26	Holoptelia integrifolia	Aayili	ച്ചുവർ ഗർഗ്, എവിൽ
27	Lannea coromandetica	Odhiam	அதியம்
28	Lagerstroemia speciosa	Poo Marudhu	ப் கடுது
29	Lepisanthus tetraphylla	Neikottaimaram	தைய் கொட்டடை மரம்
30	Limonia acidissima	Vila maram	விலா மரம்
31	Litsea glutinos	Pisinpattai	அரம்பா. பிசின்பட்டை
32	Madhuca longifolia	Iliuppai	இலுப்பை
33	Manilkara hexandra	UlakkaiPaalai	B_00460745 LITED 00
34	Mimusops elengi	Magizhamaram	மகிழமரம்
35	Mitragyna parvifolia	Kadambu	5LDU
36	Morinda pubescens	Nuna	<b>Dicini</b>
37	Morinda citrifolia	Vellai Nuna	Constant Pran
38	Phoenix sylvestre	Eachai	ஈச்சமரம்
39	Pongamin pinnat	Pungam	

# Appendix -I List of Native Trees Suggested for Planting

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40	Premna mollissima	Murmai	முள்ளை
41	Premna serratifolia	Narumunnai	50 (yátanat
42	Premna tomentosa	Malaipoovarasu	மலை பூவரச
43	Prosopis cinerea	Vanni maram	வன்னி மரம்
44	Pterocarpus marsupium	Vengai	Cardiera.
45	Pterospermum canescens	Vennangu, Tada	Gaaiaaniag
46	Pterospermum xylocarpum	Polavu	LIEVEL
47	Puthranjiva roxburghi	Karipala	கற்பாலா
48	Salvadora persica	Ugaa Maram	வகா மரம்
49	Sapindus emarginatus	Manipungan,	மணிப்பங்கள்
		Soapukai	<b>Beniu ji seni</b> u
50	Saraca asoca	Asoca	<b>अर्थ</b> नास्त
51	Streblus asper	Piray maram	பிராய் மரம்
52	Strychnos nuxvomic	Yetti	ari.iq
53	Strychnos potatorum	Therthang Kottai	OBBERT OBTION
54	Syzygium cumini	Naval	51900
55	Terminalia belleric	Thandri	தான்றி
56	Terminalia arjuna	Ven marudhu	Ganat 1055
57	Toona ciliate	Sandhana vembu	சந்தன வேப்பு
58	Thespesia populnea	Puvarasu	பூவரசு
59	Walsuratrifoliata	valsura	QUISUS.JT
60	Wrightia tinctoria	Veppalai	GOLLITERO
61	Pithecellobium dulce	Kodukkapuli	கொடுக்காப்புளி

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## Appendix -- II

## Display Board (Size 6' x5' with Blue Background and White Letters)

### .....கரங்கம்

சரங்கங்களில் குவாரி செயல்பாடுகளுக்கான சுற்றுச்துழல் அனுமதி கீழ்கண்ட நிபந்தனைகளுக்கு உட்பட்டு வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது serva/\_\_\_\_\_ தேதியிடப்பட்டு, சுற்றுச்துழல் அனுமதி \_\_\_\_\_தேதி வரை செல்லத்தக்கதாக உள்ளது.

பசுமை பகுதி வளர்ச்சி	குணற்றின் எல்லையைச் சுற்றி வேலி அமைக்க வேண்டும்			
மேம்பாட்டுக்கான கரங்கத் திட்டம்	கரங்கப்பாதையின் ஆழம் தரைமட்டத்திலிருத்துமீட்டர்க்கு மிகாமல் இருக்க வேண்டும்.			
• • • • • •	காற்றில் மாசு ஏற்படாதவாறு கரங்க பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும்.			
நடப்பட்டு	வாகணங்கள் செல்லும் பாதையில் மாக ஏற்படாத அளவிற்கு தண்ணீரை முறையாக			
நடப்பட்டு பராமரிக்கப்படவேண்டிய மரங்கள்	தன்ணீர் லாரிகளின் மூலமாக அவ்வப்போது தெளிக்க வேண்டும். இரைச்சல் அளவையும் தூசி மாசுபாட்டையும் குறைப்பதற்காக குவாரியின் எல்லையை			
ദണങ്ങിക്കട:	கற்றி அடர்த்தியான பகலை பகுதியை ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டும்.			
கரங்கத்தில் வெடி வைக்கும்பொ	ழது இலகுதிர்வுகள் ஏற்படாதவாறும் மற்றும் கற்கள் பறக்காதவாரும் பாதுகாட்டி			
தடவடிக்கைகளை உ <b>ள்ளி</b> ப்பாக செ	பல்படுத்தப்பட வேண்டும்.			
	ச்சல் அளவு 85 டெசிபல்ஸ் (dBA) அளவிற்கு மேல் ஏற்படாதவாறு தகுந்த கட்டுப்பாடுகளை			
மேற் கொள்ள வேண்டும்.				
கரங்க சட்ட விதிகள் 1955ன் கீழ் ககாதாரமுன்ள கழிப்பறை வசதிகள	கரங்கத்தில் உள்ள பணியார்களுக்கு தகுத்த பாதுகாப்பு கருவிகள் வழங்கவதோடு nor செய்து கா வேண்டும்.			
காரல் அல்லது புத்தாயுக்கு வுறியா	s வாகனங்கள் செல்லும் சாலையை தொடர்ந்து நன்கு பராமரிக்க வேண்டும்.			
காங்கப்பணிகளால் அரசில் உள்ள	விவசாயப் பணிகள் மற்றும் நீர்நிலைகள் பாதிக்கப்படக் கூடாது.			
	தை உறுதி செய்யும் வகையில் நிலத்தடி தீரின் தரத்தினை தொடங்கு கண்காணிக்க வேண்டும்.			
கரங்கத்திலிருந்து களிய பொருட்க	கைன் எடுத்துச் செல்வது கிராம மக்களுக்கு எந்தத் சிரமத்தினையும் ஏற்படுத்தாதவாறு ல் பாதிக்கவாத வண்ணம் வாகனங்களை <b>இயக்க வேண்டு</b> ம்.			
கரங்கப்பளிகள் முடிக்கப்பட்டவுடன் அங்க மூடல் திட்டத்தில் உள்ளவாறு கரங்கத்தினை மூட வேண்டும். கரங்கப்பணிகள் முடிக்கப்பட்டவுடன் அங்க மூடல் திட்டத்தில் உள்ளவாறு கரங்கத்தினை மூட வேண்டும்.				
ATTAL AL QUARTER (104.65	பின்னர் கரங்கப் பகுதி மற்றும் கரங்க நடவடிக்கைகளால் திடையூறு ஏற்படக்கூடிய			
வேறு எந்தப் பகுதியையும் மறகட்டுமானம் செய்து தாவரங்கள் விலங்குகள் ஆகியவற்றின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு ஏற்ற வகையில்				
பக்கையில் குகிலை உருவாக்க வேண்டும்.				
புமலை வான பெங்கனைகளை அபிய பாரிவேன் (http://pariveshuncin) என்றை இணையதளத்தைப் பார்வையிடவும் மேலும் எந்தவி				
கற்றுக் மல் சார்ந்த பதார்த்தைக்கு சென்னையில் உள்ள கற்றுக்குழல் மற்றும் வன அமைச்சத்தின் ஒருவகணைந்த வட்டன				
அலுவலகம்: 044 – 28222325 (அல்லது) தமிழ்தாடு மாக கட்டுப்பாடு வாரியத்தின் மாவட்ட கற்றுக்குழல் பொறியாளரை அணுவேம்.				

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