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Present:

The following members were present.

1.	Shri Bandla Siva Sankar Prasad, I.F.S, (Retired).	Chairman
2.	Dr. Muduru Srimurali Professor of Civil Engineering, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	Member
3.	S.Sri Saravanan, I.F.S Special Secretary to Govt., Environment, Forests, Sciences and Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh & Member Secretary, SEIAA, A.P.	Member Secretary

253.01	2.00 Ha, Black Granite Mine of M/s Pranav Granites to M/s. Bhagavathi Trading LLP., at Sy.No. GAP Area, Kothapalli (V) Chowdepalli (M), Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh –Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/MI N/523190/ 2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s Pranav Granites to M/s. Bhagavathi Trading LLP., subject to submission of NOC from transferor.
253.02	2.50 Ha Quartz Mine of Sri Vemula Srinivasulu to M/s PBJ Exports and Imports at Sy. No. 147 of Yerrabotlapalli Village, Kondapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh–Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/524443 /2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from Sri Vemula Srinivasulu to M/s PBJ Exports and Imports.
253.03	2.00 Ha, Black Granite Mine of Sri K.V. Shanmugam to Sri K.S. Thanikachalam at Sy.No. Gap Area of Gaddamvaripalli (V), Chowdepalli (M), Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/524856/2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from Sri K.V. Shanmugam to Sri K.S. Thanikachalam.
253.04	15.0 Ha Colour Granite Mine of Sri. R. Jaya Prakash Naidu to M/s. Ikon Natural Resources at Sy. No: 85, T. Sadum Village, Tanakallu Mandal, Anantapuram District, Andhra Pradesh. - Environmental Clearance- Issued – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/525535/2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from Sri. R. Jaya Prakash Naidu to M/s. Ikon Natural Resources.
253.05	5.00 Ha, Black Granite Mine of Sri. Sukhavasi Bala Krishna to M/s Gowtham Granites at Sy. No: 51/Part of Ummadivaram Village, Vinukonda Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/MI N/526082 /2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from Sri. Sukhavasi Balakrishna to M/s Gowtham Granites.
253.06	2.00 Ha, Colour Granite Mine of Sri K. Babu to Sri B V

	Manirathnam at Sy.No. 28, Chinaganapalli (V) Amadagur (M), Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh –Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/MI N/526238 /2025
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from Sri K. Babu to Sri B V Manirathnam.
253.07	M/s. Mylan Laboratories Limited Unit 8 to M/s Tianish Laboratories Private Limited Unit 8 at G. Chowdavaram (V), Pusapatirega (M), Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh - Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/IND3/464654/2024
	Decision of SEIAA :- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Mylan laboratories Limited Unit 8 to M/s Tianish Laboratories Private Limited Unit 8.
253.08	Bulk Drug & Drug Intermediates Manufacturing Unit of M/s. Aurobindo Antibiotics Pvt. Ltd to M/s. Lyfius Pharma Pvt. Ltd., at Sy.No.350, 351, 353, 354 to 358, 361 to 375 and 380 to 382 of A.V. Nagaram Village, Kakinada SEZ area, Tondangi Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/IND3/306413/2023
	Decision of SEIAA :- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Aurobindo Antibiotics Pvt. Ltd to M/s. Lyfius Pharma Pvt. Ltd., subject to submission of Undertaking by the transferee in the prescribed format and with a condition that the EC order is subject to the clarification received on the letter dt.09.08.2024 addressed to the MoEF&CC, Gol .
253.09	Bulk Drug & Drug Intermediates Manufacturing Unit of M/s. Auroactive Pharma Pvt. Ltd., to M/s. Qule Pharma Pvt. Ltd., at Sy.No. 349,350, 351, 352 & 353, A.V. Nagaram Village, Kakinada SEZ area, Tondangi Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/IND3/306415/2023
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Auroactive Pharma Pvt. Ltd to M/s. Qule Pharma Pvt. Ltd., subject to submission of Undertaking by the transferee in the prescribed format and with a condition that the EC order is subject to the clarification received on the letter dt.09.08.2024 addressed to the MoEF&CC, Gol.
253.10	M/s. Hyacinths Pharma Pvt. LTD., to M/s. Auroactive Pharma Pvt. Ltd., at Sy.No.286, 287 & 288, 289/1, & 3, 290/1, to 4 and 291/1 to 5 of Sancham Village, Ranasthalam Mandal, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg.

	SIA/AP/IND3/306547/2023
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Hyacinths Pharma Pvt. LTD to M/s. Auroactive Pharma Pvt. Ltd., subject to submission of Undertaking by the transferee in the prescribed format and with a condition that the EC order is subject to the clarification received on the letter dt.09.08.2024 addressed to the MoEF&CC, Gol.
253.11	Bulk Drug & Drug Intermediates Manufacturing Unit of M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Pvt. Ltd, Unit XI, Located at Sy. No. 52, 53, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 & 78 (Pydibheemavaram Village) , 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 29, 30, 31 & 32 (Chittivalasa Village), Ranasthalam Mandal, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh To M/s. Apitoria Pharma Pvt. Ltd SIA/AP/IND3/307013/2023
	Decision of SEIAA:- Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Pvt. Ltd, Unit XI to M/s. Apitoria Pharma Pvt. Ltd, subject to submission of Undertaking by the transferee in the prescribed format and with a condition that the EC order is subject to the clarification received on the letter dt.09.08.2024 addressed to the MoEF&CC, Gol.
253.12	M/s. Viki Industries (P) Ltd., to M/s. MS Agarwal Foundries Private Limited., at Pennapalli Village, Pellakur Mandal, Tirupati District (Earlier SPSR Nellore District), Andhra Pradesh – Transfer of EC - Reg. SIA/AP/IND/291604/2022
	Decision of SEIAA:-Decided to transfer the Environmental Clearance from M/s. Viki Industries (P) Ltd., to M/s. MS Agarwal Foundries Private Limited., subject to submission of Undertaking by the transferee in the prescribed format and with a condition that the EC order is subject to the clarification received on the letter dt.09.08.2024 addressed to the MoEF&CC, Gol .
230.08 229.07, 231.29, 232.21, 239.03, 242.13, 248.25& 253.13	M/s. Capricorn Distillery Private Limited, Survey No. 145, Annadevarapeta village, Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District Andhra Pradesh– EC Amendment - Reg. SIA/AP/IND2/301701/2023
	Recommendations of SEAC on 09.10.2023 The proposed project falls under Item No. 5(g) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i).

Distilleries (Molasses based distilleries \leq 100 KLD & Non-molassesbased distilleries \leq 200 KLD).

The General Manager of the Plant, and their consultant M/s. Pionner Enviroconsultants, have attended the meeting and presented their proposal. The SEAC Committee noted that:

- a. The unit obtained Environmental clearance from MoEF&CC, GoI vide order dt. 22.10.2007 for **60 KLPD Grain based distillery** unit to manufacture Extra Neutral Alcohol/Fuel-Grade Ethanol at Annadevarapeta village, TallapudiMandal, West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh in the name of M/s. Sri Teja Bio fuels Private Limited in area of 14.30 Ha.
- b. The MoEF&CC, GoI vide order dt. 23.02.2023 transferred EC order dt. 22.10.2007 from "M/s. Sri Teja Bio fuels Private Limited" to "M/s. Capricorn Distillery Private Limited" with the same terms and conditions and validity under which prior environmental clearance was initially granted.
- c. The unit has CTE and CTO from the APPCB from time to time and latest CTO was issued by APPCB vide order dt. 04.08.2021 with a validity up to 31.05.2025 in the name of M/s. Capricorn Distillery Private Limited" for manufacture of 60 KLD of Extra Neutral Alcohol/ fuel grade Ethanol (Raw materials: Maize/Jowar/ Broken rice) and 8.0 KLD of Hand Sanitizer.
- d. The MoEF&CC ,GoI vide S.O No. 1960 (E) dt. 13.06.2019 issued amendment to the 5 (g) – Distillers substituting the following:

Project/ Activity	Category with threshold limit		Conditions, if any
	A	B	
5	Manufacturing/Fabrication		
"5(g) Distilleries	Molasses based distilleries > 100 KLD	Molasses based distilleries < 100 KLD	General Conditions shall apply";
	Non-molasses-based distilleries >200 KLD	Non-molasses-based distilleries < 200 KLD	

From the above notification, the unit falls under category - B and is at State Level (SEIAA).

- e. Now the unit has applied for amendment to the EC order dt.22.10.2007 for change total land area (Page No1, Para -2 of EC), green belt development (Page No1, Para -2 of EC), enhancement of Boiler capacity from 18

TPH to 20 TPH (Page No2, Specific condition- iv of EC) to produce 2 MW power generation and to establish CO₂ recovery plant.

- f. The SEAC noted that the unit obtained EC in an extent of 14.30 Ha. Subsequently, the irrigation department vide letter dt. 20.11.2015 has acquired an extent of 5.18 Ha from the unit for the purpose of Polavaram Irrigation canal and hence, total land available with the unit is only 9.12 Ha.
- g. The SEAC noted that the MoEF&CC, GoI issued EC with a condition that "Green belt in 11.57 Ha of the plant area shall be provided to mitigate the effects of fugitive emissions all around the plant and compost yard as per the CPCB guideline in consultation with the local DFO". Also, in the CTO order dt.04.08.2021 a condition was stipulated as "Green belt of adequate width and density shall be maintained along the boundary and in industry premises with minimum area of **33% of the total area.**"
- h. The SEAC noted that as per the KML the unit has developed green belt in extent of 2.26 Ha and unit has proposed to develop green belt in another 0.84 Ha to achieve 33% of the green belt area. i.e., 3.1 Ha in line with CTO order dt. 04.08.2021.
- i. The SEAC noted that the unit has obtained permission for 18 TPH coal fired boiler. Now the industry is requesting to permit for enhancing the capacity of the boiler from 18 TPH to 20 TPH coal fire boiler with the same existing stack height of 49m.
- j. The SEAC noted that total water requirement as per the EC order is 1258 KLD and the total water requirement inclusive of CO₂ Recovery and enhancement of boiler capacity will be 910 KLD which is well within the EC permitted water requirement of 1258 KLD. The unit has obtained approval for drawing of water from the Godavari River.
- k. The SEAC noted that unit has proposed to install back pressure turbine and the high pressure steam from the boiler initially passed through the turbine to generate electricity of 2 MW. Subsequently, the steam at low pressure will be utilized to meet the steam requirement of the distillery Plant. The power generated will be utilized only for captive requirement.
- l. The SEAC noted that CO₂ is being liberated during the fermentation process and at present it is being let out into atmosphere without any recovery. The unit has proposed to install CO₂ recovery plant of 50 TPD

capacity in the existing plant premises. CO₂ recovered will be given to dry ice manufacturers/ soft drink manufacturing companies. Water required for CO₂ recovery plant is 2 KLD and will be sourced from Godavari River which is the source of water for existing plant.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to **issue amendment to EC order dt.22.10.2007** for following with the same terms and conditions and validity under which prior environmental clearance was initially granted.

1. Reduction of total land area from 14.30 Ha to 9.12 Ha.
2. Development of green belt in an area of 3.1 Ha (33% of the total area of 9.12 Ha)
3. Enhancement of boiler capacity from 18 TPH to 20 TPH coal fired boiler.
4. To install 2MW co- generation power plant with a condition to utilize for captive purpose only and also to install CO₂ recovery plant of capacity 50 TPD.
5. The total water requirement inclusive of CO₂ Recovery and enhancement of boiler capacity shall not exceed 1258 KLD as permitted in the EC order.

This proposal was placed in the 239th SEIAA meeting held on 13.02.2024 and the SEIAA observed that the MoEF&CC issued EC order vide order dt.22.10.2007 to M/s. Sri Teja Bio fuels Private Limited stipulating a condition that **“Green belt in 11.57 Ha of the plant area shall be provided to mitigate the effects of fugitive emissions all around the plant and compost yard as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the local DFO”**. i.e., the greenbelt is about 80% of total area. The Irrigation Department vide letter dt.20.11.2015 has acquired an extent of 5.18 Ha from the unit for the purpose of Polavaram Irrigation canal. The proponent could have taken amendment to EC order for greenbelt condition in 2015 itself from MoEF&CC as the condition was stipulated by MoEF&CC. Subsequently, the proponent obtained Transfer of EC from M/s. Sri Teja Bio fuels Private Limited to M/s. Capricorn Distillery Private Limited from MoEF&CC, GoI vide order dt.23.02.2023 but not obtained amendment to EC order. It is appropriate that the proponent approach MoEF&CC for amendment as the greenbelt condition stipulated by MoEF&CC in the EC order dt.22.10.2007.

In view of the above, the **SEIAA decided to direct the proponent to apply at MoEF&CC for the required amendments.** The proponent submitted the Representation vide letter dt.04.03.2024. This proposal was again placed in the 242nd SEIAA meeting held on 24.04.2024 and the **SEIAA decided to seek clarification from MoEF&CC, New Delhi on the following:**

1. Regarding M/s. Capricorn Distillery Pvt Ltd:

- a. Whether the SEIAA A.P, can issue amendment to M/s Capricorn Distillery Pvt. Ltd for reduction in total plant area from 14.30 Ha to 9.12 Ha.
- b. Reduction of Greenbelt area from 11.57 Ha to 3.1 Ha.

• General Clarification:

Whether the SEIAA A.P, can issue amendments / alter the conditions of any EC order that was granted by MoEF& CC GOI, New Delhi.

Due to Model Code of Conduct regarding General Elections, 2024 the file has been put in abeyance and subsequently tenure of the SEIAA was ended. Hence the proposal was placed before the newly constituted SEIAA in 248th meeting held on 03.01.2025 and agreed with the recommendations of 242nd SEIAA meeting held on 24.04.2024 to seek clarification from MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

Accordingly, the SEIAA addressed a letter to MoEF&CC,GoI on 14.01.2025, seeking clarification.

The MoEF&CC, GoI vide OM dt.28.02.2025 clarified that "*SEIAA & SEAC shall be the competent Authority for issuance of Amendments (including Corrigendum) / Transfer such TORs/ ECs and split/ extend the validity / accept the surrender, of such ECs granted earlier by MoEF&CC at the Central level under the circumstances highlighted in Para-II above on account of the change of circumstances as mentioned in Para-III above*".

In view of the above, the issue was again placed in 253rd Day 3 SEIAA meeting.

Decision of SEIAA:- Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Amendment to Environmental Clearance dt.22.10.2007.

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