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Minutes of the 805th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 14-03-2024

The meeting of 805th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 14.03.2024 the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Smt. Mamta Sanjeev Dubey
2. Shri Paras Nath
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Singh

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

Agenda-A- Minutes of 845th SEAC-2 Meeting Dated 12/03/2024

1. Building Stone (Gitti, Boulder, Khanda) Sand Stone mine at Araj No./Plot No./Gata No.- 1744, 1745 Khand No.-58, at Village – Bhatauti, Tehsil- Meja, District- Prayagraj, Shri Rajeshwar Mishra, M/s Khushi Enterprises, Area 4.0480 ha., 8806/7944/SIA/UP/MIN/463893/2024.

The issue was deliberated upon in depth and SEIAA noted that the DSRs were being updated by Geology and Mining Department Uttar Pradesh before 4/12/2023 on the basis of extant notifications and guidelines and leases had been auctioned and proposals for EC had been uploaded on Parivesh portal. These proposals have also been appraised and recommended for grant of EC by SEAC. As per para 8(ii) of EIA notification 2006 -The regulatory authority shall normally accept the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned. Hence in light of all these facts EC is being granted to the title proposal.

SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC taking into consideration discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022 regarding reply of SEAC-1 and SEAC-2 for compliance/action taken on TOR/Public hearing, adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied with.
3. Approved explosives and proper technique should only be used for blasting, to avoid loud sound and cracks in nearby buildings.
4. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 2023 and submit before the start of work.
5. The mining lease holders shall ensure to comply with mine reclamation plan as submitted.

6. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
7. Mine reclamation plan should be prepared for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
8. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
9. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or district plantation committee, for planting at least 5,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Also, the coordinates of area earmarked for plantation should be clearly spelt and polygon should be attached and submitted within a month. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
10. The project proponent shall ensure that water bodies do not get polluted due to mining activity and in consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepare a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of all water bodies within periphery of 5 km. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
11. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
12. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
13. The project proponent shall install rooftop solar plant in one school in the vicinity of project area and construct toilets especially in girls' school as part of CER activity.
14. **Project Proponent shall submit the Six-monthly Compliance on the Environment Clearance condition prescribed in the Prior Environment Clearance letter as per MoEF&CC OM F.no- IAS-22/01/2022-IA-III (E-172624) Dated 14-06-2022.**
15. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
16. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
17. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.

18. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
19. This EC shall be subject to any order from any court/tribunal or any guidelines issued by MOEFCC.
2. Construction of 17 Nos. Court and other allied buildings for Integrated Court Complex at District – Amethi, Shri Sujeet Vishwakarma, [Law Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh] on EPC Mode., 8808/SIA/UP/INFRA2/463998/2024.

SEIAA noted the comments of SEAC.

3. “Ordinary Soil Excavation Mining Project” at Gata No. 417, 418, Village- Imiliya Manpur, Tehsil- Mahmudabad, District - Sitapur, Shri Manoj Kumar, Area- 0.626 ha., 8810/SIA/UP/MIN/464235/2024.

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1. If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate.
2. Validity period of this EC is 2 months as per mining plan approval letter or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 2023 and submit before the start of work.
4. The mining lease holders shall ensure to comply with mine reclamation plan as submitted
5. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
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 8. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
 9. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
 10. The project proponent shall install rooftop solar plant in one school in the vicinity of project area and construct toilets especially in girls' school as part of CER activity.
 11. **Project Proponent shall submit the Six-monthly Compliance on the Environment Clearance condition prescribed in the Prior Environment Clearance letter as per MoEF&CC OM F.no- IAS-22/01/2022-IA-III (E-172624) Dated 14-06-2022.**
 12. This EC shall be subject to any order from any court/tribunal or any guidelines issued by MOEFCC.
4. **Construction of Residential and Non-Residential buildings of 2nd Battalion Special Security Force at Village- Taljadaha, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Gorakhpur, Shri Devendra Bhushan., 8812/SIA/UP/INFRA2/464295/2024.**
- SEIAA noted that as per para 8(ii) of EIA notification 2006 -The regulatory authority shall normally accept the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned. In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022 SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC. In addition to the conditions imposed by SEAC, SEIAA added following additional specific conditions:-
- 1- The project proponent shall submit within the next 3 months the details of solar power plant and solar electrification details within the project.
 - 2- The project proponent shall ensure to plant broad leaf trees and their maintenance. The CPCB guidelines in this regard shall be followed.
 - 3- The project proponent shall submit within the next 3 months the details on quantification of year wise CER activities along with cost and other details. The CER activities should be related to mitigation of Environmental Pollution and awareness for the same like water harvesting pits and carbon sequestration parks / designed ecosystems .At least one school in the vicinity of project area should be provided with

rooftop solar plant, toilets in public place or in school of nearby villages and if there is a girl's school then girls toilet properly equipped with overhead water tank should be constructed.

- 4- The project proponent shall submit within the next 3 months the details of estimated construction waste generated during the construction period and its management plan.
 - 5- The project proponent shall submit within the next 3 months the details of segregation plan of MSW.
 - 6- The project proponent shall ensure that waste water is properly treated in STP and maximum amount should be reused for gardening flushing system and washing etc. For reuse of water for irrigation sprinkler and drip irrigation system shall be installed and maintained for proper function. Part of the treated sewage, if discharged to sewer line, shall meet the prescribed standards for the discharge.
 - 7- Under any circumstances untreated sewage shall not be discharged to municipal sewer line.
 - 8- The project proponent will ensure that proper dust control arrangements are made during construction and proper display board is installed at the site to inform the public the steps taken to control air pollution as per air act 1981 (as amended) and the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, CAQM guidelines.
 - 9- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhinyam, 2023 and submit before the start of work.
 - 10- If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
 - 11- Provision for charging of electric vehicles as per the guidelines of GoI /GoUP should be submitted within the next 3 months.
 - 12- PP should display EC granted to them on their website. 6-monthly compliance report should be displayed on their website and to be given every six month to residents/ occupants of the building.
 - 13- EC is granted with the condition that EC is valid only for the building plan which has been submitted by PP for seeking EC. In case approved building plan is different from the one submitted for seeking EC then this EC will stand null and void.
 - 14- The project proponent shall install organic bio converter.
 - 15- **Project Proponent shall submit the Six-monthly Compliance on the Environment Clearance condition prescribed in the Prior Environment Clearance letter as per MoEF&CC OM F.no- IAS-22/01/2022-IA-III (E-172624) Dated 14-06-2022.**
5. Commercial Building "Max Square Two" Situated at Plot no C3 - B1 and B2, Sector -129, Jaypee Wishtown, Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddha Nagar, Shri Rishi Raj, M/s Max Square Limited., 8814/SIA/UP/INFRA2/463648/2024.

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to close/delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal.



6. **"Ordinary Earth Mine" at Gata No.- 1224, Village- Belkhara Sailab, Tehsil- Ram Sanehi Ghat, District- Barabanki, Shiv Shakti Enterprises, Shri Harishchandra, Area- 0.6070 ha., 8816/SIA/UP/MIN/464526/2024.**

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 12. This EC shall be subject to any order from any court/tribunal or any guidelines issued by MOEFCC.
7. **"Sand/ Morrum Mining" Project at Gata No.- 58, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, & 114, Village- Madauli Khurd Khadar, Tehsil- Pailani, District- Banda, Shri Yaduvanshi Vikas Singh, Area : 7.053 ha., 8818/8452/SIA/UP/MIN/464843/2024.**

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1. District Mining Officer shall ensure that if mineable quantity mentioned in LOI is amended as per replenishment study report the project proponent shall seek amended/fresh EC.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied with.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhinyam, 2023 and submit before the start of work.
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- water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
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 16. This EC shall be subject to any order from any court/tribunal or any guidelines issued by MOEFCC



17. Next year the project proponent shall submit online replenishment study report along with 06 monthly compliance report.
8. **"Ordinary Sand Mining" at Ghaghara River Bed at Gata No. 396/1 , Area: 11.70 Ha, Village: Takia Dharahara Khadar, Tehsil: Salempur, District: Deoria, Mr. Raj Pratap Yadav, 7252/SIA/UP/MIN/458787/2024.**

EC in question was issued vide letter no. EC22B000UP189847 dated 22.11.2022 for an annual production of 1,17,000 cum. After this transfer, original EC and transfer order both will become null and void.

SEIAA noted that the previous lease issued to Shri Raj Pratap Yadav, Rampur Khurd, Piperpati Sadar, District Deoria was cancelled vide DM, Deoria order no. 698/Kha-anu/2023 dated 04.08.2023 and another LOI was issued to M/s Amethia Enterprises for a 1,17,000 cum per annum production capacity vide letter no. Lol/2023/10/05-10-2023 dated 05.10.2023.

Hence SEIAA opined to transfer Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC22B000UP189847 dated 22.11.2022 from Shri Raj Pratap Yadav, Rampur Khurd, Piperpati Sadar, District Deoria to M/s Amethia Enterprises for 1,17,000 cum per annum production capacity for six months. SEIAA added following conditions:-

1. Transfer of EC is granted for remaining period i.e till 21.11.2027 from the date of issue or validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier and after this the original EC and transfer order both will become null and void.
2. For remaining period, Project Proponent shall submit replenishment study to SEIAA, UP for amendment in EC for mineable quantity and maximum permissible depth for mining based on scientific findings of replenishment study. Such study shall be placed before SEAC for appraisal to assess rate of deposition and accordingly, mineable production capacity and depth can be prescribed based on trends analysis, provided it is found scientifically satisfactory by the SEAC.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
4. 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.
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Rest all the content of Environmental Clearance letter no. EC22B000UP189847 dated 22.11.2022 shall remain same.

Area mentioned in the previous EC is being transferred only. If there is a change in geo-coordinates of the area then EC will be null and void

9. **Building stone (Sand Stone) Mining project at Araj No.- 428, Village-Dhuriya, Tehsil-Chunar, District- Mirzapur, Shri Sanjay Singh, Area: 2.828 Ha., 8388/7343/SIA/UP/MIN/450052/2023.**

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9. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or district plantation committee, for planting at least 3,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Also, the coordinates of area earmarked for plantation should be clearly spelt and polygon should be attached and submitted within a month. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
10. The project proponent shall ensure that water bodies do not get polluted due to mining activity and in consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepare a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of all water bodies within periphery of 5 km. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
11. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
12. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
13. The project proponent shall install rooftop solar plant in one school in the vicinity of project area and construct toilets especially in girls' school as part of CER activity.
14. **Project Proponent shall submit the Six-monthly Compliance on the Environment Clearance condition prescribed in the Prior Environment Clearance letter as per MoEF&CC OM F.no- IAS-22/01/2022-IA-III (E-172624) Dated 14-06-2022.**
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18. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.
19. This EC shall be subject to any order from any court/tribunal or any guidelines issued by MOEFCC.

10. Expansion of Group housing project at Sector- 10, Greater Noida, District- Gautam Buddha Nagar, Shri Rahul Verma, M/s Nivas Promoters Pvt. Ltd., 8314/SIA/UP/INFRA2/446211/2023.

SEIAA noted the comments of SEAC.

11. Sand/Morrum Mine from Riverbed of Betwa River, at Khand No.- 864/320, 865/320, Village- Simiriya, Tehsil- Orai, District- Jalaun, Shri Balwant Singh and Shri Dushyant Singh, M/s Parihar Construction, Area-27.53 Ha., 8606/7937/SIA/UP/MIN/456019/2023.

The issue was deliberated upon in depth and SEIAA noted that the DSRs were being updated by Geology and Mining Department Uttar Pradesh before 4/12/2023 on the basis of extant notifications and guidelines and leases had been auctioned and proposals for EC had been uploaded on Parivesh portal. These proposals have also been appraised and recommended for grant of EC by SEAC. As per para 8(ii) of EIA notification 2006 -The regulatory authority shall normally accept the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned. Hence in light of all these facts EC is being granted to the title proposal.

SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC taking into consideration discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022 regarding reply of SEAC-1 and SEAC-2 for compliance/action taken on TOR/Public hearing and 703th SEIAA meeting regarding replenishment study, adding following specific conditions:-

1. District Mining Officer shall ensure that if mineable quantity mentioned in LOI is amended as per replenishment study report the project proponent shall seek amended/fresh EC.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied with.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 2023 and submit before the start of work.
4. The project proponent shall contribute 10% of CER to Forest Department, UP towards ex-situ conservation of aquatic species like crocodile, Ghardiyal etc.
5. The mining lease holders shall ensure to comply with mine reclamation plan as submitted.
6. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
7. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved

- either by Forest Department or district plantation committee, for planting at least 28,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Also, the coordinates of area earmarked for plantation should be clearly spelt and polygon should be attached and submitted within a month. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
8. The project proponent shall ensure that water bodies do not get polluted due to mining activity and in consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepare a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of all water bodies within periphery of 5 km. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
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 14. Next year the project proponent shall submit online replenishment study report along with 06 monthly compliance report.
12. Cement Grinding Unit for proposed production of 2.5 MTPA at Village-Dharouli, Madhupur, Pargana, Tehsil-Patti, Pratapgarh, Shri Saurabh Lohia, M/s Kanodia Cem Pvt Ltd., 8342/7457/SIA/UP/IND1/447350/2023.
- SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that in online application under site selection it is mentioned that it is an existing project and fresh EC is being applied. Hence SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit clarification regarding the above along with detail air pollution control measures, plant layout and detail of transportation, storage and procurement of fly ash.
13. Sand/Morrum Mining Project along River Betwa at Gata No-240, Khand No-02 at Village -Himanpura, Tehsil- Kalpi, District- Jalaun, Shri Ravi Panjwani, Area- 20.20 ha., 8504/SIA/UP/MIN/452867/2023.

SEIAA noted the comments of SEAC.

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14. Gitti, / Boulder, DoloStone Mining Project at Arazi/Gata No.- 4920mi, 4921mi, 4922mi, 4923, 4934, 4937mi, 4924mi near Village- Billi Markundi, Tehsil-Obra, District – Sonbhadra, Shri Ramesh Chandra Vaishya, Area 1.13 Ha., 8600/SIA/UP/MIN/455919/2023.

The issue was deliberated upon in depth and SEIAA noted that the DSRs were being updated by Geology and Mining Department Uttar Pradesh before 4/12/2023 on the basis of extant notifications and guidelines and leases had been auctioned and proposals for ToR had been uploaded on Parivesh portal. These proposals have also been appraised and recommended for grant of ToR by SEAC. As per para 8(ii) of EIA notification 2006 -The regulatory authority shall normally accept the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned. Hence in light of all these facts ToR is being granted to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. SEIAA added following points to ToR-

- 1- Since no intimation has been submitted regarding available monitoring data, hence data will be collected after issuance of ToR.
- 2- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 3- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
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- 7- Latest KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
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- 15. Gitti, Boulder, DoloStone Mining Project at Arazi/Gata No. 4860 Ka & 4810 near Village- Billi Markundi, Tehsil –Obra, District – Sonbhadra, Shri Sakib Khan, Area- 1.03 Ha., 8604/SIA/UP/MIN/451708/2023.**

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- 16. Sand Mining Project From Govt. land on Bed of River Yamuna at Khasra No.- 1515, Village- Gadaun, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Firozabad, Shri Vishal Pachauri, Area – 2.76 ha., 8534/SIA/UP/MIN/453672/2023.**
- SEIAA noted the comments of SEAC.
- 17. नगर पालिका परिषद सिकन्दराराऊ, जलपद- हाथरस में राज्य सैक्टर कार्यक्रम के (पेयजल व्यवस्था) योजना के अन्तर्गत स्वीकृत हुये कार्यों के कराये जाने हेतु पर्यावरणीय क्लेरियन्स के सम्बन्ध में।**
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20. Discussion on Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi Order, dated 29.01.2024 in Original Application No. 109/2024 Akash Dubey Versus Union of India & Ors.

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC to submit the site visit report before Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 109/2024 Akash Dubey vs. Union of India & Ors.

Agenda-B- Letter/Reply

1. Proposed of Building Stone (Sandstone) mine at Khasra/Gata no.- 497 & 198 , Village- Chakjata Sonpur, Tehsil- Chunar, District- Mirzapur, U.P., by Usha Devi, Area of 2.424 ha. File no- 8304-7262.

SEIAA noted that the above project was taken in its 800th meeting in which SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall upload the KML file. The project proponent has submitted a letter dated 12.03.2024 stating that KML file in Pen drive has been submitted.

The issue was deliberated upon in depth and SEIAA noted that the DSRs were being updated by Geology and Mining Department Uttar Pradesh before 4/12/2023 on the basis of extant notifications and guidelines and leases had been auctioned and proposals for EC had been uploaded on Parivesh portal. These proposals have also been appraised and recommended for grant of EC by SEAC. As per para 8(ii) of EIA notification 2006 -The regulatory authority shall normally accept the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned. Hence in light of all these facts EC is being granted to the title proposal.

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1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied with.
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 6. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
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**Nodal Officer
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