

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI 781021, ASSAM

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 07/08/2021

The 18th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at the SEIAA office on 07/08/2021 at 11.00 a.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Smti. Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam presided over the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 22th Meeting of SEAC to be held on 22nd July, 2021.

 Proposal of EC for collection of ordinary Clay / River Silt from "Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.3 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar proposed by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV). SEIAA.1790/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/215894/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/3:

The project proposal submitted by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV) requesting mining of ordinary river silt/clay from Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.3 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the documents including the approved Mining Plan as well as recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer is made. After due discussion the committee recommended approval to the project for mining of 70000 cu.m. river silt/ clay from the approved site within a period of two years. 35000 cu.m. river silt/ clay is approved for excavation per year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Haltugaon Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities and he will ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/01:

EC approved adhering to the condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

2. Proposal of EC for collection of Sand, Gravel and Ordinary Clay / Silt from "Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.2 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajar proposed by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV). SEIAA.1791/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/215870/2021)

SEAC Resolution 22/4:

The project proposal submitted by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV) requesting mining of sand, gravel and ordinary river silt/clay from Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.2 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the documents including the approved Mining Plan as well as recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer is made. After due discussion the committee recommended approval to the project proposal for mining of 65000 cu.m. river silt/ clay; 2500 cu.m. gravel and 2500 cu.m. sand from the approved site within a period of two years. 32500 cu.m. river silt/ clay; 1250 cu.m gravel and 1250 cu.m sand is approved to mine per year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Haltugaon Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/02:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

3. Proposal of EC for collection of Sand, Gravel and ordinary Clay / river Silt from "Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.1 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajar proposed by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV). SEIAA.1792/2021, (SIA/AS/MIS/215814/2021)

SEAC Resolution 22/5:

The project proposal submitted by M/S Shree Gautam SBP (JV) requesting mining of sand, gravel and ordinary river silt/clay from Saralbhanga Minor Mineral Permit Area No.1 under Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the documents including the approved Mining Plan as well as recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer is made. After due discussion the committee recommended approval to the project proposal for mining of 65000 cu.m. river silt/ clay; 2500 cu.m. gravel and 2500 cu.m. sand from the approved site within a period of two years. 32500 cu.m. river silt/ clay; 1250 cu.m gravel and 1250 cu.m sand is approved to extract per year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Haltugaon Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/03:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

4. Proposal of EC for mining of stone from "Nopani P.P Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu proposed by Sri Bidya Singh Engti. SEIAA.1786/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/211683/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/6:

The proposal submitted by Sri Bidya Singh Engti for mining of stone from "Nopani P.P Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Detail discussion is held and required documents are also scrutinized. Due discussion is held. The committee recommended approving the project proposal for mining of 15000 cu.m. stone from the proposed location within three (3) years time. The annual quantity of minable material 5000 cu. m. stone is approved. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the course of mining.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO will also ensure that the approved mine closure plan is practically implemented in the field.

SEIAA Resolution 18/04:

EC Approved.

5. Proposal of EC for mining Stone / Boulder from " 4.2 Ha Stone/ Boulder MPA on Borgang River Bed" under Sonitpur (East) Division proposed by M/S RAMKY- TK (JV) SEIAA.1617/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/181940/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/7:

The project proposal submitted by M/S RAMKY- TK (JV) requested for mining of Stone / Boulder from "4.2 Hect. Stone/ Boulder MPA on Borgang River Bed" under Sonitpur (East) Division is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. Documents submitted by the proponent are scrutinized. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and the approved mining plan are also seen. Due deliberation is made and the committee recommended the project proposal approving to mine 80800 cu.m. river stone/boulder manually form the approved site within two years period. Accordingly, 40400 cu.m. river stone/ boulder is approved to operate per year. The proponent shall have to ensure that all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan is strictly followed during the mining operation.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/05:

EC Approved.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

6. Proposal of EC for Collection of Silt from "MPA- Padumoni/ Pokimuri, Plot 10 of 2017-19" under Majuli (T) Forest Division proposed by M/S T.K Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA.1114/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/44997/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/8:

The project proposal submitted by M/S. T.K Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd. requesting EC for mining of Silt from "MPA- Padumoni/ Pokimuri Plot 10 of 2017-19" under Majuli (T) Forest Division is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent and detail deliberation is held. Due deliberation is made and considering the recommendation of the concerned DFO and necessity of the works, the committee recommended the proposal to extract 60630 cu.m. silt from the proposed location within two years while annual extraction quantity is approved 30315 cu.m. subject to fulfilling the following conditions. (1). There should be at least 100 meters mining restricted zone be kept between the high bank of the river and proposed mining site. (2). River bank must not get disturbed due to mining. (3) Mining be done manually and no machinery will be used for mining. (4). Transport plan for carrying the mining materials is to be submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Forest Division before actual mining operation for his information and taking requisite action. The proponent shall have also strictly adhered to all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan in addition to the conditions discussed in the foregone para.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same. Further, the Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Forest Division is requested to mount due surveillance while transporting the mine out materials by boat to guard against occurrence of environmental disturbance in the surrounding areas.

SEIAA Resolution 18/06:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

7. Proposal of EC for collection of Stone from "Dikhow River Stone (Sand/ Gravel) MPA G (II) under Sivasagar Forest Division proposed by M/S GDCL. SEIAA.1730/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/191910/2021) SEAC Resolution 22/9:

The project proposal submitted by M/S GDCL asking EC against mining of stone from "Dikhow River Stone (Sand/ Gravel) MPA G (II)" under Sivasagar Forest Division is place before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Necessary scrutiny of the documents is made followed by detail discussion on the proposal. The committee after deliberation recommended for approval of the project proposal to extract 20,000 cu.m. river bed stone (sand/Gravel) from the approved location within two years. Annual quantity of minable materials is approved 10,000 cu.m. subject to adherence to the following conditions.

(1). Mining be done leaving a mining restricted zone keeping distance 100 mts. from the high bank of the river. (2) Forest habitat near the river bank should not get disturbed due to mining process. (3). Blasting is not allowed in the mining operation. (4) The mine out materials will be used exclusively for construction of 4-Lanning Highway from Jhanji to Demow Section. These are to be adhered to in addition to other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sivasagar Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/07:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

8. Proposal of EC for extraction of Ordinary earth from "Jiabharali River Bed MPA" under Sonitpur West Division proposed by M/S Simplex Infrastructure. SEIAA.1732/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/199231/2021)

SEAC Resolution 22/10:

The project proposal submitted by M/S Simplex Infrastructure for mining of Ordinary earth from "Jiabharali River Bed MPA" under Sonitpur West Division is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent. Approved mining plan, recommendation of the concerned DFO and NOC issued by the District Magistrate, Sonitpur on this issue is discussed. The committee after due deliberation recommended to approve the proposal for extraction of ordinary earth 59200 cu.m. from the proposed site within two years subject to maintain excavation (mining) depth 1.5 mts. from the unmine high bank of the river and keeping a distance at least 100 mts from the high bank as mining restricted area to avoid river bank erosion. In addition to the above the proponent shall have to strictly follow all the etrms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan. It is also approve to excavate 29860 cu.m. ordinary earth per year from the approved location.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur West Forest Division, Tezpur will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/08:

EC Approved.

 Proposal of EC for mining of Stone from "Katamur (Sila Sindurighopa) Stone Permit area" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia proposed by Sri Ratanlal Bhati - SEIAA.1775/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/209582/2021)

SEAC Resolution 22/11:

The project proposal submitted by Sri Ratanlal Bhati requesting EC for mining of stone from "Katamur (Sila Sindurighopa) Stone Permit Area" under North Kamrup Division, Rangia is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent in support of his proposal and detail deliberation is held. The committee after due deliberation and going through the land records; approved mining plan as well as recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, N K Division recommended to approve the project for mining of 24000 cu.m. Granitic stone together with 16000 cu.m. Weathered stone from the proposed site within two years. It is also approved to extract 12000 cu.m. Granitic stone and 8000 cu.m. Weathered stone per year from the approved site. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the pendency of the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangia will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation and he will also ensure that the mining be allowed only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO will also ensure that the approved mine closure plan is practically implemented in the field.

SEIAA Resolution 18/09:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

 Proposal requesting EC against NELP Karbi Anglong Block (AA-ONN-2010/2) for Drilling in two locations (KNEA & KNEB) proposed by Oil India Limited. SEIAA.1793/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/214230/20).

SEAC Resolution 22/13:

The project proposal submitted by Oil India Ltd. requesting for EC against NELP Karbi Anglong Block (AA-ONN-2010/2) for Drilling in two locations (KNEA & KNEB) is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. Necessary scrutiny of the documents furnished by the proponent is made. The committee after thorough deliberation recommended for approval of the proposal for two drill sites KNEA and KNEB with the following conditions.

- Since KNEB site is close to water body, the proponent should adopt extra care/measures during drilling operation so that the water bode/ marshy area is not get affected.
- Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) be renewed which is expired on 4th June 2021 and copy of the fresh PEL please be marked to this office for record.
- Other related land documents to be submitted to SEIAA as per SOP.
 The proponent is requested to respond at their earliest on the above points.

SEIAA Resolution 18/10:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

11. Proposal for Collection of Sand from "Jamunamukh Kopili Nodi Sand Permit Area No. 1(A) (Rev Portion) (2019-26)" and applied for TOR by Sri Bishnu Ram Bordoloi. SEIAA.1785/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/162689/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/15:

The project proposal submitted by Sri Bishnu Ram Bordoloi for mining of Sand from "Jamunamukh Kopili Nodi Sand Permit Area No. 1(A) (Rev Portion) (2019-26)" under Nagaon Forest Division is placed before the SEAC for discussion. In the last SEAC held on 3rd July 2021 the proposal was appraised to the Hon'ble members of the committee and it was decided to give presentation by the proponent with assistance of the concerned RQP. The RQP and the proponent were invited to give presentation and accordingly given presentation before the committee. Due discussion is held in presence of the proponent and the *committee recommended to approve TOR applying general condition for submission of detail EIA report as per norms*. However, in the discussion it is revealed that the reserve estimation method is not proper and it is advised to follow proper river sand mining estimation method while formulating the detail EIA report.

SEIAA Resolution 18/11:

Approved for issuance of TOR.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

12. Proposal of EC for mining of Stone from "Helagog Minor Mineral Concession Area for Stone of Govt Land" under Kamrup East Division proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup (East) Division. SEIAA.1658/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/206715/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/16:

The project proposal submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Division, Basistha, Guwahati requesting EC for mining of Stone from "Helagog Minor Mineral Concession Area under Govt Land measuring 2.0 hect areas" is placed before the SEAC for deliberation. The proposal was placed before the SEAC in the last meeting held on 18th June 2021. The committee after scrutiny and due discussion opined to have site visit. Accordingly the subcommittee of the SEAC, Assam inspected the proposed site on 8th July 2021 and submitted their site inspection report. Detail discussion is held and considering the report of the filed visit, approved mining plan, NOC issued by the District Magistrate, Kamrup Metro District the committee recommended approving the project proposal for mining of 1,20,000 cu.m. stone from the approved site within five (5) years with the condition that (i) downstream channels of water are not disturbed due to mining activities. (ii) the stone extracted from the mine should exclusively be used for Government works against indent of the concerned Government department. The quantity to be extracted per year is approved 24000 cu.m. Stone. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Division will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. Similarly, he will also ensure that the approved mine closure plan is implemented as approved therein. Further, the DFO will ensure to submit half yearly compliance report as per norms.

SEIAA Resolution 18/12:

EC Approved.

13. Proposal of EC for mining of Sand from "Disang River Sand Mahal (H), Sapekhati" under Sivasagar Forest Division proposed by Sri Sanjib Gogoi. SEIAA.1672/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/198823/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/17:

The project proposal submitted by Sri Sanjib Gogoi asking EC for mining of Sand from "Disang River Sand Mahal (H), Sapekhati" under Sivasagar Forest Division is placed on the SEAC meeting for appraisal amd detail discussion. Due scrutiny of the documents are made and held detail discussion on the proposal. The committee after detail deliberation recommended approval to the proposal for *mining of 400 cu.m. sand from the proposed location within one (1) year time*. The proponent shall have to follow all the terms and condition strictly that are laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sivasagar Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities during the mining period. He is also requested to allow mining only at the approved location and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/13:

EC approved as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

14. Proposal for extension of EC against collection of Gravel & Boulder from "Bhairabkunda Boulder/ Gravel Mahal under Dhansiri Forest Division proposed by Sri Birkhangsha Hainari. SEIAA.1729/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/203131/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/18:

The proposal asking extension validity of EC submitted by Sri Birkhangsha Hainari against mining of Gravel and Boulder from "Bhairabkunda Boulder/ Gravel Mahal" under Dhansiri Forest Divvsion is placed in the SEAC meeting for appraisal and detail discussion. Scrutinized the records including the half yearly compliance report and earlier EC dt.16th Nov. 2015, and detail discussion is held. Considering the approved mining plan as well as recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhansiri Forest Division the committee recommended for extension of the EC with validity up to 31st Aug. 2022 for extraction of 4875 cu.m. gravel and 1625 cu.m. boulder from the approved site. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the earlier EC during the mining period.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhansiri Forest Division, BTR will ensure strict surveillance on the mining operation to check occurrences of irregularities. He is also requested to allow mining only at the approved site and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/14:

Approved EC with condition laid down by SEAC.

15. Proposal for extension of EC against collection of Sand & Gravel from "Tipkai River MCA" under Parbatjhora Forest Division proposed by Moon Ahmed. SEIAA.1597/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/189493/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/19:

The proposal for extension of EC submitted by Moon Ahmed against mining of Sand & gravel from "Tipkai River MCA" under Parbatjhora Forest Division, BTR is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. The document submitted by the proponent has thoroughly been verified. The approved mining plan; recommendation the DFO, Parbatjhora Division and EC issued earlier on 18th May 2015 have also been verified. The committee after detail deliberation recommended approval on the project proposal to extend validity of the EC for 3 (three years) to extract 5000 cu.m. sand and 2500 cu.m. gravel with the condition that mining is allowed only at the Bishunbasara and Falakata block leaving the Jaypur block. The Jaypur block will remain as non mining block and mining is banned therein to avoid probable river bank erosion. The proponent shall have to restrict their mining operation only in the Bishunbasara and Falakata block strictly following the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Parbatjhora Forest Division will ensure that mining be allowed only in the Bishunbasara and Falakata block. Mining is banned in the Jaypur Block because of the reason discussed above. The DFO will ensure due surveillance on the mining operation to avoid occurrence of irregularities. He is also requested to ensure that mining is allowed only in the approved location (in two blocks out of three) and not beyond the limit of the same.

SEIAA Resolution 18/15:

Approved EC with condition laid down by SEAC.

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma,
Member, SEIAA, Assam

16. Proposal requesting TOR for the proposed Cements Grinding Unit (1000 TPD OPC/PPC) at Village Tetelia, Sonapur under Kamrup Metro District proposed by Halco Buildtek. SEIAA.1758/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/62031/2020)

SEAC Resolution 22/20:

The project proposal requesting TOR for the proposed "Cement Grinding Unit (1000 TPD OPD/PPC)" at the village Tetelia, Sonapur under Kamrup Metro District proposed by M/S. Helco Buildtek is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail deliberation. Documents submitted by the proponent along with the proposal have verified thoroughly. Due deliberation is held on the proposal. Considering the proposal being 3 (b) categories the committee recommended for issuance of TOR applying general condition in favour of the proponent for submission of detailed EIA report for taking further needful action.

SEIAA Resolution 18/16:

Approved for issuance of TOR.

There being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury)

Chairman,

SEIAA, Assam

Smti Madhurima Baruah (Sen), IAS, Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam