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### **Present:**

# The following members were present. (Through Video Conference)

1.	Sri P.Venkata Rami Reddy, I.A.S, (Retired).	Chairman
2.	Dr.ThatiparthiByragi Reddy  Professor. Department of Environmental Sciences, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam	Member
3.	Dr.P.V.ChalapathiRao, I.F.S  Special Secretary to Govt.,	Member Secretary

Environment, Forests, Sciences and	
Technology Department,	
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh &	
Member Secretary, SEIAA, A.P.	

06/05/2023	
Agenda Item: 218.22 & 215.28	1.526 Ha. Mining of Ordinary Earth, Road Metal & Ballast of Sri Satti Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Reddy at Sy. No., 338, Duddukur Village, Devarapalli Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance - EIA Case - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/421591/2023
	Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.  Category: B2 at par with B1
	The proposed project is for <b>Mining of Ordinary Earth, Road Metal &amp; Ballast</b> in an area of <b>1.526 Ha.</b> with a proposed production quantity of <b>Mining of Ordinary Earth, Road Metal &amp; Ballast: 25,515 m3 / annum</b> with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.
	The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (≤250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).
	The representative of the project and their consultant Hubert Enviro Care Pvt., Ltd., have attended the meeting.
	The project proponent has obtained TOR on 13.10.2022 and public hearing was held on 28.12.2022.
	Public Hearing Details:
	Village developmental activities and employment to villagers, greenbelt development, water sprinkling, and social welfare activities are the main issues raised. There are no specific environmental issues raised during the public hearing.
	<ul> <li>Response of the proponent during the PH: Sri P.V.R.S. Surendra, EIA Coordinator of HECS, on behalf of Sri Satti Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Reddy: He thanked everyone who participated in the Public Consultation and he explained the public for following prevention &amp; control measures for proposed mining activity: <ul> <li>Wet drilling will be adopted and controlled sequential blasting will be carried-out. Due to controlled sequential blasting, the vibrations in the surrounding areas will be minimal.</li> <li>The dust may get generated due to transport vehicles that carry the mined mineral.</li> </ul> It will be suppressed by water spraying with tankers continuously.</li> </ul>

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- The vehicles carrying the mines material will be covered with tarpaulins to prevent dust.
- It is proposed to take- up plantation of 1000 medicinal trees along with 1000 Conocarpus (Dubai) plants in the vacant mine land and also on both sides of the approach road. The protection and maintenance of these trees will be the responsibility of the quarry management.
- Once the mining operations gets started, half-yearly monitoring of Ambient Air Quality, Noise Levels, Water quality testing, etc., will be carried out and the reports will be submitted to MoEF& CC Regional Office, APPCB and SEIAA.
- In the proposed mine, around 30 people will get direct employment and another 45 persons get indirect employment. In addition, opportunities will be given to local mine workers (men & women), in various supporting indirect activities like transportation of mined materials, water spraying on the approach roads, tree plantation and their maintenance etc.,
- As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, in association with other quarries operating in the village, it is proposed to provide tractor truck to Duddukuru the local village. Also, it is proposed Rs.1.50 Lakhs to arrange annual health camps for the benefit of the people from surrounding villages.
- Fencing will be provided around the mined area after completion of mining activity.
- All precautionary measures will take-up for Environmental Protection.

The base line data was collected from March, 22 to May,2022 .The predominant wind direction is observed to be North to South. Modelling was done through AERMOD soft ware. The Isopleth generated by the AERMOD shows UTM coordinates.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 59.4 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 1.16 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall at a distance of 0.3KM from the mine in Southern direction.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3**. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda 3.00 Ha. Mining of Gravel of Smt. M. Shankar Bhavani at Sy. No. 73, Taticherla Item: Village, Anantapur Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental

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	Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.
	Category: B2.
	The proposed project is for mining of <b>Gravel</b> in an area of <b>3.00 Ha.</b> with a proposed
	production quantity of <b>Gravel – 23,988 m3/annum</b> with a condition that the total
	production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per
	Mining scheme/ plan.
	The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA
	Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of
	mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).
	The project proponent and their RQP Sri G.Eswar Reddy, have attended the
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	The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines &
	Geology, Anantapuramu, vide Lr. dated: 10.03.2023, there are no existing quarry
	leases within the radius of 500 mts area and obtained LOI extension on 23.01.2023.
	The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to Taticherla village,
	health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility
	(CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.
	Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:
	<ul> <li>Proposed to provide Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for</li> </ul>
	Suppression the dust particles.
	The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan,
	MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue
	Environmental Clearance with following conditions:
	1. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental
	management plan.
	2. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads &
	village Road sides.
	3. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
	4. The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated
	ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
	5. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport
	vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
	6. The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during
	vehicular movement.
	7. The project proponent shall provide 360m trench on Northern boundary side of
	lease area to prevent surface runoff.
	<b>Decision of SEIAA:-</b> Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue
	Environmental Clearance.
Agenda	4.890 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone Quarry of M/s. Dwarakamai
Item:	Constructions Pvt. Ltd. At Sy. No. 142, Veparalla Village, Rayadurgam Mandal,
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206.26,	Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – EIA Case-
	Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/402176/2022

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Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2 at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Road Metal & Building Stone**in an area of **4.890 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road Metal & Building Stone**—**72,662 M3/Annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The proponent and their consultant M/s. VVN Technologies have attended the meeting and presented the case and the project proponent has submitted change of consultancy letter.

The SEIAA has issued TOR with public hearing on 25/06/2021 and public hearing was held on 01/06/2022.

# Public hearing details

# No specific environmental issues raised in the public hearing.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

The consultant on behalf of proponent replied:

Sri Aswartha Narayana, Environment Consultant, M/s. Global Environment & Mining Services, Hospet:

He assured that the management will adopt all the norms/the guidelines stipulated by the Govt. while operating the mine. He also assured that the management will provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the workmen in the mine lease area. He assured that the management will provide six-monthly health checkups for the surrounding villages. He also assured that the management will adopt controlled sequential blasting by using a delay detonator to control vibrations in the surrounding areas.

# The decision of 206<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms, EIA Reports, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to raise ADS for Ambient Air Quality monitoring details and predictions.

Accordingly the proponent has submitted Ambient Air Quality monitoring details and predictions on 03.03.2023.

The base line data was collected from Oct, 21 to Dec,2021 .The predominant wind direction was observed to be East to west.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be  $61.40 \, \mu g/m3$ . The incremental concentration is  $7.90 \, \mu g/m3$ . The GLC of SPM will fall within mine lease area in the west direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to Veperalavillage, and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs, ADS reply, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- 1. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- 7. The project proponent shall comply all assurances given in the public hearing.
- **8.** The project proponent shall provide 370m trench on North West boundary of lease area side to prevent surface runoff.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance with a condition that the project proponent shall comply with the concerns raised in the public hearing.

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5.0 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone of M/s. Dwarakamai Constructions Pvt. Ltd., at Sy. No. 142, Veparalla Village, Rayadurgam Mandal, Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – EIA Case - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/401665/2022

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2 at par with B1.

The proposed project is for mining of **Road Metal & Building Stone** inan area of **5.0 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road Metal & Building Stone** –

**70239 M3**/**Annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The proponent and their consultant M/s. VVN Technologies have attended the meeting and presented the case and the project proponent has submitted change of consultancy letter.

The SEIAA has issued TOR with public hearing on 25/06/2021 and public hearing was held on 01/06/2022.

# Public hearing details

# No specific environmental issues raised in the public hearing.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

The consultant have spoken on behalf of proponent:

Sri Aswartha Narayana, Environment Consultant, M/s. Global Environment & Mining Services, Hospet:

He assured that the management will adopt all the norms/the guidelines stipulated by the Govt. while operating the mine. He also assured that the management will provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the workmen in the mine lease area. He assured that the management will provide six-monthly health checkups for the surrounding villages. He also assured that the management will adopt controlled sequential blasting by using a delay detonator to control vibrations in the surrounding areas.

# The decision of 206<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & Oms, EIA Reports, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to raise ADS for Ambient Air Quality monitoring details and predictions.

Accordingly the proponent has submitted Ambient Air Quality monitoring details and predictions on 03.03.2023.

The base line data was collected from Oct, 21 to Dec,2021 .The predominant wind direction is observed to be East to west.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 61.40 μg/m3. The incremental concentration is 7.90 μg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall within mine

lease area.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to Veperalavillage, and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, ADS reply, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- 7. The project proponent shall comply all assurances given in the public hearing.
- **8.** The project proponent shall provide 310m trench on Southern side to prevent surface runoff.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance with a condition that the project proponent shall comply with the concerns raised in the public hearing.

Agenda Item: 205.43, 218.26&

215.32

7.90 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone of M/s. Sri Venkatasasi Stone Crusher at Sy.No: 70 Makavaram Village Anakapalli Mandal Visakhapatnam District Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – EIA Case - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/81232/2021

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

**Category:** B2 at par with B1

The proposed project is for mining **Road Metal & Building Stone** in an area of **7.90 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road Metal, Building Stone** – **1,29,600 m3/annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of

mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent M/s. S.V.Enviro Labs & Consultants have attended the meeting.

Earlier the project proponent obtained violation TOR on 31.03.2022 wherein the credible action was not mentioned. Hence, the committee recommended for ADS to submit CC No. as part of credible action.

# Decision of 195<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, **recommended to raise ADS for submission of proof of initiation of credible action i.e., CC No. filed before the Hon'ble 1<sup>st</sup> class magistrate court under section 15 read with section 19 of E (P) act, 1986, initiated by Regional office, APPCB as part of credible action.** 

Accordinlgy the proponent has submitted proof credible action initiated.

# Public hearing details

Village developmental activities and employment to villagers, greenbelt development, water sprinkling, controlled blasting, DSR, and social welfare activities are the main issues raised.

The base line data was collected from Nov, 2019 to Jan,2020 .The predominant wind direction is observed to be North East to South West.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 60  $\mu$ g/m3. The incremental concentration is 1.75  $\mu$ g/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall within mine lease area in south west direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide medical facilities to the Anakapalli PHC and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide Contour trenches, Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

#### SO No 804 dt 14.03.2017 compliance :

- 1. Credible action was initiated vide CC No 169/2023 dt: 11.02.2023 in the court of Jr Civil court Anakapalli, and paid fine of Rs. 75,000/- on 11.02.2023 .
- **2**. Submitted an undertaking on 12.03.2021 stating that the violation will not be repeated.
- **3**. Remediation and resource augmentation plan with a cost of Rs 651484/- . proof of submission of BG at SPCB also uploaded.

The project proponent has submitted production dispatch letter from ADMG,

Anakapalli vide letter dt.28.02.2023.

Penalty is calculated and recommended to take further action in complying with OM

07.07.2021 SoP.

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The project proponent has uploaded, Bank Guarantee Acknowledgement copy and acknowledge copy of payment of penalty amount.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, ADS Reply, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.

- 7. The project proponent shall comply all assurances given in the public hearing.
- **8.** The project proponent shall provide contour trench on Eastern side to prevent surface runoff.
- **9**. The project proponent shall carryout mining activities with proper benches.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Refer to SEAC to examine the issues raised in the public hearing/DSR with connected recorders/ documents.

Agenda Item: 218.27 & 215.33 0.980 Ha. Mining of Road Metal, Building Stone & Rough Stone of M/s. SRC Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd at Sy. No. 162-1, Cheedikada Village, Golugonda Mandal, Anakapalli District (Erstwhile Visakhapatnam District), Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422113/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2.

The proposed project is for mining of **Road Metal, Building Stone & Rough Stone in an area of 0.980 Ha. with** a proposed of production quantity of **Road metal, Building stone & Rough stone – 50,000 m3/annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of the project and their RQP, Sri G.Eswar Reddy,, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines & Geology, Anakapalle, in the month of March, 2023, there are no existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mtrs area and this is a standalone mining unit and obtained LOI on 15.02.2023.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to Cheedikda village and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine. Life of the mine is 2.49 years.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

**1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.

- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- **7.** The project proponent shall provide 240m trench on South East side to prevent surface runoff.
- **8.** The project proponent shall adopt for controlled blasting as the habitation is at a distance of 440m.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 218.28 &

215.34

3.07 Ha. Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone of Sri Posa Venkata Vara Kumar at Sy No:36 of Thotada Village, Polaki Mandal, Srikakulam District Andhra Pradesh State – Environmental Clearance – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422304/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2

The proposed project is for **Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone** in an area of **3.07 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road metal, Building stone** – **27,000 m3/annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their RQP, Dr.P.Vijaya Kumar, have attended the meeting and presented the case.

The Committee noted that as per the cluster letter issued by the Asst., Director of Mines & Geology, Srikakulam, vide letter dt. 08.02.023, there are no existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mtrs area and this is a standalone mining unit and obtained LOI Extension on04.02.2023.

The project proponent has submitted mining plan duly leaving 0.30 Ha as non-mining zone as per the NGT norms and which also shown in surface& Geological plan in approved mining plan.

The proponent volunteered to provide Ambulance to PolakiPHC, and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide water pond measures, Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- **7.** The project proponent shall provide 150m trench on East side boundary of leased area to prevent surface runoff.
- 8. The proponent shall adopt for controlled blasting
- 9. The proponent shall strengthen the nearby water pond.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 218.29 &

215.35

1.687 Ha. Mining of Colour Granite (Variety of Srikakulam Blue) of Sri Nagineni Srinivasa Rao at Sy.No. 01 of Addukonda Village, Tekkali Mandal, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh State – Environmental Clearance – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422486/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2.

The proposed project is for mining of **Colour granite** (**Variety of Srikakulam Blue**) in an area of **1.687 Ha.**with a proposed production quantity of **Colour granite** — **4366 m3**/**annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their **RQP**, **K.Santosh Kumar**, have attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Tekkali, in the month of February,2023, there are 12 existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha.

The proponent volunteered to provide Ambulance to AddukondaPHC ,and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide water pond measures, Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications,& OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1**. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- 7. The project proponent shall maintain approach Roads and village roads along with cluster partners.
- **8**. The project proponent shall provide 270m trench with rocky bund on Eastern side.
- **9**. The proponent shall take care of nearby water pond.
- **10**. The proponent shall acquire 0.4 Ha of additional land for waste disposal after 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance with a condition that the project proponent shall adept no blasting.

Agenda Item: 218.30 &

215.36

2.950 Ha, Mining of Colourgranite of M/s. KYT Granites at Sy. No. 134/3, 134/4, 135/3 and 3A, 135/4 of H.D. Halli Village, Agali Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – EIA Case – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422655/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

**Category: B2** at par with B1

The proposed project is for **Mining of Colour Granite** in an area of **2.950 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Colour granite** – **10,915 m3/annum** with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of

mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their consultant VVN Technologies Pvt., Ltd.,have attended the meeting and presented the case.

The has obtained **TOR** with public hearing on 15.03.2022 and public hearing was held on 20.12.2022.

# Public hearing details

Village developmental activities and employment to villagers, greenbelt development, water sprinkling, Agricultural issues, encroaching issues, road damages, formation of separate roads and social welfare activities are the main issues raised.

The reply by the proponent for the issues raised in the PH is as follows:

The consultant have spoken on behalf of proponent:

Sri Shivaram babu, Representative of the mine:

He assured the gathering that the management will construct their own approach road to their mine lease and also assured that they will provide RO drinking water plant abutting National Highway near the bust stop in the village within 02 months' time. He assured that they will take all precautionary and safety measures to control dust pollution from the mining activity. He also assured that they will plant about 2000 Nos. of saplings along the boundary and also along the haulage roads to control dust emissions. He assured that they will provide employment opportunities to the unemployed youth in the surrounding villages based on their qualifications. He also assured that they will conduct the health check-up once in 3 months in the surrounding villages and assured that they will spend CSR funds for the development of schools, temples, etc., in the village. He also assured that they will not encroach the surrounding agricultural lands and also will obtain labour registration to all the workers/labour working in their mine lease area

The base line data was collected from march, 22 to May 2022 .The predominant wind direction is observed to be South to North. Modelling was done using AERMOD software.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be 57.2 µg/m3. The incremental concentration is 7.96 µg/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall within mine lease area.

The proponent volunteered to provide water treatment plant to Badgarevillage, and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications& OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- 5. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- 7. The project proponent shall comply all assurances given in the public hearing.
- **8**. The project proponent shall dump granite waste over an area of 1 Acre in Sy. No.146 of H.D. Halli Village, Agali Mandal.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 218.32 &

215.37

4.990 Ha, Mining of Road metal & Building stone of M/s. Deepika Constructions at Sy. No: 810, Allamadugu Village, Vedurukuppam Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/423199/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2.

The proposed project is for **Mining of Road Metal & Building stone** in an area of **4.990 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road metal & Building stone** – **1,49,006 m3/annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The Committee noted that as per cluster letter issued by Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, chittoor, vide letter dt. 13.03.2023 there are 2 existing quarry leases within the radius of 500 mts area. The total cluster area is < 5.0 Ha.

The proponent has obtained Forest NOC dt. 21.09.2021and at the time of taking Forest NOC the survey number of the proposed mine is 365 (old Sy. no) and Sy

No. 810 is new Sy number and details of New and old Sy. No is mentioned in mine lease sketch in the approved mining plan. (enclosed in plate 2)

The proponent volunteered to provide Water treatment plant to Pillarikuppam, and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide water pond measures, Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications, & OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- **1.** The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- **2.** The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- **3.** The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- **4.** The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5.** The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6.** The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- **7.** The project proponent shall provide 380m trench with rocky bund on Southern and Eastern sides of boundary lease area to prevent surface runoff.
- **8**. The project proponent shall comply conditions stipulated in the Forest NOC.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Refer to SEAC to verify the in consistency in Sy.nos in forest NOC and documents of mines and geology department

Agenda Item: 218.33 &

215.38

1.041 Ha Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone ofSmtB.Asha in Sy.No. 01 of Chinagudaba Village, Garugubilli Mandal, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh State – Environmental Clearance – EIA Case - Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422755/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2

The proposed project is for **Mining of Road Metal & Building Stone** in an area of **1.041 Ha.** with a proposed production quantity of **Road metal & Building stone** – **9266 m3/annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The project proponent and their consultant SV Enviro Labs & Consultants, attended the meeting and presented the case.

The project proponent obtained violation TOR without PH on 26.04.2022.

The base line data was collected from Nov, 2022 to Jan, 2023. The predominant wind direction is observed to be North West to South East.

The maximum concentration of SPM is observed to be64.3  $\mu$ g/m3. The incremental concentration is 1.53  $\mu$ g/m3. The GLC of SPM will fall within mine lease area in south west direction.

The proponent volunteered to provide Medical facilities to the Gurugubilli PHC and health camps in surrounding villages as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and shall maintain till the life of the mine.

Under EMP budget the proponent has proposed following:

- Proposed to provide gunny bags, Garland Drain, trench in the mine lease area to control surface runoff
- Proposed to provide Continuous water sprinkling through water tanker for Suppression the dust particles.

#### SO No 804 dt 14.03.2017 compliance :

- **1.** Credible action was initiated vide CC No 961/2022 dt: 09.02.2023 in the court of Jr Civil court Parvathipuram.
- 2. Submitted undertaking on 19.02.2021 stating that the violation will not be repeated.
- **3.** Remediation and resource augmentation plan with a cost of Rs 1,38,913/- . proof of submission of BG also uploaded.

The project proponent has submitted production dispatch letter from ADMG, Vizianagaram vide letter dt.16.03.2023

Penalty is calculated and recommended to take further action in complying with OM

07.07.2021 SoP.

SNo	Name	Project	Total	Cost of the	Turnover	1% of	0.25 %	Total
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			period as	mining	Rs as		violatio	levied as
			reported	departmen	reported		n period	per OM
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acknowledge copy of payment of penalty amount.

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs, EIA Report, PH minutes and detailed deliberations, recommended to issue Environmental Clearance with following conditions:

- 1. The proponent shall comply with the proposals furnished in Environmental management plan.
- 2. The project proponent shall develop greenbelt of 1km along approach roads & village Road sides.
- 3. The project proponent shall maintain 7.5mt greenbelt in buffer zone and existing buffer zone plantation should not be disturbed.
- 4. The proponent shall take dust suppression measures to meet the CPCB stipulated ambient air quality standards at any point of time.
- **5**. The proponent shall carryout suppression of dust generated due to transport vehicles by water spraying with tankers continuously.
- **6**. The vehicles carrying the mines material shall be covered with tarpaulin during vehicular movement.
- 7. The project proponent shall provide 130mtrench with rocky bund on Eastern side boundary lease area to prevent surface runoff.
- **8**. The project proponent shall carryout mining activities with proper benches

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Environmental Clearance.

Agenda Item: 218.34 &

215.39

2.0 Ha, Mining of Road metal & Building stone of Smt. M. Vakula Devi at Sy. No. 231/P located in Chiyyedu Village, Anantapur Mandal, Anantapur Dist., Andhra Pradesh– Environmental Clearance – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/422878/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

Category: B2

The proposed project is for mining of **Road metal & Building stone**in an area of 2.0 Ha.with a proposed production quantity of Road metal & Building stone – **50,000 m3/annum**with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.

The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).

The representative of proponent and their consultant **Sri G.Harendra, RQP** have attended the meeting.

The committee observed that this is an existing mine and the proponent has carried out mining operations after 15.01.2016. Hence, committee opined to treat this proposal as violation case and is to be dealt as per OM 07.07.2021..

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications, & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended to reject the proposal and directed the proponent apply for violation TOR.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to reject the proposal.

Agenda Item: 218.35 &

215.40

1.0 Ha Mine of Road Metal by Sri Ramavath Krishna Naik at Sy. No. 1, Gangannametta Village, Chintur Mandal, Allurisitaramaraju District (Erstwhile East Godavari), Andhra Pradesh– EC Corrigendum – Reg. SIA/AP/MIN/298425/2023

Recommendations of the SEAC on 11.04.2023.

The project proponent has obtained EC on 06.12.2022 for **Mining of Road metal** – **90,306 M3/annum in 1.0 Ha**.

Now the proponent has applied corrigendum application for **change of mining method from** without drilling and blasting to with drilling and without blasting

The committee verified the application, mining plan dt.29.09.2022, EMP, EC order dt. 06.12.2022.

In page number 11 of modified Approved mining plan dt.29.09.2022 wherein method mining details are as follows:

The applicant can excavate Road Metal by Open Cast Method since it is a Blanket deposit formed by Charnockite Rock, without blasting only by using Rock Breakers with drilling and using chemical powder for separation of boulders. Excavation can be done manually with Semi Mechanized Methods as per Regulation 106 and 127 of MMR, 1961 and necessary Permissions shall be obtained from the DGM&S, Hyderabad.

The committee verified the application, mining plan dt.29.09.2022, EMP, EC order dt.06.12.2022 and recommended to issue EC Corrigendum as mining by using Rock Breakers with drilling and using chemical powders for separation of boulders in place of without drilling and blasting.

**Decision of SEIAA:-** Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Corrigendum to Environmental Clearance.

Agenda 1.50 Ha Mine of Road Metal, Building Stone & Rough Stone by Sri Ramavath

Item:	Krishna Naik at Sv. No. 18	88, Jaddangi Village, Rajavommangi Mandal, Sri Alluri				
		rstwhile East Godavari District), Andhra Pradesh – EC				
215.41	Corrigendum - reg. SIA/AP/MIN/298721/2023					
	Recommendations of the S	EAC on 11.04.2023				
	The project proponent has	obtained EC on 09.03.2023 for Mining of Road metal –				
	1,00,000 M3/annum in 1.5	5 Ha.				
	Now the proponent has approven the proposed in the approven	plied corrigendum application for <b>change of Latitude as</b> dimining plan as below:				
	EC Issued with	EC Corrigendum recommended for				
	Latitutde	Latitude				
	N15° 29′ 07.21"	N17° 29′ 07.21"				
	N15° 29′ 04.45"	N17° 29′ 04.45"				
	N15° 29′ 05.22"	N17° 29′ 05.22"				
	N15° 29′ 06.55"	N17° 29′ 06.55"				
	N15° 29′ 08.29"	N17° 29′ 08.29"				
	The committee verified the	e application, mining plan dt.21.12.2022, EMP, EC order				
	dt. 09.03.2023 and recommended to issue EC <b>Corrigendum for the above cited</b>					
	Latitude.					
		<b>Decision of SEIAA:-</b> Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue Corrigendum to Environmental Clearance.				
•	131.568 Ha. Mining of Limestone of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Private					
Item:	Limited., (SJCPL) at USHB Erragudi Village, Sy.No.20 of Hussainapuram &					
213.12	Sy.No. 390 of Yanakandla Village, Mandal Banaganapalli, Nandyal District					
&	(Erstwhile Kurnool), Andh	ra Pradesh SIA/AP/MIN/407505/2022				
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	Recommendations of the	SEAC on 22.02.2023.				
	Category: B1.					
	The proposed project is for	mining of <b>Lime stone</b> in an area of <b>131.568 Ha</b> with a				
	proposed production quant	tity of Mining of Limestone production – 0.6 Million				
	<b>TPA</b> with a condition that	the total production during a scheme should be limited to				
	the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.					
	1	ls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA				
		mendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals ( $\leq$ 250 ha of				
	mining lease area in respec	t of non-coal mine lease).				
	The representative of the p	project and their consultant BS Envi Tech (P) Ltd.,have				

The project proponent has obtained TOR from MoEF&CC dt.07.09.2021 and

attended the meeting.

public hearing was held on 12.10.2022.

The decision of SEAC in the 208<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, mining plan, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs, and detailed deliberations, recommended to raise ADS for submission of Modified mining plan as per NGT norms and compliance for Public hearing minutes.

# It is observed that there are habitations in the near vicinity of the proposed mine.

However, the proponent raised his concern about the applicability of NGT order in O. A no. 304/2019 for limestone mining.

1. As per the Hon'ble NGT order in O. A No. 304/2019 the minimum distances to be considered for stone quarrying units while appraising for Environmental clearance are as below:

Min	ing Type	Minimum	Locations					
		Distance						
A.	When Blasting is not involved		Residential/Public buildings, Inhabited sites, Protected monuments, Heritage sites, National/ State Highways, District roads, public roads, railway line/area, ropeway or ropeway trestle or					
В.	When Blasting is involved		station, Bridges, Dams, Reservoirs, River, Canals or Lakes or Tanks or any other locations to be considered by States					

\*\*Note: The regulations for danger zone (500 m) prescribed by Directorate General of Mines Safety also have to be complied compulsorily and necessary measures should be taken to minimize the impact on environment.

2. The order further states that: However, if any state is already having stringent criteria than the above for minor mineral mining (i.e. more prescribed distances than the above), the same shall be applicable."

In this regard, it is to bring to the kind notice of SEIAA the following:

- **1**. It is observed that the above NGT order recommended the above guidelines taking into consideration stone quarries.
- 2. However, while appraising the proposals related to mining activity, it is observed that many of the mines with Minor/Major minerals like the present proposal are located in the vicinity of the above cited locations mentioned in the NGT order and attracting blasting activity and the subsequent fly rock conditions that affect the nearby habitations.
- 3. During the appraisal of such applications of mining activities **like the present case** and in the absence of specific OM / SOP / Specific Directions, the members of the committee are of the opinion that the same minimum distance criteria [ie,100m when blasting is not involved and 200m when blasting is involved] be followed for all Major/Minor Mineral

mines keeping in view of the safety of the nearby habitations and minimize the impact on the environment and the same is being recommended in good number of cases earlier.

However, taking into the account

- 1. The concern of the applicant about the applicability of above cited distance criteria for limestone mining activity and
- 2. The note as per the Hon'ble NGT order in O. A No. 304/2019 which states that, the regulations for danger zone (500 m) prescribed by Directorate General of Mines Safety also have to be complied compulsorily and necessary measures should be taken to minimize the impact on environment, and
- 3. Having no specific OM / SOP / Notification / Specific Directions regarding the distance criteria to be followed during the appraisal of all Minor / Major minerals put together,

The committee resolved to request SEIAA to issue specific directions on the distance criteria to be followed to appraise the present application.

It is further resolved to request SEIAA to issue specific guidelines on the distance criteria to be followed for the appraisal of all such applications related to Minor /Major mineral mines in future.

**Decision of SEIAA:** The issue was discussed in the SEIAA meeting held on 13.03.2023 and decided to seek legal opinion in respect of Hon'ble NGT order in O.A. No.304/2019, dated 21.07.2020. The SEIAA examined the following court orders in the meeting held on 06.05.2023

1.O.A.No.304/2019 of NGT orders dt.21.07.2020 2.Hon'ble High Court order of Kerala W.P.No.15962 of 2020 dt.21.12.2020. 3. W.A.No.250 of 2021 dt.16.03.2021

4. Hon'ble NGT M.A.Nos.80 to 83, 85 to 88, 95 & 96/2021 in O.A.No.304/2019 order dt.09.12.2021 The Hon'ble NGT M.A.Nos.80 to 83, 85 to 88, 95 & 96/2021 in O.A.No.304/2019 order dt.09.12.2021 constituted a sevenmember joint Committee to study the impact of blasting with Nonel Detonation technology at distances of 50m, 75m,100m, 125m, 150m, 200m and 250m. The matter stands adjourned for hearing on 08.05.2023. The SEIAA will take a decision after the outcome of hearing on 08.05.2023. The issue will be placed in next SEIAA meeting.

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