

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

Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 15/07/2022

The 33rd Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 on 15/07/2022at 3.30 p.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. 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 40th Meeting of SEAC held on 04th July, 2022.

1. Proposal for extension of EC for mining of Stone from the "Dholpahar Stone Mahal No.1" under Nagaon Division Forest proposed by Sri Biswajit Banik. SEIAA.1004/2019, (SIA/AS/MIN/279128/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/2:

The proposal asking extension of EC for mining of stone from the "Dholpahar Stone Mahal No.1" under Nagaon Division Forest proposed by Sri Biswajit Banik is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized. Report of the concerned DFO, Half Yearly compliance report, previous EC and approval of the DGM, Assam is discussed. Detailed discussion is held and the committee recommended the proposal approving to extend the validity of the EC till 18-04-2023 allowing extracting 19030 cu.m stone from the proposed mining site. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the course of mining operation.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division will ensure due surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. He will also ensure that the terms and condition laid down therein are strictly complying by the proponent.

SEIAA Resolution 33/01:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

2. Proposal of Extension of EC for mining of Sand & Gravel from "Nangalbhanga River Sand SG and Gravel Patta Land Mahal for Sand and Gravel" under Chirang Division proposed by Sri Dhaneswar Brahma. SEIAA.752/2016, (SIA/AS/MIN/279302/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/3:

The proposal asking extension of EC for mining of stone from the "Nangalbhanga River Sand SG and Gravel Patta Land Mahal for Sand and Gravel" under Chirang Division proposed by Sri Dhaneswar Brahma is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized. Report of the concerned DFO, Half Yearly compliance report, previous EC and approval of the DGM, Assam is discussed. Detailed discussion is held and the committee recommended the proposal approving to extend the validity of the EC till 21-03-2023 allowing extracting 714 cu.m sand-gravel and 571 cu.m. gravel from the proposed mining site. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan during the course of mining operation.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chirang Forest Division will ensure due surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. He will also ensure that the terms and condition laid down therein are strictly complying by the proponent.

SEIAA Resolution 33/02:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

3. Proposal of EC for mining of quartzite from "Quartzite Mining Contract Unit at Beygaon Block-3, Koilamati under West Karbi Anglong District proposed by Sri David Phangcho. SEIAA 2081/2021. (SIA/AS/MIN/263108/2022).

SEAC Resolution 39/4:

The project proposal asking for mining of Quartzite from "Quartzite Mining Contract Unit at Beygaon Block-3, Koilamati under West Karbi Anglong District proposed by Sri David Phangcho is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and deliberation. Requisite documents are scrutinized. Reply furnished in response to the ADS raised in the 38th SEAC meeting, documents submitted against settlement and NOC issued by the Autonomous Council Authority, approved Mining Plan as well as LOI issued by the DGM, Assam are discussed thoroughly. The committee after detailed deliberation recommended the project proposal to extract Quartzite 47120 cu.m. from the proposed mining site within a period of 5 (five) years. It is also recommended to extract 9424 cu.m Quartzite annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the approved location. Compliance of the terms and condition by the proponent shall have to be ensured by the concerned DFO.

SEIAA Resolution 33/03:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

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4. Proposal of EC for collection of stone from "Langkhang P.P. Land Stone MCA under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division proposed by Sri Lip Terang. SEIAA. 1815/2021, (SIA/AS/MIN/221333/2021)

SEAC Resolution 40/5:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone from "Langkhang P.P. Land Stone MCA" under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division proposed by Sri Lip Terang has been deliberated in detailed in the 38th SEAC meeting held on 4th June, 2022. The proposal had been recommended by the SEAC and forwarded accordingly to the SEIAA, Assam for their onward needful consideration. But, the same has been referred back to SEAC, Assam discussing in their meeting held on 21st June 2022 requesting specific view on the 2nd condition put by the SEAC, Assam while recommending the said proposal.

The proposal has been placed before the committee for review and had detailed deliberation as desired by SEIAA, Assam. Detailed discussion is held and resolved to communicate the view as mentioned below:

The over burden/ residual out of the mining activities should not be dumped beyond the specified site as suggested in the approved mining plan to avoid blockage of natural water course as well as to guard against water pollution in the water channel adjoining the mining area.

SEIAA Resolution 33/04:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

5. Proposal asking EC for collection of P.P land earth from "Sila P.P. Land Earth Mining Permit Area" under N.K Division proposed by Sri Sushil Boro. SEIAA.2030/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 254854/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/6:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth from "Sila P.P. Land Earth Mining Permit Area" under N.K Division proposed by Sri Sushil Boro is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. Necessary replies furnished by the proponent in response to the ADS raised by the SEAC are discussed in detailed, due deliberation is held. The committee after thorough discussion recommended the proposal approving to extract 58300 cu.m. ordinary earth from the proposed mining site within a period of two years. Thus, the proponent is permitted to extract 29150 cu.m. Ordinary earth per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Forest Division, Rangia will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the approved location. Compliance of the terms and condition by the proponent shall have to ensure by the concerned DFO.

SEIAA Resolution 33/05:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

6. Proposal of EC for collection of River Stone from "Dilli River Stone Mining Permit Area, A (VB") under Sivasagar Division proposed by Sri Lalit Chamuah. SEIAA. 3028/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 270870/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/7:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of river bed stone from "Dilli River Stone Mining Permit Area, A (VB)" under Sivasagar Division proposed by Sri Lalit Chamuah is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. The proposal is appraised and necessary records are scrutinized. Recommendation of the DFO, LOI issued by him on 29th Nov, 2021 and Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam on 28th Dec. 2021 is discussed in detail. The committee after detailed discussion recommended the project proposal approving to extract 20000 cu.m. river bed stone from the proposed mining site within a period of two years. The proponent is also allowed to extract 10000 cu.m river bed stone annually strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sivasagar Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the approved location. Compliance of the laid down terms and condition by the proponent shall have to ensure by the concerned DFO.

SEIAA Resolution 33/06:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

7. Proposal asking EC for mining of stone from "Gopeshwar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone", having Mine Area- 5.38 Hectares, Located Near Village- Deuduar Gaon, P.O. Deuduar, P.S. Changsari, District- Kamrup (Assam) under North Kamrup Forest Division proposed by Sri Fatik Das. SEIAA.1173/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/72401/2020).

SEAC Resolution 40/8:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone from "Gopeshwar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone", having Mine Area- 5.38 Hectares, Located near Village- Deuduar Gaon, P.O. Deuduar, P.S. Changsari, District- Kamrup (Assam) under North Kamrup Forest Division proposed by Sri Fatik Das is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and deliberation. Being the proposal falls under B-1 category, the draft EIA report and report on public hearing submitted by the proponent had thoroughly been deliberated in the 38th SEAC meeting held on 4th June, 2022. The concerned consultant have given presentation on the project activities and participated in the discussion. Due deliberation is held and the committee resolved to get some additional information being ADS for consideration of the proposal.

Subsequently, the proponent has furnished requisite reply on the ADS raised thereon and the proponent has given 2nd presentation on the issue and participated in the discussion. Necessary approval of the DGM, Assam and LIO issued by the concerned DFO are also been discussed. The committee after due deliberation recommended the project proposal approving mining of 250000 cu.m. stone from the proposed mining site within a period of five (5) years. The committee also recommended extracting 50000 cu.m. stone from the approved mining area per year strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam. The proponent shall have to furnish the FC certificate issued by the Ministry in GOI to the SEIAA, Assam before actual mining operation.

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Forest Division, Rangia will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the approved location. Compliance on the laid down terms and condition by the proponent shall have to ensure by the concerned DFO, N K Forest Division.

SEIAA Resolution 33/07:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam

cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

8. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Dudhnoi River Sand Mahal No.3 (B) under Goalpara Forest Division proposed by Sahabul Islam. SEIAA.3012/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/270061/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/9:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from "Dudhnoi River Sand Mahal No.3 (B)" under Goalpara Forest Division proposed by Sahabul Islam is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the documents and appraised the proposal. Recommendation of the concerned DFO, LOI issued by him as well as the Mining Plan approved by the DGM is discussed. The committee after through discussion recommended the proposal allowing to extract 50000 cu.m. sand from the proposed location with a period of five (5) years subject to the condition that (i) mining dept is approved 2 (two) meter from the unmine surface and (ii) a non-mining zone of 5 (five) meter distance from both the high raise bank of the river has to be kept to avoid river bank erosion. The proponent is allowed to extract 10000 cu.m. sand from the approved mining site per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved Mining Plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to guard against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the limit of the approved location. Compliance on the laid down terms and condition by the proponent shall have to be ensured by the concerned DFO, Goalpara Forest Division.

SEIAA Resolution 33/08:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

9. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Debasthan Ordinary Sand Mining Unit No. 1" under Nagaon South Division proposed by Sri Piklu Das. SEIAA.3043/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/276381/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/10:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from "Debasthan Ordinary Sand Mining Unit No. 1)" under Nagaon South_Forest Division proposed by Sri Piklu Das is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent and appraised the proposal. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and LOI issued by him as well as the Mining Plan approved by the DGM is discussed. The committee after through discussion recommended the proposal allowing to extract 50000 cu.m. sand from the proposed location with a period of five (5) years subject to the condition that (i) mining dept is approved 2 (two) meter from the unmine surface and (ii) a non-mining zone of 5 (five) meter distance from both the high raise bank of the river has to be kept to avoid river bank erosion. The proponent is allowed to extract 10000 cu.m. sand from the approved mining site per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved Mining Plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon South Forest Division, Hojai will ensure strict surveillance to check against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO, Nagaon South Forest Division is requested to ensure that the all the terms and condition laid down herein are duly comply by the proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 33/09:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalila, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

10. Proposal of E.C for mining of Ordinary Sand from "Damra Patpara Village Patta Land Ordinary Sand Mining Permit Area" under Goalpara Division proposed by Sri Deepjyoti Baruah. SEIAA. 3015/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/270234/2022)

SEAC Resolution 40/12:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary sand from "Damra Patpara Village Patta Land Ordinary Sand Mining Permit Area" under Goalpara Division proposed by Sri Deepjyoti Baruah is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Necessary documents are scrutinized and appraised accordingly. Recommendation of the DFO concerned and mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam has been discussed. The committee after detail discussion recommended the project proposal approving for extraction of 3500 cu.m. ordinary sand from the proposed mining site within a period of one and half year. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Forest Division will ensure strict surveillance to check against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO, Goalpara Forest Division is requested to ensure that the all the terms and condition laid down herein are duly comply by the proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 33/10:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

11. Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from "Doboka Ordinary Sand Mining Unit No. 3 (Revenue Portion)" under Nagaon South Division proposed by Sri Piklu Das. SEIAA.3044/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 276492/2022).

SEAC Resolution 40/13:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from "Doboka Ordinary Sand Mining Unit No. 3 (Revenue Portion)" under Nagaon South_Forest Division proposed by Sri Piklu Das is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Scrutinized the documents furnished by the proponent and appraised the proposal. Recommendation of the concerned DFO and LOI issued by him as well as the Mining Plan approved by the DGM is discussed. The committee after through discussion recommended the proposal allowing to extract 50000 cu.m. sand from the proposed location with a period of five (5) years subject to the condition that (i) mining dept is approved 2 (two) meter from the unmine surface and (ii) a non-mining zone of 10 (ten) meter distance from both the high raise bank of the river has to be kept to avoid river bank erosion. The proponent is allowed to extract 10000 cu.m. Sand from the approved mining site per year strictly following all other terms and condition laid down in the approved Mining Plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon South Forest Division, Hojai will ensure strict surveillance to check against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO, Nagaon South Forest Division is requested to ensure that the all the terms and condition laid down herein are duly comply by the proponent during the mining period

SEIAA Resolution 33/11:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam

12. Proposal of EC for mining of Ordinary earth from "2 No. Tegheria Village Ordinary Earth Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Siba Mudoi. SEIAA. 3042/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/266561/2022)

SEAC Resolution 40/14:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary earth from the "2 No. Tegheria Village Ordinary Earth Mining Permit Area" under Kamrup East Division proposed by Sri Siba Mudoi is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Required documents submitted by the proponent are scrutinized and appraised. Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam and recommendation of the DFO, Kamrup East Division is discussed. Due deliberation is held and the committee recommended the proposal approving to excavate 1302 cu.m. ordinary earth from the proposed mining site within a period of two years. It is approved to extract 651 cu.m ordinary earth annually from the proposed location strictly following all the terms and condition laid down in the approved mining site.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup East Forest Division, Guwahati will ensure strict surveillance to check against occurrences of irregularities during the mining period. He will also ensure that mining be allowed strictly within the limit of the approved site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO, Kamrup East Forest Division is requested to ensure that the all the terms and condition laid down herein are duly comply by the proponent during the mining period.

SEIAA Resolution 33/12:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

13. Proposal of E.C for mining of stone from "Rongtara Chorlengso No. 1 Patta Land Mining Contract Area for Stone" under Karbi Anglong East Division proposed by Sri Ramsing Engti. SEIAA. 1304/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/139188/2020)

SEIAA Resolution 33/13:

As per report and Photograph submitted vide letter no. B/KAE/PP Land Stone/Site Report/2022-23/1054 dtd. 08/07/2022 by DFO, Karbi Anglong East Division it does not appear to be at par with the "Proposed Dumping Plan for Rongatara Cholelangso No. 1 Patta Land MCA for stone (sl.no.2) i.e. One heavy retaining wall has to be constructed at sites earmarked in contour map's enclosed with the proposal".

Therefore the DFO, Karbi Anglong East Division will personally visit the site and inform SEIAA regarding the stability of the retaining wall for preventing from rolling debris into the valley.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury)

Chairman,

SEIAA, Assam

Sri Indreswark lita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Env& Forest, Assam cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam. Dr.Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam