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**J&K EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE**

Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES OF 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE JK EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 13/11/2019 and 14/11/2019 IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING AT PARYAVARAN BHAVAN, GLADENI, NARWAL, JAMMU TAWI**

**The following were present:**

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| 1. Mr.S.C. Sharma, IFS(Rtd.) | Chairman  |
| 2. Mr.Irfan Yasin            | Member    |
| 3. Prof.Anil Kr. Raina       | Member    |
| 4. Prof. G.M. Dar            | Member    |
| 5. Mr.Humayun Rashid         | Secretary |

In pursuance to the Meeting Notice issued vide No. SEAC/19/43-66 dated 24/10/2019 and Addendum issued vide No. SEAC/2019/67-85 dated 05/11/2019, the JKEAC met on the scheduled dates to discuss the listed cases for grant of ToR/EC.

At the very outset, the Secretary, JKEAC welcomed the Chairman and other members of the JKEAC forum, representatives of J&K Minerals, Project Proponents and their consultant, who gave power point presentation on each of the individual cases. The JKEAC observed that the cases pertaining to the river bed mining were of identical nature and the proceedings followed the following sequence, with JKEAC recording following recommendations with respect to all river bed mining projects listed in the meeting notice:-

*Agenda Item No.1 to Agenda item No. 21(Grant of Terms of Reference for preparation of EIA/EMP w.r.t river bed mining projects)  
(Project proponent: Shri R.K. Choudhary, Consultant: Globus Environment (Engineering Services)*

*Agenda item No. 22 to Agenda Item No. 32(Grant of Terms of Reference for preparation of EIA/EMP w.r.t river bed mining projects)  
(Project Proponent: Mr.Balbir Singh, Consultant: Globus Environment (Engineering Services)*

*Agenda item No. 33 to Agenda Item No. 40 (Grant of Terms of Reference for preparation of EIA/EMP w.r.t river bed mining projects)  
(Project Proponent: Mr. Nagar Singh represented by Shri Chamman Lal,  
Consultant: Globus Environment (Engineering Services))*

The JKEAC unanimously agreed to recommend grant of Standard Model Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), GoI subject to condition that the Consultant shall furnish an undertaking duly signed and stamped by the Consultant and the Project Proponent jointly to the effect that the mining activity has not yet been started at site. In case, it has been started in violation of the EIA Notification of 2006, relevant provisions of the law, standing instructions from Hon'ble Courts and Hon'ble NGT, the consultant shall furnish an undertaking as per procedure underlined in OM dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 from MoEF&CC, GoI/ any subsequent order on the subject if issued by competent authorities in this regard.

The Committee also desired that in future meetings, the District Mineral Officer concerned be asked to attend the JKEAC meetings whenever river bed mining projects are listed for grant of ToR/EC to brief the JKEAC in the light of District Survey Report prescriptions of the concerned districts.

The Committee found lot of technical mistakes in the presented documents and Consultant was asked to rectify the same and consult local officers of stake holder departments to enrich the EIA reports.

The matter relating to the recent print media reports about Hon'ble Court interventions for e-auctioning of mining blocks also came under discussions. The Project proponent and the Consultant informed the JKEAC that the Hon'ble Court directions/stay order on e-auctioning of mining blocks have their effect prospectively and the stay order relating to auctioned mining blocks of the projects listed under Agenda item No.1 to agenda item No. 40 has been subsequently vacated. The JKEAC desired the Project proponent/Consultant to furnish an undertaking to the effect that the above cited Projects do not involve any violation of standing orders of Hon'ble Courts/NGT and prevailing laws and a self-attested copy of the stay order be furnished to JKEIAA before grant of ToRs.

The Committee desired that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to improve upon the technical content of the District Survey Reports by consulting the District Survey Reports of other States that are identical to J&K in terms of environmental settings.

The Consultant was asked to furnish self-attested (signed & stamped) copy of the NABET/QCI accreditation certificate and letter of authority from the Project proponent before the ToR's are sanctioned

The validity of 3 years was recommended for the ToRs in each case.

**Agenda item No. 41(Grant of environmental clearance in favour of M/S Sudershan Cements, Bari Brahamina, Jammu (Project Proponent: Mr. Ajay Puri.)**

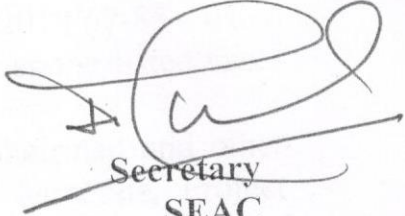
The case was deferred for want of adequate quorum to take a final call in the light of decision of 1st joint meeting of JKEIAA/JKEAC held on 26/08/2019 and shall be listed in the next JKEAC meeting.

**Agenda item No. 42( Sanctioning of Terms of Reference for preparation of EIA /EMP report in the case of Gypsum mining by J&K Minerals Ltd., Consultant: Globus Environment (Engineering Services).**

The JKEAC unanimously agreed to recommend grant of Model /Standard Terms of Reference approved for the activity by the MoEF&CC, GoI. In addition to standard ToR, a specific ToR was recommended to be included on impact of the project on the river Chenab as it flows in the close vicinity downhill from the site and to recommend appropriate mitigative measures in the EMP. It was desired to recommend appropriate mining technology suitable for ecologically fragile site in question to lower the risks of destabilization of the hills and pollution of the river system and other social impacts. It was recommended that before grant of ToRs, the Consultant shall furnish the self-attested copy of NABET/QCI Accreditation certificate, authorization letter from Project Proponent and attested copy of application seeking extension of lease from Feb., 2020.

The validity of 3 years was recommended for the ToRs.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

  
Secretary  
SEAC

No: SEAC/2019/86-99

Dated: 19/11/2019

Copy in addition to copy by email attachment to:

1. The Member Secretary, JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
2. The Hon'ble Chairman, JK Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC), for favour of kind information.
3. The Hon'ble Members, JK Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC), for favour of kind information.
4. Shri Sheikh Sajid, P.A to upload the minutes on the National Environmental Clearance Portal- J&K State.
5. Concerned office file.