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## MINUTES OF MEETING

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 24-09-2020 at 11.00 AM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING.

#### The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)                | Chairman, JKEIAA         |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)    | Member, JKEIAA           |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS | Member Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 16th September, 2020, conveyed vide endorsement No.JKEAC/JK/2020/1974-87 Dated: 21/09/2020 a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.

The following Agenda Items were discussed: -

#### **Agenda Item No. 01**

Grant of Terms of Reference for Minor Mineral (River Bed) Mining Project BLOCK NO. 08, (AREA- 8.52 Ha), LALPORA BRIDGE TO BABAGUND DOWNSTREAM NALLAH FEROPORA, TEHSIL- PATTAN, DISTRICT- BARAMULLA, UT- J&K favouring Mr. Devinder Singh R/O WARD NO 7, TARRAH, MEHTABPUR, KATHUA, J&K. (184102) under **Proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/55383/2020**

The JKEAC while examining the multirate satellite images of the area of interest on google earth platform has observed that mining activity is already going on in the area, although the project proponent and the consultant had sworn on affidavit that mining had not been started at site. During the course of appraisal, the consultant again informed that the project proponent was not involved in the illegal mining activity in the block.

It has also been observed that geology and mining department has approved mining up to the depth of 3m, to which the committee has disagreed on the ground that mining up to 3m depth is not ecologically sustainable in hilly areas, more so in Firozpur Nallah which has great aesthetic value and high tourist potential. Further, irrigation canals taking off from this nallah irrigate land all along and is prone to flash floods. All these factors demand utmost care and detailed examination while going for mining activity.

On the basis of above observations, the committee has recommended issue of TORs for preparation of EIA/EMP and conduct of public hearing.

The Authority has observed that as per Agenda item No. 4 of JKEAC for grant of TOR, Mineral Block No.1 is also located on the Firozpur Nallah for which the committee has recommended constitution of a sub-committee comprising four of its members to conduct a site visit of the area and place its recommendations before the committee.

Since, this mining block is also located in Firozpur Nallah the Authority deem it proper for the sub-committee to visit this block also and give its recommendations on the lines of Block No 1.

In conclusion, the authority, decided that the TORs shall be issued only after the JKEAC makes its recommendations on the basis of field visit report of sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

### **Agenda Item No. 02.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Abhijeet Singh S/o Sh Kanwarjit Singh Plot No.08 Zila Singh Farms, 1 Park Lane Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj South West Delhi, 110070, for Proposed River Bed Mining Project of Minor Mineral BLOCK NO. 01, (AREA- 5.24 Ha), MAHYEN- FEROZEPORA DOWNSTREAM NALLAH FEROZPORA, VILLAGE- MAHYEN, TEHSIL- TANGMARG, DISTRICT- BARAMULLA, STATE- J&K. ***under Proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/55331/2020***

The JKEAC while examining the multirate satellite images of the area of interest on google earth platform has observed that mining block is very close to Tangmarg, enroute Gulmarg tourist resort and distance to Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary is around 1800m, which requires a certificate/clearance from Wildlife Protection Department. The Committee has further observed that Firozpur Nallah irrigates lands all along and is prone to flash floods.

Also, the extraction route passes through human habitation with a relatively steeper gradient. One of the members of the committee reportedly informed that two micro-hydel projects are under operation on the Nallah and some other projects are being planned by the J&KPDC.

Keeping all these factors in view, the committee has recommended constitution of a sub-committee to conduct site visit and place its recommendations before the JKEAC for correct assessment of environmental impact and enable committee to take a holistic view of the proposed mining activity.

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority deliberated threadbare on the observations/recommendations made by the committee and arrived at the following conclusions:

- i) Prior inspection of the site is necessary for sanction of ToRs.
- ii) To constitute a Sub-Committee of Members comprising of Mr. Irfan Yasin, Mr. A.R. Makroo, Professor G.M. Dar and Professor M.A. Khan to conduct a site visit of the area to be facilitated by the PP and place its

recommendations before the JKEAC as desired vide its Minutes of Meeting vide No.JKEAC/JK/2020/1974-87, Dated: 21/09/2020.

The authority also deems it necessary to seek information from J&KPDC with respect to existing and upcoming micro hydroelectric projects on Ferozepur Nallah and technical feasibility for allowing the mining of minerals from the site. The Member Secretary may write to MD, J&KPDC, accordingly.

In conclusion, the authority, decided that the TORs shall be issued only after the JKEAC makes its recommendations on the basis of field visit report of sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

**Agenda Item No. 03.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Zahoor Ahmad Peerzada S/o Sh. Ghulam Mohd Peerzada, Aripora District - Shopian, J&K UT.-192303, for Minor Mineral (River Bed) Mining Project Block No.-32, Area 8.64 Ha SIDCO Bridge D/Stream Nallah Rambiar, Village Aripora Tehsil Chitragam, Distt Shopian, J&K. under ***Proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/55353/2020***

The JKEAC, while examining this mining block on Goolge Earth platform using KML file have found a peculiar pattern in the features on the satellite image, suggestive of either a mining activity or flood control measures by some Agency. Therefore, in this case as well, the Committee has recommended a site visit by the sub-committee for placing recommendations before the forum prior to appraisal for Environmental Clearance.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended grant of Terms of Reference to enable the project proponent prepare the EIA/EMP and conduct of Public Hearing etc., subject to site visit and recommendation by the Sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

The JK Environment impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the observations and recommendations of the committee and decided that the TORs shall be issued only after the JKEAC makes its recommendations on the basis of field visit report of sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

**Agenda Item No. 04.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kanwarjit Singh S/o Sh Tirath Singh R/o- H No.280 Dhangu Road Sunder Nagar, Panthankot Punjab, Pin Code: 145001, for Proposed "Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) BLOCK NO. 05, (AREA- 4.53 HA), ELASSIPORA SIDCO BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM NALLA RAMBIARA, VILLAGE- LASSIPORA, TEHSIL- LITTER, DISTRICT- PULWAMA, STATE- J&K. ***under Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54896/2020***

The JKEAC, while examining this mining block have found that this mining project falls under Category “B1” Project or activity 1(a) as per EIA Notifications 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and subsequent amendments thereof and the order of Hon’ble NGT(PB) dated: 27.12.2018. The consultant was asked by the JKEAC to demonstrate the mining block on the Google Earth platform using its KML file. The Committee observed a peculiar pattern of features on the satellite image, suggestive of either a mining activity or flood control measures by some agency. Therefore, in this case as well, the Committee recommended a site visit by the sub- committee for placing recommendations before the forum prior to appraisal for Environmental Clearance.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended grant of Terms of Reference to enable the project proponent prepare the EIA/EMP and conduct of Public Hearing etc., subject to site visit and recommendation by the Sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

The JK Environment impact Assessment Authority deliberated on the observations and recommendations of the committee and decided that the TORs shall be issued only after the JKEAC makes its recommendations on the basis of field visit report of sub-committee constituted for the purpose.

**Agenda Item No. 05.**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Mr. Alok Kumar (Manager) M/S AGE-PATEL JV R/o Village Mohara Chakani P/O Sangaldan, Tehsil Gool, District Ramban -182144, for Stone Quarry for construction of Tunnel T-15 Part, Tunnel T-14 including bridge No: 61 (Between KM 73.785 to KM 86.848 Approx) on Katra Banihal Section of Udhampur- Srinagar – Baramullah New BG railway Line Project (Package T-15) under **Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/166819/2020**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee for grant of Environmental Clearance in favour of Project proponent subject to the standard and specific conditions as laid down by the Committee in its Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September, 2020. However, as recommended in specific condition No.2, the designated dumping site be notified and a site plan map along with KML file be submitted to JKEIAA before issuance of formal EC.

The JKEIAA further desires that the dumping site be levelled, dressed to proper slope and plantation undertaken to check erosion of slopes in monsoon and rainy season.

**Agenda Item No. 06.**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Bashir Ahmad Wani S/o Sh. Jalal Ud Din Wani, Ladhoo, Khrew, District Pulwama, J&K, for Proposed Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block-25 Area 9.12 Ha, Sheikhpura Trenz Bridge D/Stream, Nallah Rambiarra, Village Sheikhpura, Tehsil Chitragam District Shopian, J&K under **Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55339/2020.**

The JKEAC, while examining this mining block have found that this mining project falls under Category "B1" Project or activity 1(a) as per EIA Notifications 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and subsequent amendments thereof and the order of Hon'ble NGT(PB) dated: 27.12.2018. The JKEAC asked consultant to demonstrate the mining block on the Google Earth platform. During examination of the block limits and the local environmental settings, it was observed that a bridge downstream Rambiarra nallah is less than 350 meters away from the designated mining block area. Keeping the safety of the structure and its abetments in view, the committee felt that the norms prescribed by the mining guidelines must be ensured.

Accordingly, the committee desired that TORs be recommended subject to relocation / shrinking of the designated mining block by the Geology & Mining Department such that a distance of 500 mts downstream from the bridge is ensured.

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority after due deliberations upheld the recommendations of the Committee and desired that before Terms of Reference (as stipulated by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September, 2020) are issued in favour of the Consultant/Project proponent to formulate EIA/EMP and undertake other formalities) the Geology & Mining Department shall relocate/restrict the aforesaid mining block by maintaining a minimum distance of 500 Mts. from the Rambiarra bridge on both upstream and downstream sides, as the case may be under intimation to JKEIAA/JKEAC.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair,

Sd/-  
Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director,  
Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

Sd/-  
Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)  
Member, JKEIAA

Sd/-  
Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)  
Chairman, JKEIAA

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Dated:24/09/2020

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