

# State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Uttar Pradesh

## Directorate of Environment, U.P.

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### **Minutes of the 559<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 03.02.2022**

The meeting of 559<sup>th</sup> State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 03.02.2022 at the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg
2. Shri Paras Nath
3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

Chairman, SEIAA, U.P  
Member, SEIAA, U.P  
Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P

Nodal Officer SEIAA informed that agenda is prepared by Secretariat and approved by MS, SEIAA which is hereby put up for the consideration of SEIAA and placed files and documents related to below mentioned projects before SEIAA.

#### **Agenda-A:-Complaints /letters- Nil**

#### **Agenda-B:-Replies-Nil**

#### **Agenda-C:- Minutes of 615<sup>th</sup> SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 03/01/2022**

1. **Stone (Sand stone) Mining at Araj No - 399, in Village: Jigna, Tehsil-Chunar, District - Mirzapur, Shri Om Prakash Singh. (Area- 0.606 Ha.). File No. 6722/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/69695/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Mirzapur to ensure that no mining activity is started until valid EC is obtained.

2. **Stone (Khanda, Giiti, Boulder, Ballast & Red Morrum) Mining at Araj No.: 288, Khand No.:04, , Village: Majhol, Tehsil: Charkhari, Mahoba, , Shri Ganga Charan Area: 0.809 Ha. File No. 6725/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/69407/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR:-

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- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 2- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
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- 5- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
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- 9- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
- 10- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
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least 1,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.

- 14- In consultation with District Environment Authority or an authority nominated by concerned DM, Project Proponent will prepare a conservation and management plan for the rejuvenation and management of water bodies having a total surface area of not less than 5 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six-monthly implementation status will be presented by the Project Proponent before the nominated authority in the district.
- 15- Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
- 16- Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.

**3. Sand Stone (Khanda, Gitti & Red Morrum) Mine at Gata No.-52Mi, Village- Sirsiya Thakurai, Tehsil- Robertsganj, District- Sonbhadra, Smt. Binduwati Devi, Leased Area - 2.024 ha. File No. 5828/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/239225/2021**

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to amend the environmental clearance letter no. 141/Parya/SEAC/5828/2019, dated 12/06/2021. SEIAA gone through file and documents and opined that as per the MoM of the SEAC-1 it reflects that this mine was in operation since 27.05.2016, it seems as if this mine has operated earlier with/without EC. SEAC-1 is directed to deliberate whether earlier this mine has operated without EC or with valid EC. In case this mine has operated since 27.05.2016 with valid EC then project proponent/consultant should be asked to submit certified copy of compliance report of earlier EC conditions through IRO, MOEFCC, Gol Lucknow. And in case this mine has earlier operated without EC this should be clearly documented.

**4. Sand Mining at Gata No.-99 mi, 101 mi, 102 mi & 103, Khanda No.- 02, Village-Bijhalpur, Tehsil- Ajeetmal, Auraiya., Shri Dheeraj Panday., Area-11.9595 Ha. File No. 6766/5749/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/70187/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Auraiya to ensure that no mining activity is started until valid EC is obtained.

 



5. Sand/Morrum Mining from Yamuna Riverbed at Khand No.- 15/35 to 15/39, (Khand Sr. No.- 03) Village- Umrawan, Tehsil- Manjhanpur, Kaushambi., Shri Santosh Tiwari., Area: 10.00 ha. File No. 6248/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/62155/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant the environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that there is mismatch in geo-coordinates between the mining plans and certified lease map, this needs to be clarify. It is not evident from the MoM of SEAC-1 whether entire ToR has been addressed while preparing EIA/EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Further, it is not evident from MoM of SEAC-1 whether issues raised during public hearing have been addressed while preparing final EIA-EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Hence SEIAA opined to refer back the project to SEAC-1 for review/deliberations.

6. Stone (Gitti, Khanda) Mining at Gata No.- 314, Khand No.-04, Village- Pangara, Tehsil- Naraini, Bnada, Shri Ram Krishna Pandey. Area-0.628 ha. File No. 6767/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/245567/2021

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC that the matter shall be discussed after submission of online information on prescribed portal.

7. Granite Gitti, Khanda, Boulders & Pahari Red Morrum Mining at Khasra No./Plot No.- 2131/3, Village- Rauli Kalyanpur, Tehsil- Karwi, District- Chitrakoot., Shri Arvind Kumar Mishra, Area -2.6313 ha. File No. 5624/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/40307/2019

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Chitrakoot to ensure that no mining activity is started until valid EC is obtained.

8. Granite ( Khanda, Gitti & Boulders & Pahadi Red Morrum) at Gata No.- 2131/07, Village- Raulikalyanpur, Tehsil- Karwi, District- Chitrakoot, Shri Rasmeet Singh Malhotra., M/s Malhotra Brothers., Area-2.4289 ha. File No. 6769/5677/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN /70291/2020

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant the environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that letter regarding inclusion of area and DSR, issued by competent authority or under approval from competent authority to be submitted by project proponent/ consultant. LOI has been issued for 90,000 m3 per annum while the mine plan has been approved for 30,000 m3 per annum, this anomaly needs to be clarified. It is not evident from the MoM of SEAC-1 whether entire ToR has been addressed while preparing EIA/EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Further, it is not evident from MoM of SEAC-1 whether issues raised during public hearing have been addressed while preparing final EIA-EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Hence SEIAA opined to refer back the project to SEAC-1 for review/deliberations.

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**9. Stone (Sand Stone) Mining at Araj No.-01 Ka, Village- Sonpur, Tehsil- Chaunar, Mirzapur, U.P., Shri Prashant Kumar Singh, Area -0.809 ha. File No. 6771/4993/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/70303/2019**

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant the environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that it is not evident from the MoM of SEAC-1 whether entire ToR has been addressed while preparing EIA/EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Further, it is not evident from MoM of SEAC-1 whether issues raised during public hearing have been addressed while preparing final EIA-EMP report or not, this should be deliberated upon by SEAC-1 and details in tabular form should be submitted. Hence SEIAA opined to refer back the project to SEAC-1 for review/deliberations.

**10. Soil Mining at Gata No-131 & 30, Village- Kondri, Tehsil- Bilari & District- Moradabad., Shri Subhan, Area: 1.905 Ha. File No. 6772/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/246217/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC but the SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

1. EC is granted for a period which is co-terminus with validity of current mine plan, current lease period or one year whichever is earlier.
2. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
3. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
4. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
5. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by

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Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 2,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.

6. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.

**11. Stone (Gitti, Khanda & Boulder) Mining at Gata No.-745/2, Village-Makarbai, Tehsil-Sadar, Jhansi., Shri Suraj Prasad Gupta., area-1.182 ha. File No. 6422/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/217555/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC but the SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

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3. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
4. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
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8. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 10 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
9. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
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**12. Granite Mine at Gata No.-1876, Khand No.-07 Village- Girwan, Tehsil- Naraini, Banda. Smt. Deepali Singh, Area-0.8 ha., File No. 6370/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 64011/2021**

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**13. Stone Mining at Gata No.-22, Khand No.-15, Village-Dunara, Tehsil-Sadar, Jhansi. Shri Mukul Yadav, Area-2.0 ha. File No. 6388/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/64088/2021**

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**14. Integrated Industrial Township "Trans-Ganga City" at village- Shankarpur Sharai, Kanhapur, Manbhauna, District- Unnao, U.P. M/s UP State Industrial Development Authority. File No. 1932/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/ 247035/2021**

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant the environmental clearance to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and opined that the project proponent shall make an online presentation on 07.02.2022 regarding the above project.

  
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