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MINUTES OF THE SEIAA MEETING

VENUE: OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN

DATE & TIME OF THE MEETING: 18th March, 2020 : 1 PM,

Members present in the Meeting:

1. Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS (Retd.)..... Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. H.J. Syiemlieh, Professor, Dept. of Geography, NEHU ...Member, SEIAA
3. Shri W.Manner, IFS, CCF, SF & EMember Secy. SEIAA

Shri T.T.C. Marak, Chairman presided over the meeting. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and then requested the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

The Member Secretary apprised the members about the actions taken on the decision arrived at in the last SEIAA meeting held on 18th February, 2020 and circulated the minutes of the said meeting. The meeting approved the actions taken and confirmed the proceedings. Then the following agenda items were discussed:

Deliberation on Agenda 1 :

E.C.Proposal No. SIA/ML/MIN/49376/2018 dated 30/01/2020 : Application for grant of Environment Clearance to Randhigopa Boulder Stone Mining Project (10 ha.) near Randhigopa Village, P.O. Zekabari, West Garo Hills applied online by Smt Evalyni Kharbani, R/o- Mawryngkang Village, East Khasi Hills.

The Member Secretary placed the EC application along-with its attachments including a copy of the Proceedings of SEAC's meeting held on 25/02/2020 before the meeting and briefed the Members about the project. He stated that the online TOR application for this project dated 25/07/2018 was forwarded to SEAC, the Committee after site visit examined the application, thereafter recommended to SEIAA for approval of the TOR (offline) vide letter No.ML/SEAC/ PP/3/2019/7/57 dtd. 12/03/2019 as the SEAC due to technical problem (MoEF & CC had been informed)

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could not forward online the TOR recommendation for the project. He stated that the SEIAA vide letter No. SEIAA/(2018)/ PP/01/ Pt/ 2018/ 46/241 dtd. 22/ 04/2019 approved the TOR, and issued the same, offline, to Project Proponent for preparation of EIA, EMP and submission of Public Hearing Report in the online EC application; then PP applied EC online for this project, vide Proposal No. SIA/ML/MIN/49376/2018 dated 30/01/2020

The meeting after examining the Agenda 3 of the Proceeding of the SEAC meeting held on 25/02/2020 relating to this project found that the GPS Co-ordinates in the SEAC's Minutes is not matching with the GPS of the approved mining Plan. Hence, the SEIAA unanimously decided to return to SEAC for verification, correction and recommendation.

Deliberation on Agenda: 2:

TOR Proposal No. SIA/ML/MIN /49670/2020 dt. for mining of Lime Stone with an area of 4 ha. at Khonjoy, South West Khasi Hills applied online by Shri Sunshine Laloo.

The Member Secretary placed in the meeting the TOR application along-with its attachments and briefed the Members about the project. He stated that the TOR application was forwarded to SEAC and the SEAC in its meeting held on 25/02/2020 recommended for issue of Standard TOR to this project.

The meeting noted as follows for the TOR application and the documents attached: -

As per the Cluster Certificate issued by the District Mining Officer, DMR, Shillong vide letter No. DMO/MM/229/2018 dt. 13/09/2019, this project have a mining lease area of 4 ha., is in cluster situation with the approved mining plans of – (i) Shri Teilang Pde having mining lease area of 3.3 ha., (ii) Shri Kyrmenkhem Nongrem- having mining lease area of 4 ha., (iii) Shri Renikton Lyngdoh Tongkhar having mining lease area of 4 ha., (iv) Shri Tapperson G. Momin having mining lease area of 4.50 ha. and (v) Shri Khrikshon Lyngkhoi 4.99 ha.

As this project proposal formed cluster as indicated above, hence the PP applied for TOR in pursuance to the new directives from the MoEF & CC vide O.M. No. L-11011/175/2018-IA-II(M) dated 12.12.2018, relating to compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order dated 13th September 2018 in O.A. No. 186 of 2016 (Satendra Pandey Vs Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change & Anr. which has inter-alia directed that '2(i) Providing for EIA, EMP and therefore Public Consultation for all areas from 5 to 25 Ha. falling under Category B2 at par with Category B-1 by SEAC/SEIAA as well as for Cluster situation wherever it is not provided'.

The project falls under Schedule 1(a) of Category B2 of EIA Notification 2006 as amended for mining of minor mineral in Cluster. The applied mining area is a non-forest land vide Divisional Forest Officer, West and South West Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Nongstoin Letter No. T/W&SW/20/NOC(L)220 dated 28/06/2018. As per the Non forest

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area clearance certificate, the approved Mining Plan and the Kml file, the following GPS Coordinates:

Pillar	GPS Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
A	25°12'52.54"N	91°3'45.63"E
B	25°12'48.13"N	91°3'50.92"E
C	25°12'52.76"N	91°3'56.00"E
D	25°12'57.12"N	91°3'50.69"E

The Lime Stone is to be used for Lime kilns. The proposed production capacity is about 302010 tonnes per annum. The mining operation will be done as per the approved mining plan with a mining method of open cast and semi-mechanized by using hydraulic excavator and breakers.

As per the uploaded minutes of the 29th Meeting of SEAC, Meghalaya held on 25th February, 2020 the Committee examined and scrutinized all the papers submitted by the PP. On scrutiny, the documents furnished was found to be in order and the SEAC unanimously recommended to SEIAA for approval of standard Term of Reference (sTOR) as TOR for this project for preparation of EIA/EMP.

Member Secretary to draft a TOR in line with the Standard TOR and circulate the same to all Members of the SEIAA for comments (if any) and correction if required on the body of the draft itself.

RECOMMENDATION :

The SEIAA, Meghalaya resolved to accept the recommendation of the SEAC for granting of TOR to the project in its meeting held on 18/03/2020. Accordingly, the Standard TOR is hereby approved for this project proposal as recommended by the SEAC, as per the EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

Member Secretary to take necessary action.

Agenda 3: Grant of offline EC to Stone Boulder at Maikhuli, Raid Marwet RiBhoi District applied by Shri Kledent Sangma already recommended by SEAC.

The Member Secretary placed a copy of the Minutes of the SEIAA held on 18/02/2020 and stated that as per Agenda 2 EC for this project had been put in abeyance as the DSR for RiBhoi District was not available. Member Secretary stated as the final DSR was forwarded to SEIAA by Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District hence placed again in the meeting the EC application along-with its attachments and also the recommendation letter from the SEAC, vide No.ML/SEAC/PP/7/187/252

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dtd.16/12/2019. He apprised the meeting on how the project was processed offline- he stated that the project had already been appraised and recommended by the then DEAC, EKH but in view of the MoEF& CC vide O.M. No.L-11011/175/2018-IA-II(M) dated 12.12.2018, relating to compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order dated 13th September 2018 in O.A. No. 186 of 2016 (Satendra Pandey Vs Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change & Anr.- Para 2 (ii)

After deliberation on the subject, the SEIAA resolved to accept the recommendation of the SEAC and unanimously grant Environment Clearance to this project as EIA notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments subject to strict compliance of the terms and conditions stipulated in the TOR letter.

Member Secretary to draft the EC as deliberated in the meeting and thereafter circulate the same to all Members of the SEIAA for comments (if any) and correction if required on the body of the draft itself. After the Draft Final EC is approved by the Chairman, Member Secretary to issue the final EC

Agenda 4 : Matter relating to Cluster approach to mining of Minor minerals (Last Para of the SEAC's Minute dated 25/02/2020)

After deliberation on the subject as reported by the SEAC, the SEIAA accepted the proposal for a joint meeting of the SEIAA, SEAC and the DMR to discuss the Cluster Issues and unanimously resolved to request the SEAC to prepare a back-ground note on the subject so that the meeting could be convened at early date.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.


Chairman
SEIAA, Meghalaya

Memo.No.ML/SEIAA(2018)/Meeting/11/2019/ Dated, Shillong, the Mar. 2020

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