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J&K UT LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (JKEAC)

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MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF 96TH MEETING OF THE JK EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH OF JUNE, 2022 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

In pursuance to Meeting Notice issued vide No: EAC/JK/22/13854-13876 dated: 24/06/2022, and Corrigendum cum Addendum issued vide No.: EAC/JK/22/13950-13971 Dated:25/06/2022, the 96th Meeting of JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) was held on 27th of June, 2022 at 2:30 P.M. via video Conferencing. The following attended the meeting:-

No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. S.C. Sharma, IFS(Rtd.)	Chairman
2	Mr. M.A Tak, IFS(Rtd.)	Member
3	Engineer B.B. Sharma	Member
4	Mr. A.R. Makroo	Member
5	Prof. Anil Kr. Raina	Member
6	Prof. Falendra Kr. Sudan	Member
7	Mr.Humayun Rashid	Secretary

The Secretary, JKEAC welcomed the Chairman, Members of the JK Expert Appraisal Committee, project proponents and the consultants.

The meeting proceeded as per following sequence: -

AGENDA ITEM NO: 01

Title of the Case	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 7.87 Ha Block – 08 at village: Soaf shali, tehsil: kokernag, district: anantnag, JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT). favouring M/S Imitiyaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Mr. Ghulam Mohiuddinn Bhat R/o Kandikoot sagam Booch, District – Anantnag, J&K anantnag_08block@gmail.com (ADS)
Type of Project (Whether mining lease / STP/ Quarry Licence/ Brick Earth Mining/ construction)	River Bed Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal Number	SIA/JK/MIN/59136/2020, SIA/JK/MIN/226110/2021& SIA/JK/MIN/240202/2021
File Number	SEAC/JK/20/483
Name of Consultancy with date of validity	Cognizance Research India Private Ltd. Valid till: 01/05/2022

Presenter representative of consultant	ABSENT
Project Proponent/ Representative of Project Proponent	ABSENT

The case could not be deliberated upon because neither the project proponent nor his consultant appeared in the virtual meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 02

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for Riverbed mining project of minor mineral revised area 2.40 Ha, Block No.17, Mendhar River Upstream Chajjla Bridge Part-1, District-Poonch, UT of Jammu & Kashmir in favour of M/S Aggarwal Mines.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/59967/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/453
Consultant with validity	M/S P & M solutions Noida, Valid till:10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr.Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Md. Rashid

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	2.40	52.23	205.90	12.00	12.00	3.32

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
Not provided	1.00	0.32	2.00	Yes

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
09/09/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	15/12/2020	30/03/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec 2020	03/07/2021	13/03/2021 & 18/04/2022	24/03/2022 & 27/05/2022

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	

4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EIA/EMP/CER)	Formulated	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued conditionally	
7	Revenue Dept.	Ambiguous	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No.	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	3.50	3.00	
2	Haulage route maintenance	4.50	3.00	
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	1.00	2.00	
5	Dust suppression	0.00	0.00	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.00	2.00	

7	Plantation & salary for one gardener (part time basis)	2.00	2.00	
8	Installation of Hume pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	12.00	12.00	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Health awareness and medical camps for local community in nearby village and panchayat	1.80	
2	Drinking water	Drinking water facility in nearby village and panchayat	1.20	
3	Covid-19	Distribution of Sanitizer, gloves and Mask to the nearby village and panchayat.	0.32	
	Total		3.32	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	

6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	---
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER amount not sufficient to cater the local problems of the people	Yes
5	Irrigation channels & orchids/agriculture land have been badly affected	---
6	Mining block should have been allotted to locals instead of outsiders	Yes
7	Indiscriminate mining has degraded the env. of local river & should be protected from further degradation	Yes
8	Loss of local land on the bank of river should be assessed first before allotment of mining block to outsiders	Yes
9	Locals should be exempted from charges for extraction of riverbed mining material	Yes
10	Will not allow the outside contractor to carry out the mining activities	Yes
11	Some irrigation canals along the river which have either become defunct or damaged completely & irrigation Dept. may be directed to carry out survey in this regard & restore the same before allotment of mining lease	Yes
12	Protection wall of concrete should be raised along the embankment of river	Yes
13	Proposed mining area is a pasture land. Before allotment of mining contracts our pasture land should be separated	Yes
14	Mining block includes the private land of many locals & they were not consulted when the mining blocks were allotted	Yes

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Features indicative of illegal mining activity on Google Image of 02/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	NO	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Not identifiable on Google image of 05/2021
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	Active water channel detected outside the mining block
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block	No	No	-	-	

	and distance thereof from the mining block.					
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had earlier been discussed by JKEAC in the 29th meeting held on 13/03/2021 during which the committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs subject to:
- i) Report from Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) cell to ascertain and fix responsibility for illegal mining in the block.
 - ii) Title verification of the mining block by the concerned revenue authority and subject to exclusion of the private land if any involved due to change of Nallah course.
 - iii) Revision of project cost.
 - iv) Exclusion of the active water channel.
- b) The case had been discussed by JKEAC in its 93rd meeting held on 18/04/2022 during which the committee had observed that the PP had resized the mining block from 6.57 Ha to 4.44 Ha and had applied for grant of EC. JKEAC had not recommended the case for grant of EC for want of following compliances:
- i. To obtain fresh title verification from the concerned Tehsildar clearly mentioning therein that the land under the revised mining block consists of state land only.
 - ii. Further resizing of the block to approx. 2.40 Ha with a revised surface plan duly attested by Joint Director, G&M dept., Jammu.
 - iii. Revision of haulage route in the PFR/EIA report as per updated one presented by the Consultant on Google image during deliberations and therefore revision of EMP budget also under haulage route maintenance.
 - iv. Report from the Dy. Commissioner, Poonch w.r.t addressing genuine concerns of local people raised during public hearing, especially the issue

of non-replenishment of the nallah, after taking on board all the stakeholders including panchayat representatives of the area.

- v. To obtain of '*fit for mining certificate*' from the G&M Dept. to the effect that enough replenishment has taken place as on date and there is adequate RBM available in the resized mining block that can be mined without endangering the ecological and hydrological regime of the nallah.
- vi. To obtain fresh clarification from Xen Irrigation Dept. mentioning therein that no offtake point of canal /kuhl falls within the block or area within 200m from the periphery of the mining block.
- vii. Compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of baseline data.
- viii. Revision of EMP budget with appropriate funding provision.
- ix. Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised area, surface plan, bulk density, revised targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority.

c) During deliberations in the instant meeting, the Committee observed as: -

- i. With respect to item i, supra, the documentation submitted in support of title of the land under the mining block **was not entertained by the Committee as it needs to be got certified and endorsed by the Tehsildar concerned.**
- ii. With respect to item ii, supra the PP has got the resized mining block of 4.44 Ha further resized to 2.40 Ha vide letter No. DGM/J Dir/RMP/DP/3-5 issued by J.D (G&M Dept.) Jammu after excluding the active water channel from the mining block No. 17. The PP has also submitted a revised surface plan duly attested by Joint Director, G&M dept., Jammu.
- iii. With respect to item iii, Supra **the PP has failed to submit the revised Haulage route in accordance with deliberations in the previous meeting when the length of freshly presented haulage route was found to be almost double the one submitted in the documents. In the previous meeting, JKEAC had recommended revision of the budget under haulage route maintenance in the light of new haulage route presented by the consultant. It was found that the PP has not submitted compliance on this count.**
- iv. With respect to item iv) **relating to report from the Dy. Commissioner Concerned w.r.t addressing genuine concerns of local people raised during public hearing, especially the issue of non-replenishment of the nallah, the PP has failed to submit the compliance on this count.**
- v. With respect to item v, supra, the PP has submitted the '*Fit for mining certificate*' for area 2.40 Ha vide letter No. DMO-P/Misc/2022-23/143-45 dated 21/06/2022 issued by DMO (G&M Dept.), Poonch.
- vi. With respect to item vi, Supra, the PP has submitted the revised NOC issued by the Executive Engineer (I&FC Division) Poonch, vide letter No. IFCP/748 dated 17/06/2022 **which is self-contradictory as it says that no offtake point exists within 200m from the periphery of the mining block but in the same NOC, it says that No damage should be caused to the supply channel/ headwork of kuhl, if any, in the vicinity of the minor mineral block. By this certificate, it appears the Xen is referring to the offtake point of canals only and not the kuhl, the Committee opined. Therefore, JKEAC desired that PP should obtain fresh NOC from the**

concerned Executive Engineer, Irrigation Dept. as per format to be downloaded from the website of the Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing at www.jkdears.com.

- vii. With respect to item vii, supra, the Compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen of Air Quality Monitoring Station displaying the dates of collection of baseline data is also awaited.
- viii. With respect to item viii, supra, the EMP budget not been revised fully.
- ix. With respect to item ix, supra the revision of the mining plan is awaited.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

- a) In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee did not agree to recommend the case for grant of EC in the present form.
- b) However, the PP, if he so desires, may again approach JKEIAA after submitting compliance to all the pending queries raised in 93rd meeting and in accordance with observations made by the Committee herein above.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 03

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental clearance for minor mineral block 09, revised area 7.84 Ha, Downstream Nallah Rambiarra from Batapora Bridge, Tehsil & District Shopian, UT of Jammu and Kashmir in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/66172/2021 // SIA/JK/MIN/56411/2020
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/556
Consultant with validity	M/S P & M solutions Pvt. Ltd, Noida. Valid till: 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Absent

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	7.84	50.70	290.10	21.00	19.00	4.60

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1.00	0.78	2.0	Yes

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
20/04/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	09/06/2020	24/12/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	March-May 2021	21/02/2022	11/12/2021	30/03/2022

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	Status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	Ambiguous	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/ Budget proposed by Committee (in lacs)
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	5.00	4.00	
2	Haulage route maintenance	4.00	3.00	
3	Env. Awareness programme	1.00	1.00	
4	Pollution monitoring	2.00	2.00	
5	Dust suppression	2.00	2.00	
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.00	2.00	
7	Installation of Hume pipes	6.00	5.00	
	Total	21.00	19.00	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up	2.00	
2	Drinking water	Providing drinking water facility in the nearby village	0.00	
3	Covid -19	Distribution of Sanitizers, face masks etc in the nearby village.	0.60	
4	Sanitation	Construction of toilet (Ladies & Gents) in the nearby village	0.00	
5	Education	Distribution of books, stationery items etc in the nearby school	1.00	

6	Donation of Pattal & Dona machine	Donation of Pattal & Duna making machine in consultation with gram panchayat	1.00	
	Total		4.60	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1	Proper demarcation of mining block/mining depth to be maintained	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
3	EMP cost to be implemented practically	---
4	CER/CSR Activities for social upliftment	---

5	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	Yes
6	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
7	Strongly opposed any such activity in the Nallah	---
8	Water sprinkling should be done on the transportation routes	Yes
9	Mining should be handed over to the local panchayat	---
10	Grant of early EC	Yes
11	Environmental norms/ scientific mining should be followed	Yes

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Features suggestive of Illegal mining activity on Google Image of 02/2022
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500	No	No	-	-	

	mts. from the ends of mining block.					
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable			Google Image of 02/2022

	of the mining block.					
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Active water channel needs to be excluded
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had earlier been discussed by the JKEAC in the 77th meeting held on 11/12/2021 during which the committee recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference subject to:
- i. Fresh NOC from the Revenue Dept. verifying the title of the land under the mining block.
 - ii. Report from Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) cell to ascertain and fix responsibility for illegal mining in the block.
 - iii. Securing a '*Fit for mining certificate*' from the G& M Dept.
 - iv. Exclusion of active water channel from the mining block.
 - v. Revision of mining plan.

- vi. NOC from concerned Executive Engineer (I&FC Dept.) indicating the presence or absence of irrigation off-take points within 200 m from the mining block.
 - vii. Detailed chapter on Haulage route with due consent of the owner of land & local PRI also be made essential part of the documentation.
- b) Now, the PP has applied for the grant of EC under B1 category while resizing the mining block from 9.94 Ha to 7.84 Ha. The Committee observed as under:
- i. *Compliance to serial a) regarding title verification has not been submitted.*
 - ii. *In compliance to serial b) relating to the report on illegal mining and fixing of responsibility thereof, the Consultant presented a communication dated 29/03/2022 which was discussed by the Committee. However, subsequently, while going through the record, it was found that the consultant had erroneously presented the report of Rambhara Nallah, District Pulwama while as the case pertained to Rambhara Nallah, District Shopian. Subsequently, the report issued by MDDLTF Cell, District Shopian, vide communication dated 02/11/2021 which pertained to the case was found available on the record and the same mentions that the PP is not involved in illegal mining. Therefore, the Committee considered the project under non-violation category.*
 - iii. *In compliance to serial c) the Committee observed that the fit for mining certificate has been issued by Junior Officials of the G&M Dept. without endorsement of the Director/Joint Director concerned. Therefore, the Committee desired that 'fit for mining certificate' should come from the authority competent to issue such certificates.*
 - iv. *Compliance to serial d) has also not been made as the active water channel has not been excluded while calculating the targeted mineral production in the PFR.*
 - v. *Compliance to serial e) is also awaited.*
 - vi. In compliance to serial f) the PP has submitted NOC from Executive Engineer, I&FC vide letter dated 22/03/2022 **where under it has been mentioned that the mining block 9 be resized to keep a safe distance of 50m from the irrigation off-take point of Sathoo Canal. JKEAC did not entertain the NOC as the prescribed minimum distance between the mining block and the canal off-take point must not be less than 200m. Therefore, JKEAC desired that the mining block must be further resized to maintain a safe distance of minimum 200m from the offtake point of the Sathoo canal.** Subsequently, the PP should obtain a fresh NOC from the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Dept. for the revised mining block indicating that the offtake point of canal/kuhl is now more than 200m away from the boundary of the mining block, as per format (to be downloaded from the website of the dept. of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing).
 - vii. **Compliance to serial g) regarding detailed chapter on haulage route with consent of land owners/PRI has not been submitted.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations and insight gained during the above cited appraisal process, the Committee rejected the case for the grant of Environmental Clearance in the present form.

The PP, if he so desires, may again approach JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case after submitting compliance to all the conditions of the ToRs and in accordance with observations made herein above.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 04

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, revised Area of 2.45 Ha Block – 2/1 at Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge (Chatyari), Tehsil Nowshera District Rajouri & U.T: Jammu & Kashmir favouring M/S Naseem Raja S/O Shri Abdul Satar Bhat R/O H. No- 80, Thanamandi, Azmat Abad, Rajouri J&K. naseemraja737@gmail.com.
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/233536/2021// SIA/JK/MIN/61180/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/479
Consultant with validity	P& M solutions Pvt. Ltd, Noida. Valid till: 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Absent

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
New Project	2.45	72.09	173.24	2.35	8.66	3.46

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed by PP in PFR (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.00	1.00	0.41	2.00	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
06/09/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	15/10/2020	NA

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	NA	29/04/2021 & 18/12/2021	10/09/2020

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	

4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Pre-Feasibility Report / Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (PFR/EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Not Issued	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	State Land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent		Remarks
		(in lacs)		
		Capital	Capital	
1	Green belt development	0.30	1.04	
2	Haulage route maintenance	1.62	1.62	
3	Pollution monitoring	0.00	2.00	

4	Pollution control & Dust suppression	0.00	2.00	
5	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	2.00	
6	Laying of Hume pipes/ Engineering works to stabilize banks	0.00	0.00	
	Total	2.35	8.66	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks/
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up Installation of hand pumps/ Distribution of sanitizer's, gloves & N95 masks to nearby village	2.00	
2	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	1.46	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	0.00	
	Total		3.46	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks

		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80
	Total	15.00	2.80

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	No	No	-	-	Google Image of 05/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

3	Bridge /causeway with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-

7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not Identifiable	Yes	-	-	Features presumably indicative of presence of supply channel of irrigation works in the vicinity
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	No	No	-	-	-
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 39th Meeting held on 29/04/2021 for grant of TORs to the mining block with size of 7.37 Ha and the committee had not approved the case for grant of TORs due to features

- indicating presence of Irrigation offtake point within the mining block and a bridge at a distance of 269m from the mining block boundary.
- b) The project proponent approached the JKEIAA after resizing the mining block from 7.37 Ha to 2.45 Ha to maintain safe distance to the bridge for consideration under B2 category. The case again came under deliberations in the 78th Meeting during which the Expert Appraisal Committee did not agree to recommend the case and desired compliance to following observations.
- i. A fresh clarification be sought from the Irrigation Dept. with respect to the location of the off-take point of Sangpur Kuhl vis-a-vis mining block in view of *NOC from irrigation and Flood control Division which mentions that old supply channel / Head site of Sangpur Khul falls near the Mineral block and to avoid any disturbance to the source of irrigation Khul, there should be no extraction at least to 500 to 700 Mtrs. away from the upstream of old supply channel/Head site of Sangpur Khul.*
 - ii. The Committee desired project proponent to obtain field verification of existence or otherwise of irrigation offtake points of Kuhls/canals within 200m from the mining block boundary by the concerned Executive Engineer, Irrigation Dept.
- c) Now, in the instant meeting, the PP has again approached JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case for grant of EC with following compliances:
- i. In compliance to **Point No i)**, The PP has submitted a communication from Xen, Flood Control and Irrigation Department, Nowshera issued vide letter dated 07/02/2022 *which mentions that after fresh field verification on 02/2/2022, it has been found that none of the source of Kuhls i.e. head site falls within 200 m from the proposed minor mineral block.*
 - ii. **However, the Committee re-examined the mining block on the latest Google image of May, 2021 in the light of assertion made by the Executive Engineer and to its surprise, found that the offtake point of a kuhl does exist at a distance of about 120m from the boundary of the resized mining block contrary to the claim made in the above NOC.**
 - iii. **The extraction route proposed by the PP has to pass through huge active water channel and even if block will be further resized, it will not be technically feasible and would invite adverse environmental impacts.**
 - iv. **The certificate issued by the Local PRI, mentioning therein that there is none of the sources of Kuhls within 500 m from the proposed mineral block is also not matching the ground reality visible on the Google image.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee rejected the case for grant of EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 05

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance for Minor Minerals (RBM) in Block No. 35 (5/10), revised area 5.73 Ha. at Khatharwalli Khad Upstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village Khathar, Tehsil Akhnoor, District Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir in favour of M/S Parshotam Singh S/O Sh. Baljit Singh R/O H. No. 56, W. No-3 Karma path Jaito Faridkot Punjab. purshottamsingh.ec@gmail.com (Transfer case) (ADS)
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category(B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/ 58653 /2019
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/491
Consultant with validity	M/S P & M solutions Pvt. Ltd, Noida. Valid till: 10/12/2022
Presenter of consultant:	Mr. Manas Vyas
Project proponent / representative of Project proponent:	Absent

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Resized Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
ADS case	5.73	38.09	165.64	12.5	19.00	2.70

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Mining depth proposed by PP in EIA (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Bulk density proposed by proponent by PP in EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
0.15	0.5	1.08	2.0	NA

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
21/07/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	12/04/2018	26/12/2020

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case listed/ Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
29/07/2020	Nagar Singh Choudhary	March – May 2021	11/02/2020	12/04/2021 & 18/12/2021	24/06/2022

APPRAISAL PROCESS

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	Needs to be updated in the light of deliberations on the subject, if any
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for mining depth, closure plan, surface plan, targeted mineral production, mining methodology etc.
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EIA/EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	NOC from the Patwari /NT concerned needs to be got authenticated by the Tehsildar concerned
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued conditionally	
4	Forest Dept. (if required)	Issued as non-forest	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept (If required)	Not submitted	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	Not submitted as per procedure	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent		Budget proposed by committee	
		(in lacs)		(in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring	Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	0.90	1.20	4.00	3.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	5.40	1.62	5.40	2.00
3	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Pollution monitoring	0.00	1.50	1.00	1.00
5	Pollution control and Dust suppression	0.00	1.36	2.00	2.00
6	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
7	Lying of Hume pipes/ Engineering works to stabilize stream banks	0.00	0.00	6.00	4.00
	Total	6.30	6.68	20.40	14.00

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks/
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up/ Distribution of sanitizer's, gloves & N95 masks to nearby village	1.70	
2	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village	0.00	
3.	Drinking water facility	Safe drinking water facility in Khthar village/ Installation of hand pumps	1.00	
3	Solar lights	Installation of solar lights in the village nearby	0.00	
	Total		2.70	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	

8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1.	Proper plantation should be done in the adjacent area	Yes
2	Demanded repair of 3 to 4 link roads in addition to the approach road to site	Yes
3	Employment of the Local Youth	Yes
4	Installation of solar light in the village of Khathar	Yes
5	Demanded proper demarcation of mining width of the blocks in the river by constructing /installing permanent fencing and putting flags over the poles	Yes
6	Mining should to be carried out in a planned and scientific manner	Yes
7	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
	Conservation of forest, Revenue, Government as well as private land	Yes
8	Control Pollution level in khathar Khad	Yes
9	Protection of Flood Prone Areas of the khathar Khad	Yes
10	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
11	Consulting the local Panchayats whenever any developmental project is initiated by the government.	Yes
12	Haulage route to be maintained properly	Yes
13	RBM material to locals on concessional rates	Yes
14	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes
15	Flood Prone Areas of the khathar Khad and advised that those area need to be protected	Yes
16	Mining depth to be maintained scientifically	Yes

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Google Image of 01/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located	No	No	-	-	

	within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.					
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	12 m to 40 m
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not Identifiable	Yes	-	-	Ref NOC from Xen I&FC
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	Need to be excluded from mining activity
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in	No	No	-	-	

	close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.					
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The project had earlier been listed in the 35th meeting held on 12/04/2021 and subsequently, it was deliberated in the 78th meeting held on 18/12/2021 during which the Expert Appraisal Committee did not agree to consider the case for grant of EC and desired compliances to the following observations:
- i. Resizing of the mining block to maintain safe distance of 500m from the bridge.
 - ii. Submission of title verification from the concerned Revenue Authority.
 - iii. Submission of Illegal mining report from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell and fixing of responsibility besides reporting whether the PP is involved in it.
 - iv. Submission of specific NOC indicating presence or absence of off-take point of any irrigation canal/kuhl within 200m from the mining block.
 - v. Specific NOC w.r.t presence of dug well needs to be obtained from the concerned stake holder dept.
 - vi. Compliance of specific ToR condition relating to submission of photographs of display screen displaying the dates of collection of baseline data.
 - vii. Revision of project cost to include cost of Env. Clearance processing fee/ PCCs Consent fee etc.
 - viii. Revision of EMP with appropriate budget.
- b) **Now, in the instant meeting , the PP has again approached for reconsideration of the case for grant of EC with following compliances:**
- i. In compliance to **point no i. supra**), the PP has got the area resized form from 8.83 ha to 5.73 ha from the Joint Director, Geology and Mining Department, Jammu vide letter dated 24/06/2022 to maintain a safe distance of 500 m from the bridge. The Committee examined the resized mining block of 5.73 Ha on latest available Google Earth image of January, 2021.
 - ii. In compliance to **point no ii.) supra**, the PP has submitted title verification from the concerned Patwari / NT but the committee desired

- that the PP should get it authenticated / endorsed by the concerned Tehsildar, **prior to grant of EC.**
- iii. With respect to point no iii. Supra), the PP has submitted a report on illegal mining from the MDDLTF cell vide letter dated 31/03/2022 which mentions that the PP of the said mining block has not been engaged in any illegal mining activity. Therefore, the committee treated the case under non-violation category.
 - iv. In compliance to **point no iv. Supra)**, the PP has submitted clarification for the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Akhnoor vide letter dated 21/06/2022 which mentions that the minor mineral block 5/10 is 200 mtrs. away from the lift irrigation scheme.
 - v. With respect to point no v.) the PP has not submitted any specific NOC from the concerned department regarding the presence of dug well in the close vicinity of the mining block. Therefore, the committee desired that the PP should submit NOC from PHE Dept. as per format to be downloaded from the website of the Dept. of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, **prior to grant of EC.**
 - vi. In compliance to point no vi.) the compliance to specific TOR condition relating to proof of genuine data collection is still missing in the EIA report and the committee desired that the PP should submit photographs of the display screen displaying the dates of collection of baseline data as per specific TOR condition, **prior to grant of EC.**
 - vii. With respect to point no vii.) the PP has revised the detailed project cost.
 - viii. With respect to **point no viii)**, the PP has mentioned the EMP in detailed project cost but the same is missing in the EIA report, therefore the committee desired that the pp should include the Revised EMP budget in PFR and EIA with budget suggested in the EMP table herein above.
- c) EMP Budget needs to be revised with appropriate budget as suggested in the remark's column of EMP table as above, **prior to grant of EC.**
 - d) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its denovo approval by the competent authority, **prior to grant of EC.**
 - e) Mining depth be restricted to max. 1m in aggregate and bulk density of 2.0 only be adopted for calculating the production targets in absence of actual field measurements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) Endorsement/ authentication of title verification by the concerned Tehsildar, **prior to grant of EC.**
- c) Condition that the PP obtains fresh NOCs from the PHE Dept. regarding the presence or absence of Dug well within 200 m from the boundary of mining block as per the format available from the website of the Dept. of Environment, **prior to grant of EC**
- d) The Committee also desired that the PP should address all the genuine concerns of the locals raised during the public hearing.
- e) Compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photograph of display screen showing dates of data collection as detailed above, **prior to grant of EC.**
- f) Maximum targeted mineral production of **68700 MT.**

- g) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority, **prior to grant of EC.**
- h) Revision of EMP budget as suggested in the remark's column of table above **prior to grant of EC.**
- i) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.**
- j) **No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**
- k) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised block area to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- l) **Submission of compliance to all other observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- m) Validity period of **only two years** from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA, JKPCB in accordance with Minutes of Meeting of JKEIAA issued vide No. JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-33 dated 08/08/2020 during which time fresh Public Hearing shall have to be got conducted by the PP.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 06

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Area of 4.63 ha., Block- 2-B at Lassipora SIDCO Bridge, Downstream Nallah Rambhara, District: Pulwama, State- Jammu & Kashmir favouring Karanvir Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Singh R/o 01 Lane No. 03, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar Pathankot (PB) (ADS)
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B1
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/61214/2021
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/462
Consultant with validity	P & M solution (10/12/2022)
Presenter of consultant:	Manas Vyas
Project proponent representative of Project proponent:	Sh. Karanvir Singh

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	
ADS	4.63	370.00	521.60	13.50	10.50	9.73

Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed by PP in EIA/PFR (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA (mts)	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1.00	0.39	2.00	Yes

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
14/08/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	07/12/2020	01/04/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by (previous) project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	Oct-Dec/20	05/08/2021	20/03/2021 & 21/10/2021	NA

APPRAISAL PROCESS

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	
3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	(Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	Dy. Commissioner, Pulwama vide letter no DCP/Esstt/SM/NOC/421-33 dated 03/05/2021 has conveyed NOCs of stake holders.
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	Issued Conditionally	
6	Pollution Control Board	Issued	
7	Revenue Dept.	State land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks/
		Capital	Recurring	
1	Green belt development	4.00	3.50	
2	Haulage route maintenance	5.00	3.00	
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	0.00	
4	Pollution Monitoring	2.50	2.00	
5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	1.00	1.00	
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	1.00	1.00	
8	Laying of Hume pipes / flood protection works	0.00	0.00	
	Total	13.50	10.50	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up, Distribution of Sanitizer, gloves and Mask to the nearby village and panchayat.	3.73	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.00	

3	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	2.00	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools.	4.00	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
	Total		9.73	

BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

S. No.	Particulars	Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)		Remarks
		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.50	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	15.00	2.80	

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNS

S. No.	Usual concerns expressed by public during proceedings	(Yes/No)
1.	Mining should be carried out in scientific Manner	Yes
2	Mining should be done legally	Yes
3	Manual mining & Employment to the local unemployed youth	Yes
2	Prevention of illegal mining	Yes

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

S.no.	Features observed	Within Mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Outside mining site boundary (Yes/No/Not identifiable)	Upstream from mining block (Mts.)	Downstream From mining block (Mts.)	Remarks
1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	Yes	Yes	-	-	As per latest available google image of 04/2021
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not identifiable	Not identifiable	-	-	Not identifiable

8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	Yes	Yes	-	-	
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project	No	No	-	-	

DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 30th Meeting held on 20/03/2021 during which ToRs had been issued to the project.
- b) The case had come for discussion in the 66th meeting held on 21/10/2021 during which Expert Appraisal Committee did not agree to approve the case for grant of EC and had desired following compliances:-
 - i) Submission of an explicit report from the Multi Dept. District Level Task Force Cell, to the effect that the PP is not involved in the illegal mining activity.
 - ii) Getting the area falling under Shamlat and Milkiat excluded from the designated mining block or obtain prior consent of the concerned rightful owners and stakeholders as the case may be duly attested by the Competent Authority to enable consideration of the proposal.

- iii) The area has many flood protection works to safe guard the Lassipora industrial area. Since, the safety of the industrial area/buildings is of paramount importance, the existing flood protection works need to be strengthened. The project proponent would get the area inspected by Flood Control authorities to estimate the cost of such strengthening and provide the same in EMP budget estimates to enable taking up of the strengthening works if and when required.
 - iv) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, revised mining block area, revised surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority.
 - v) EMP Budget needs to be revised
 - vi) Budget for surveillance equipment has not been provided and the Committee has accordingly recommended it as per budget in identical projects.
 - vii) Mining depth be restricted to max.1m in aggregate in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the DSRs formulated by the G&M Dept.
 - viii) The ToR condition relating to submission of photographs of display screen of the air quality monitoring station showing data with date of collection of the baseline data has not been submitted in the EIA report and the same needs to be complied in letter and spirit.
- c) In the instant meeting, the PP has again approached JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case for grant of EC with following compliances:
- i. In compliance to **point no i) supra**, relating to the report on illegal mining and fixing of responsibility thereof, the consultant presented the report of the Multi-Departmental District Level Task Force Cell(MDDLTF) dated 29/03/2022. The Committee while examining the report observed that the MDDLTF in its report has mentioned that ***though there is no evidence of direct involvement of the PP in illegal mining activity, yet as per LoI, the PP, was bound neither to carry any extraction nor to allow any extraction, till the grant of mining lease.*** Further, the MDDLTF Cell in its report mentions that ***a team of subject experts should visit the sites so that their recommendations are taken into account to avoid any further devastation in and around these mining blocks.***
In view of the revelations made in the said report, JKEAC is, therefore, of the considered view that the block is not fit for mining and it should be given rest at least for three years or till full replenishment is certified by the stakeholders, specifically the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Kashmir and Director, G&M under their own hand, whichever is later.
 - ii. With respect to point no ii), the PP has submitted copy of a corrigendum issued by the addl. Deputy Commisner, Pulwama dated 21/12/2021 which was examined by the Committee with the earlier title verification issued by Adl. Dy. Commissioner, Pulwama dated 03/05/2021.
 - iii. **In compliance to point no iii), supra regarding inspection of the site by Flood Control Dept. to estimate the cost of strengthening the flood protection works and to provide the same in EMP budget estimates, the PP has failed to submit compliance.**
 - iv. **Compliance to item iv) regarding revision of mining plan has not been submitted.**

- v. **The compliance to specific ToR condition relating to photographs of display screen displaying the dates of collection of data is missing in EIA report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee rejected the case for grant of EC and recommended that the *mining block be given rest at least for three years or till full replenishment is certified by the stakeholders specifically the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Kashmir and Director, G&M under their own hand, whichever is later.*

AGENDA ITEM NO: 07

Title of case:	Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, revised Area of 1.19 ha., Block - 18 at Tregam Bridge to Hayan, Downstream Khemil Nallah, Manigah Trehgam Kupwara UT: Jammu & Kashmir favouring M/S UNITED CEMENTS PRODUCTS TREHGAM, Project Proponent Rafiqa Begum W/o Ab. Rashid Lone R/O Lone Harrai Tehsil & District Kupwara -193224. Kupwarablock18@gmail.com
Project type (whether mining lease/STP/ Quarry license/brick earth)	Mining Lease
Category (B1/B2)	B2
Proposal no:	SIA/JK/MIN/ 240954 /2021, SIA/JK/MIN/226825/2021, SIA/JK/MIN/60931/2021.
File no:	SEAC/JK/20/507
Consultant with validity	ABDUL MAJID MIR (RQP) valid till (16.05.2027)
Presenter of consultant:	ABDUL MAJID MIR
Project proponent representative of Project proponent:	Representative of PP

CASE SUMMARY

Status	Revised Area (Ha)	Bid cost (in lacs)	Project cost (in lacs)	EMP cost proposed (in lacs)		CER budget proposed (lacs/annum)
				Capital	Recurring	

New Project	1.19	31.50	130.95	6.54	10.60	2.62
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Mine Closure plan proposed (in lacs)	Revised Mining depth proposed in PFR/EIA (mts.)	Haulage Route (Kms)	Revised Bulk density proposed by proponent in PFR/EIA	Cluster situation (Yes/No)
1.50	1.00	0.41	2.00	No

PROJECT EVENT DATES

Date of Letter of Intent (LoI)	LoI –Date of Extension, if any	LoI Date of Validity	Date of Mining Plan approval	ToRs granted on
28/09/2020	01/04/2022	30/06/2022	28/10/2020	24/04/2021

G.O 76JK-FST of 2020 dated 29/07/2021 implemented by JKEIAA for the project on	Previous Project proponent	Baseline data Collection by (previous) project proponent as the case may be	Public Hearing held on	Case Discussed by JKEAC earlier on	Area reduced by G&M Dept.
NA	NA	NA	08/05/2021	24/04/2021 & 19/03/2022	25/11/2021 & 02/06/2022

APPRAISAL PROCESS

(To be filled by JKEAC during online appraisal)

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION

S. No.	Document	Status	Remarks of the Committee
1	Form 1/Form 2 /Form 1-M as applicable	Submitted	
2	Pre-feasibility report (PFR)	Submitted	Needs revision as per deliberations

3	Approved Mine Plan /Mine closure Plan	Formulated not as per guidelines	Mine Plan needs to be revised for mining depth, closure plan, surface plan, targeted mineral production, mining methodology etc.
4	District Survey Report	Formulated not as per guidelines	Needs revision for including replenishment data etc.
5	(Environmental Management Plan/ Corporate Environmental Responsibility (EMP/CER)	Formulated but needs revision	Needs revision as per deliberations/ observations /recommendations

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

S. No.	Department	status as per NOC	Remarks/ Reference
1	Irrigation Dept.	Issued conditionally	
2	Flood Control Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
3	Fisheries Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
4	Forest Dept.	Issued as non-forest land	
5	Wildlife Protection Dept	Not submitted	
6	Pollution Control Board	Not submitted	
7	Revenue Dept.	State Land	
8	PHE (Jalshakti) Dept.	Issued Conditionally	
10	Soil and Water Conservation dept.	---	

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

S. No	Proposed actions	Budget proposed by PP (in lacs)	
		Capital	Recurring
1	Green belt development	3.20	5.00
2	Haulage route maintenance	2.80	1.2
3.	Env. Awareness programme	0.00	1.00
4	Pollution Monitoring (Air, Water, Noise and Soil)	0.00	1.00

5	Pollution control/ water sprinkling/Dust suppression	0.00	0.60	
6	Solid waste management	0.00	0.00	
7.	Occupational Health & Safety of mine workers	0.54	1.40	
9	Installation of Hume Pipes	0.00	0.00	
	Total	6.54	10.60	

COORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY

S. No.	Project activity	Activities	Annual Budget proposed by Proponent (in lacs)	Remarks
1	Health	Free Distribution of medicines, health check-up, Distribution of Sanitizer, gloves and Mask to the nearby village and panchayat.	0.87	
2	Electrification	Solar Lamp distribution & Solar street light installation in the village.	0.87	
3	Drinking water facility	Drinking water facility in nearby village/ Installation of hand pumps panchayat/ Installation of hand pumps	0.00	
3	Sanitation	Construction of ladies' toilets in the village.	0.00	
4	Education	Distribution of school bags & books in nearby Primary School Education Grants to girl child to check drop outs in schools/ Renovation of toilets of nearby school	0.88	
5	Rain water Harvesting structure	Construction of Rain water harvesting structure in the primary School nearby village.	0.00	
6	Improvement of local Environment	Development / maintenance of Recreation Park/green space	0.00	
		Total	2.62	

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BUDGET FOR SURVILIENCE

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		Capital	Recurring (in lacs)	
1	Transport Permit	2.00	0.00	
2	CCTV Camera	1.00	0.10	
3	Weight Bridge	10.00	1.00	
4	Personal Computer with power backup	0.50	0.05	
5	Mobile Application Barcode scanner	0.05	0.05	
6	Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) and GPS	1.00	0.10	
7	Annual Audit of lease	0.00	0.70	
8	Security Guard	0.00	0.80	
	Total	14.55	2.80	

EXAMINATION OF MINING SITE ON MULTIDATE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE PLATFORM USING KML /KMZ FILE EMAILED/UPLOADED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT/CONSULTANT

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1	Features indicative of any Illegal mining.	No	Yes	-	-	As per latest available

						google image of 06/2020
2	Bridge with midstream piers, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
3	Bridge with only abutments, if any, located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
4	Foot bridge with only abutments on two banks, if any located within mining area/ within 500 mts. from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	
5	Green patch (Cropland / trees /orchard etc. if any located within mining block/adjacent to mining block or within 500 mts. from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	

6	Structures of any kind (buildings /Flood control/ protection works/ electric installations, if any located within/adjacent/ in close vicinity to mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	No	Yes	-	-	Features indicative of Flood Protection crate work
7	Irrigation canal headworks/ khul inlets, if any located within mining block or within 500 mts. of the mining block.	Not Identifiable	yes	-	-	Features suggestive of an irrigation offtake point
8	Active water channels, if any crossing the mining block.	NO	Yes	-	-	
9	National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block and distance thereof from the mining block.	No	No	-	-	
10	Forest land, if any located in close vicinity of the mining block. If yes, the distance thereof from the ends of mining block.	No	No	-	-	

12	Any other relevant feature of interest or condition which is critical to grant of ToRs/EC to the proposed project.	No	No	-		
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DELIBERATIONS/SPECIFIC OBSERVATION(S) OF COMMITTEE, IF ANY:

- a) The case had been discussed by the Expert Appraisal Committee earlier during the 38th Meeting held on 24/04/2021 during which ToRs had been granted to the project subject to title verification and refinement of boundaries in view of presence of cropland in the block.
- b) The project had again come for appraisal in the 90th meeting held on 19/03/2022 for a revised area of 2.23 Ha during which the Expert Appraisal Committee did not agree to approve the case and desired following compliances: -
 - i. Submission of specific NOC indicating presence or absence of off-take point of any irrigation canal/khul within 200m from the mining block.
 - ii. Clarification from the Xen Flood Control dept. w.r.t impact on Flood Protection works in the close vicinity of the block.
 - iii. Submission of Illegal mining report from the Multi Dept. District level Task Force (MDLTF) Cell and fixing of responsibility besides reporting whether the PP is involved in it.
 - iv. Mining depth of **1.00** m in aggregate & bulk density of **2.0** be adopted in absence of actual measurements
- c) **Now, in the instant meeting, the PP has again approached JKEIAA for reconsideration of the case for grant of EC with following compliances:**
 - i. The RQP informed that the PP has got the block further resized from 2.23 Ha to 1.19Ha from the Joint Director Geology and Mining department Kashmir vide letter dated 02/06/2022 which comprises of three sub-blocks.
 - ii. **Regarding compliance to serial No.i, the PP has submitted fresh NOC issued by the Executive Engineer I&FC Division Kupwara for resized mining block of 1.19 Ha, mentioning therein that the flood protection (F.P) works which were earlier within the minor mineral block have now been excluded from the resized mineral block and the offtake points have also been excluded from the resized minor block 1.19ha. However, the Committee observed that the NOC is still ambiguous as it does not clearly mention presence or absence of irrigation kuhl offtake points within the prescribed distance of 200m.**
 - iii. **The Committee examined the three sub-blocks of the resized mining block of 1.19 Ha on Google Earth image using the KML/KMZ file submitted by the RQP and observed that the sub-block No.1 with pillars A1,A2,A3,A4,A5,A6 and A7 comprising of approx.. 0.45 Ha alone can be considered for grant of EC as no kuhl offtake point appears to be located within 200m from its boundary while as the**

other two sub-blocks were not considered because of presence of features indicative of kuhl offtake points and flood protection works in their close vicinity.

- iv. However, the Committee desired that the PP should obtain fresh NOC from the concerned Xen, I&FC Dept. in respect of sub-block No.1 as per format to be downloaded from the website of the department of Ecology, Environment & Remote sensing.
- v. Where ever haulage of material may involve crossing of the water channels, Hume pipes of appropriate specifications must be installed to ensure free flow of the water for irrigation, the committee opined. Accordingly EMP budget needs to be revised, prior to grant of EC.
- vi. The Asst. Director Fisheries Dept. while issuing NOC dated 20/03/2021 reports that the extraction may be allowed on dry patches/shoals only and that the boulders from main water body should not be extracted as these play an important role in conservation and augmentation of fish species. Therefore, the Committee desired that mining may be allowed manually under strict enforcement regime by the Fisheries Dept.
- vii. JKEAC also desired that transportation should be carried out using carts or tractors and not by tippers and trucks to prevent any adverse impact on the local environmental setting and fragile ecology.
- viii. JKEAC desired that an updated PFR for mining block size of 0.45 Ha should be submitted **prior to grant of EC.**
- ix. **The Committee also desired that the G&M Dept. should ascertain the economic viability of the revised mining block of 0.45 Ha before granting mining lease.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

In view of the above deliberations / observations made by the Committee herein above, the Expert Appraisal Committee recommended the project for grant of EC subject to: -

- a) Standard and Specific Conditions as per **Annexure B** to these Minutes of Meeting.
- b) **Further resizing of the mining block to limit mining to only one subset with pillars A1,A2,A3,14,15,16 and A7 comprising of 0.45 Ha and submission of revised PFR and revised surface plan, prior to grant of EC.**
- c) An undertaking duly attested by Magistrate 1st class should be submitted to JKEIAA with copy to Irrigation& Flood Control Dept, Fisheries Dept. & G&M Dept. to the effect that No JCBs and mechanical means shall be used in the mining activity, **prior to grant of EC.**
- d) **Condition transportation shall be undertaken only by carts and tractors and not tippers/tucks.**
- e) Maximum targeted mineral production of **5400 MT.**
- f) Revision of the mining plan with mine closure plan, revised mining depth, surface plan, targeted mineral production and replenishment and its *denovo* approval by the competent authority **prior to grant of EC.**
- g) **Strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the NOCs of the stockholder departments which needs to be monitored by the enforcement agencies and concerned department.**

- h) **No JCBs/ Excavators/ Bulldozers to be used in mining and no water course to be disturbed while transporting minor minerals.**
- i) Condition the geographical coordinates as per revised mining block of 0.45 Ha to be conveyed by G&M Dept. are mentioned in the EC letter by JKEIAA
- j) **Submission of compliance to all other observations made herein above under deliberations, prior to grant of EC.**
- k) Validity of only three years from the date of commencement of the mining operations duly certified by the District Mineral Officer concerned with intimation to the JKEIAA and JKPCB in view of non-availability of replenishment data.

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CONDUCT OF CONSULTANTS

(Excellent/Good /Average/Poor)

(SCALE: 9 to 10= Excellent / 7-8=Good /5-6=Average / 4-5= below average / less than 3= Poor)

S. No	Component	Mr. Abdul Majid Mir (RQP)	M/S P and M Solution Pvt. Ltd., Noida	M/S Cognizance Research India Private Ltd.
1	Submission of the documents	6	6	5
2	Site Appreciation Note, kml /kmz file, site photo and site videos and PowerPoint presentation	5	5	5
3	Presentation of factual details of case(s)	4	6	4
4	Field knowledge of the case(s)	6	5	5
5	Formulation of PFR, EMP, EIA, CER etc.	5	6	5
	Overall professional conduct during proceedings	5.2	5.8	4.8

Note: The recommendations made herein above are subject to grant of extension to the Letter of Intents of the pertinent cases by the Competent Authority and in case extension to LoI to any of the above cited cases is not granted, the recommendations thereof made herein above shall automatically stand withdrawn.

The minutes were formulated online by the JK Level Expert Appraisal Committee (JKEAC) and are hereby issued with approval of the esteemed Chairman, JKEAC.

(Humayun Rashid)
SECRETARY
JKUT level Expert Appraisal Committee

NO:EAC/JK/22/14000-14012

Dated:29-06-2022

Copy by email to:

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13. Sh. Sheikh Sajid, PA for information and with direction to upload the minutes on the environmental clearance portal at parivesh.nic.in.
14. Concerned File.

ANNEXURE-B

STANDARD AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE WITH RESPECT TO RIVER BED MINING PROJECTS ON LEASE BASIS

STANDARD CONDITIONS :-

Statutory compliance

- 1) This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/ judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of J&K, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of competent jurisdiction, as may be applicable.
- 2) The Project Proponent complies with all the statutory requirements and judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors before commencing the mining operations.
- 3) The UT Government of J&K shall ensure that mining operation shall not be commenced till the entire compensation levied, if any, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology in strict compliance of Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors.
- 4) This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal NBWL Clearance from MoEF&CC subsequent to the recommendations of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, if applicable to the Project.
- 5) This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
- 6) Project Proponent (PP) shall obtain Consent to Operate after grant of EC and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein. The mining activity shall not commence prior to obtaining Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE.
- 7) The PP shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under. PP shall adhere to various circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS) and Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time.
- 8) The Project Proponent shall obtain consents from all the concerned land owners, before start of mining operations, as per the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and rules made there under in respect of lands which are not owned by it.
- 9) The Project Proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in MoEFCC's Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IAJI (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area".
- 10) A copy of EC letter will be marked to concerned Panchayat / local NGO etc. if any, from whom suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.
- 11) State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE shall be responsible for display of this EC letter at its Regional office, District Industries Centre and Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.

- 12) The Project Authorities should widely advertise about the grant of this EC letter by printing the same in at least two local newspapers, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the concerned area.
- 13) The advertisement shall be done within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter mentioning that the instant project has been accorded EC and copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board/COMMITTEE and web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (www.environmentclearance.nic.in). A copy of the advertisement may be forwarded to the concerned MoEFCC Regional Office for compliance and record.
- 14) The Project Proponent shall inform the MoEF&CC for any change in ownership of the mining lease. In case there is any change in ownership or mining lease is transferred than mining operation shall only be carried out after transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

Air quality monitoring and preservation

- 15) The PP shall generate data on air quality parameters PM10, PM2.5, NO2; CO and SO2 etc. as covered in the EIA Report covering the aspects of transportation, extraction, etc in the impact zone as per the site condition to ascertain the exposure characteristics at specific places and submit the same along with 6-monthly compliance report to concerned IRO. The data be also displayed prominently at the site.
- 16) Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression by way of regular mechanical water sprinkling & other measures shall be carried out in areas prone to dust pollution including haulage route.

Water quality monitoring and preservation

- 17) In case, immediate mining scheme envisages intersection of ground water table, then Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal clearance from CGWA. In case, mining operation involves intersection of ground water table at a later stage, then PP shall ensure that prior approval from CGWA and MoEFCC is in place before such mining operations. The permission for intersection of ground water table shall essentially be based on detailed hydro-geological study of the area.
- 18) Regular monitoring of springs in and around the mine lease shall be carried out and recorded maintained. Natural water bodies and or streams which are flowing in and around the project area should not be disturbed. The PP in consultation with concerned department shall regularly monitor the groundwater table in open dug well located in the nearby villages to ascertain the impact of mining over ground water table. PP shall submit Report on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted on six-monthly basis to Regional Office of the Ministry, MoEF&CC, CGWA and State Groundwater Department / State Pollution Control Board.
- 19) The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of natural water course/ water resources/ springs and perennial nallahs existing/ flowing in and around the mine lease and maintain its records. The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies passing within and nearby/ adjacent to the mine lease and maintain its records. Sufficient number of gullies shall be provided at appropriate places within the lease for management of water. PP shall carryout regular monitoring w.r.t. pH and included the same in monitoring plan. The parameters to be monitored shall include their water quality vis-à-vis suitability for usage as per CPCB criteria and flow rate. It shall be ensured that no obstruction and/ or alteration be made to water bodies during mining operations

without justification and prior approval of MoEFCC. The monitoring of water courses/bodies existing in lease area shall be carried out four times in a year viz. pre- monsoon (April-May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the record of monitored data may be sent regularly to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office, Central Ground Water Authority and Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board. Clearly showing the trend analysis on six-monthly basis.

Noise and vibration monitoring and prevention

- 20) The peak particle velocity at 500m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer shall be monitored periodically as per applicable DGMS guidelines.
- 21) The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day /night hours.
- 22) The Project Proponent shall take measures for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. The workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs /muffs. All personnel including laborers working in dusty areas shall be provided with protective respiratory devices along with adequate training, awareness and information on safety and health aspects. The PP shall be held responsible in case it has been found that workers/ personals/ laborers are working without personal protective equipment.

Mining plan

- 23) The Project Proponent shall adhere to the working parameters of mining plan which was submitted at the time of EC appraisal wherein year-wise plan was mentioned for total excavation subject to changes recommended in the specific conditions herein below. No change in basic mining proposal like mining technology, total excavation, mineral & waste production, lease area and scope of working (viz. method of mining, overburden & dump management , O.B & dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining etc.) shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, which entail adverse environmental impacts, even if it is a part of approved mining plan modified after grant of EC or granted by State Govt. in the form to Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.
- 24) The Project Proponent shall get the Final Mine Closure Plan along with Financial Assurance approved from Indian Bureau of Mines/Department of Mining & Geology as required under the Provision of the MMDR Act, 1957 and Rules/ Guidelines made there under. A copy of approved final mine closure plan shall be submitted within 2 months of the approval of the same from the competent authority to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for record and verification.
- 25) The land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan. The excavation vis-à-vis backfilling in the mine lease area and corresponding afforestation to be raised in the reclaimed area shall be governed as per approved mining plan. PP shall ensure the

monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. The compliance status shall be submitted half-yearly to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.

Transportation

- 26) No Transportation of the minerals shall be allowed in case of roads passing through villages/ habitations. *(In such cases, PP shall construct a 'bypass' road for the purpose of transportation of the minerals leaving an adequate gap (say at least 200 meters) so that the adverse impact of sound and dust along with chances of accidents could be mitigated.)* All costs resulting from widening and strengthening of existing public road network shall be borne by the PP in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department. Transportation of minerals through road movement in case of existing village/ rural roads shall be allowed in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department only after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of roads is increased to handle the traffic load. The pollution due to transportation load on the environment will be effectively controlled and water sprinkling will also be done regularly. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Project should obtain Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate for all the vehicles from authorized pollution testing centers.
- 27) The Main haulage road within the mine lease should be provided with a permanent water sprinkling arrangement for dust suppression. Other roads within the mine lease should be wetted regularly with tanker-mounted water sprinkling system. The other areas of dust generation like crushing zone, material transfer points, material yards etc. should invariably be provided with dust suppression arrangements. The air pollution control equipment's like bag filters, vacuum suction hoods, dry fogging system etc. shall be installed at Crushers, belt-conveyors and other areas prone to air pollution. The belt conveyor should be fully covered to avoid generation of dust while transportation. PP shall take necessary measures to avoid generation of fugitive dust emissions.

Green Belt

- 28) The river bed mining projects involve extraction of sand, gravel and Bajri from dry river/ Nallah Bed and plantation in the 7.5 m buffer of the mine lease will mean plantation in between the river/nallah bed which will obstruct the natural flow of the river/nallah and might also lead to change in natural habitat of aquatic fauna. In lieu of the plantation on river bed the proponents will carry out plantation in the adjacent villages after due consultations with the PR/locals and the concerned DFO. Besides, the PP shall adhere to the conditions for green belt development as per ESR/CER/EMP strictly.
- 29) The Project Proponent shall carry out plantation/ afforestation in backfilled and reclaimed area of mining lease, around water body, along the roadsides, in community areas etc. by planting the native species in consultation with the State Forest Department/ Agriculture Department/ Rural development department/ Tribal Welfare Department/ Gram Panchayat such that only those species be selected which are of use to the local people. The CPCB guidelines in this respect shall also be adhered. The density of the trees should be around 2500 saplings per Hectare. Adequate budgetary provision shall be made for protection and care of trees.

- 30) The Project Proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements for livestock feed by developing grazing land with a view to compensate those areas which are coming within the mine lease. The development of such grazing land shall be done in consultation with the State Government. In this regard, Project Proponent should essentially implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquisition of grazing land. The sparse trees on such grazing ground, which provide mid-day shelter from the scorching sun, should be scrupulously guarded/ protected against felling and plantation of such trees should be promoted.
- 31) The Project Proponent shall undertake all precautionary measures for conservation and protection of endangered flora and fauna and Schedule-I species during mining operation. A Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared for the same clearly delineating action to be taken for conservation of flora and fauna. The Plan shall be approved by Chief Wild Life Warden of the State Govt.
- 32) And implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. A copy of Wildlife Conservation Plan and its implementation status (annual) shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry.

Public hearing and human health issues

- 33) The Project Proponent shall appoint an Occupational Health Specialist for Regular as well as Periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the mining activities, as per the DGMS guidelines. The records shall be maintain properly. PP shall also carryout Occupational health check-ups in respect of workers which are having ailments like BP, diabetes, habitual smoking, etc. The check-ups shall be undertaken once in six months and necessary remedial/ preventive measures be taken. A status report on the same may be sent to MoEFCC Regional Office and DGMS on half-yearly basis.
- 34) The Project Proponent must demonstrate commitment to work towards 'Zero Harm' from their mining activities and carry out Health Risk Assessment (HRA) for identification workplace hazards and assess their potential risks to health and determine appropriate control measures to protect the health and wellbeing of workers and nearby community. The proponent shall maintain accurate and systematic records of the HRA. The HRA for neighbourhood has to focus on Public Health Problems like Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV, Anaemia, Diarrhoea in children under five, respiratory infections due to bio mass cooking. The proponent shall also create awareness and educate the nearby community and workers for Sanitation, Personal Hygiene, Hand washing, not to defecate in open, Women Health and Hygiene (Providing Sanitary Napkins), hazard of tobacco and alcohol use. The Proponent shall carryout base line HRA for all the category of workers and thereafter every five years.
- 35) The PP shall periodically monitor health of all the workers involved at mining site as per the regulations of Mines act.
- 36) Periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project shall be carried out and records maintained. For this purpose, schedule of health examination of workers should be drawn and followed accordingly as per the regulations of Mines act. A First Aid Room shall be provided in the project both during construction and operations of the project.
- 37) The Project Proponent shall ensure that Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
- 38) Project Proponent shall make provision for the housing for workers/labors or shall construct labour camps within/outside (company owned land) with necessary basic

infrastructure/ facilities like fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche for kids etc. The housing may be provided in the form of temporary structures which can be removed after the completion of the project related infrastructure. The domestic waste water should be treated with STP in order to avoid contamination of underground water.

- 39) The activities proposed in Action plan prepared for addressing the issues raised during the Public Hearing, if applicable, shall be completed as per the budgetary provisions mentioned in the Action Plan and within the stipulated time frame. The Status Report on implementation of Action Plan shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry along with District Administration.

Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER)

- 40) The activities and budget earmarked for Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) as per Ministry's O.M No 22-65/2017-IA. III dated 30/09/2020 or as proposed by EAC should be kept in a separate bank account. The activities proposed for CER shall be implemented in a time bound manner and annual report of implementation of the same along with documentary proof viz. photographs, purchase documents, latitude & longitude of infrastructure developed & road constructed needs to be submitted to Regional Office MoEF&CC annually along with audited statement.
- 41) Project Proponent shall keep the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures in a separate account and refrain from diverting the same for other purposes. The Year wise expenditure of such funds should be reported to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.

Miscellaneous

- 42) The Project Proponent shall prepare digital map (land use & land cover) of the entire lease area and KML file for recording the base line data and closure time data (after three years) and submit a report to concerned Regional Office of the MoEFCC.
- 43) The Project Authorities should inform to the Regional Office regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- 44) The Project Proponent shall submit six monthly compliance reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the MOEFCC & its concerned Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board.
- 45) A separate 'Environmental Management Cell' with suitable qualified manpower should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive. The Senior Executive shall directly report to Head of the Organization. Adequate number of qualified Environmental Scientists and Mining Engineers shall be appointed and submit a report to RO, MoEFCC.
- 46) The concerned Regional Office of the MoEFCC shall randomly monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEFCC officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS: -

1	The Project Proponent must obtain NOCs from competent authority of all the concerned stake holder departments /Joint Inspection Report prior to grant of formal
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	Environmental Clearance (EC). The EC shall be subject to strict compliance of conditions of the NOCs issued by the stake holder departments.
2	The cremation ground if any in the vicinity be properly demarcated and left undisturbed and its map showing geographical coordinates be submitted to JKEIAA before issuance of formal EC. Besides, map showing extraction route bypassing village settlements and agricultural/horticultural land as far as possible be submitted to the JKEIAA before formal grant of EC.
3	The maximum exploitation of the RBM from the mining block shall be as per approved mining plan or <u>as per revised mining plan to be approved by competent authority <i>denovo</i></u> within the prescribed area and depth recommended by the JK Expert Appraisal Committee, as the case may be and <u>whichever is less</u> . Mining depth mentioned above the recommended depth by JKEAC, if mentioned anywhere in any of the submitted documents whether by mistake or otherwise, shall be treated as omitted.
4	A green belt shall be developed under close supervision of the local panchayat.
5	The river bed material shall be sold to the local population within radial distance of 2 kms from the mine site for residential construction purpose at 50% concessional rates.
6	The formal lease shall be granted only after the Project Proponent deposits the funds earmarked under EMP / CER in a separate account to be opened for the purpose and funds be utilized in coordination with DFO, Social Forestry Dept. and concerned Chief Medical Officer (CMO) under supervision of local Panchayat Head. The funds earmarked for CSR shall also be utilized in accordance with CSR Policy Rules.
7	All the provisions of Minor Mineral Rules sanctioned under SRO105 with all amendments with respect to pertinent provisions of the legal framework relating to progressive mine closure shall be complied by the Project Proponent.
8	This Environmental Clearance is subject to final outcome of any litigation pending before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Hon'ble NGT, or any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.
9	This Environmental Clearance is without prejudice to the standing instructions /orders from the competent authorities in the MoEF&CC, GoI and the UT of J&K w.r.t river bed mining activity.
10	An inspection Committee comprising of Additional Dy. Commissioner, District Mineral Officer, representative of Pollution Control Board, Executive Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Dept., Executive Engineer, PHE(Jalshakti) Dept. and District Fisheries Officer shall monitor the implementation of the EMP and also certify at the end of each monsoon, that sufficient replenishment of the minor mineral has taken place during monsoon and further mining in the mining block shall not adversely affect the hydrological and ecological settings in the area.
11	The Project Proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operations for conservation and protection of endangered fauna and flora in the area.
12	Masks and PPE shall be provided to the workers in view of COVID-19.
13	Social distancing norms and other standard operating procedures relating to COVID-19 shall be followed during mining activity.
14	The plan worked out and expenditure made under Occupational Health should be undertaken in consultation with the Local Health Institution/PHC/Sub-Centre for utilization for the health and welfare of the local workers involved in mining activity and villagers living in the close vicinity. Regular Medical checkups and free medicines shall be provided under the fund.

15	The Project Proponent must ensure that the biological clock of the villagers in the vicinity of the project is not disturbed by any unauthorized night operations and all measures must be taken for keeping the noise levels within prescribed levels.
16	Provision shall be kept for housing of the labour force, toilets, facilities for cooking, safe water, health care, crèche etc. for the labour force.
17	A final Mine closure Plan along with details of Corpus fund shall be communicated to the MoEF&CC in advance for approval.
18	The top soil in case of surface land mining shall be temporarily stored at the designated / appropriate site and concurrently used for land reclamation.
19	The mining operations shall be undertaken in a systematic manner so that it does not damage the aesthetic view of the area.
20	Adequate steps should be taken to check soil erosion and engineering structures shall be raised wherever required. The mining shall be restricted to 3/4 th of the width of the river/riverlet or 7.5 m(inward) from river bank but upto 10% of the width of the river. While calculating targeted mineral production and while formulating the mining plan, the project proponent shall ensure that the area for removal of minerals shall not exceed 60% of the mine lease area, and any deviation or relaxation in this regard shall be adequately supported by the scientific report in accordance with Sand Mining Monitoring & Enforcement Guidelines of 2020.
21	The compliance report shall be submitted at Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jammu with a copy to the Regulatory Authority.
22	The mining activity should in no case go beyond the area as mentioned in the Letter of Intent or Environmental clearance letter, whichever is less and a buffer area is maintained such that the slopes of adjoining area does not get disturbed.
23	All the provisions made and restrictions imposed as covered in the Minor Mineral Rules, shall be complied with, particularly regarding Environment Management Practices and its fund management.
24	The recommendations made in the District Survey Report on sustainable mining practices if any shall be complied.
25	The mining shall be done in bench form with maximum bench height within the mining depth as prescribed by the Expert Appraisal Committee
26	Mining should be initiated only after installation of signboards with demarcation pillars indicating the geo-coordinates of the plot as mentioned in the letter of intent, measurements (length /breadth) and should be laid in presence of the authorized official of the Geology & Mining Department. All vertices /corners of the mining block must be marked with concrete pillars of size 0.5mtx0.5mt x2.5mts (2.5 mts. is the depth below the NSL).The demarcation pillars site should mention the specific EC conditions and contact details of concerned authorities responsible for monitoring of compliance of EC conditions/district administration/Police at four corners of the mining block prominently on a large size durable display board for enabling the public to inform the authorities in case of violation of the EC conditions. The display board with details shall be maintained in perfect order throughout the period of lease/mining.
27	There should be no change in the method of excavation and quantity of minerals to be extracted.
28	The EC holder shall keep a correct account of quantity of mineral mined out, dispatched from the mine, mode of transport, registration number of vehicle, person in-charge of vehicle and mine plan. This should be produced before officers concerned for inspection.

29	The access to mining site should be controlled in a way that vehicles carrying mineral from that area are tracked and accounted for in accordance with standing guidelines issued by the Govt.
30	The Geology & Mining Department should use technology like Bar Coding, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Web based and ICT enabled services, mobile SMS App etc. to account for weight of mineral being taken out of the plot and the number of trucks moving out with the mineral.
31	The PP should ensure no agriculture land in the area is used for any storage of sand or gets damaged due to any other transportation activity. Where ever, damages to agricultural land, assets or human or bovine life by way of plying of trollies and tippers etc. involved in transportation of minor mineral is reported, the Project Proponent shall pay adequate compensation with penalty to the effected persons as to be fixed up by the competent authority.
32	Waste generated will be collected on regular basis and will be disposed as per the Municipal Solid Waste Management (Management & Handling) Rule 2000 and its subsequent amendments.
33	Spring sources should not be affected due to mining activities. Necessary Protection measures are to be incorporated.
34	The mineral transportation shall be carried out through covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded.
35	Overloading of trucks and trolleys will be avoided.
36	All the instructions from authorities representing various government departments having stakes shall be complied with during the mining operations.
37	Haul road will be kept wide, compact and water spraying will be done. It shall be properly maintain by the PP and restored to original position after mining. Axel load on the roads should not exceed the prescribed load as per IRC
38	Restricted working hours. Mining operation has to be carried out between 6 am to 7 pm. During day light. Mining operations shall not be allowed at night.
39	No overhangs shall be allowed to be formed due to mining and mining shall not be allowed in area where subsidence of rocks is likely to occur due to steep angle of slope. Mining activity shall not be avoided in rainy season
40	Vehicles used for transportation of material are to be permitted only with fitness and PUC Certificates.
41	There shall be no extraction of stone / boulder in landslide prone areas.
42	Adequate facility for drinking water and toilets should be provided for the workers.
43	There should be controlled clearance of overground vegetation to be undertaken.
44	Transport of mineral will not be done through villages / habitations and any private productive or waste land.
45	Deep drilled handpump with sufficient funding provision should be earmarked for providing drinking facility to the labour force.
46	Recommendations of National Institute for Labour for ensuring good occupational environment for mine workers would also be adopted.
47	The PP shall be responsible for enforcement of COVID-19 standard operating procedures and guidelines with respect to safety of workers involved in the mining activity.
48	Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the mineral and transport of minerals will be as per IRC relevant guidelines if any in this regard.

49	Health and safety of workers should be taken care of. They should also be provided training in safety and health care aspects.
50	Junction at takeoff point of approach road with main road be properly developed with proper width and geometry required for safe movement of traffic by concession holder at his own cost.
51	No stacking shall be allowed on road side along National Highway or any public road.
52	Concealing of any information/data of submission of wrong/fabricated information by the Project Proponent and failure to comply with any of the above conditions may lead to withdrawal of the EC and attract action under the provisions of EP Act, 1986.
53	Mining shall be done manually minimally supported by semi-mechanized methods. Heavy machinery like JCBs, Excavators/L&T hydraulic excavators etc. should not be allowed. Emphasis should be given to employment of locally available labour force to address the socio-economic concerns of the locals.
54	The progressive mine closure shall be as per Rules in vogue. All actions relating to progressive mine closure shall be taken well in advance during the final year of mining so that the site is rehabilitated ecologically.
55	The reasonable concerns expressed by the local population during public hearing or otherwise shall be addressed by the Project Proponent. No blasting operations shall be allowed.
56	No mining activity shall be carried out in flowing water channel area within the mining block and adequate measures shall be taken to safeguard water quality and aquatic life including fisheries if available in the same.
57	The PP shall earmark funds strictly as per the agreed Environmental Management Plan to be spent on environmental monitoring, dust sprinkling, green belt development, rehabilitation of mined out area and landscaping/regressing and haulage route maintenance. The detailed updated plan shall be submitted to JKEIAA as per above deliberations before grant of formal EC, if desired by the JKEAC. Further, the CSR funds shall be earmarked and utilized as per CSR Rules.
58	The hydraulic structures/embankments /protection bunds shall not be disturbed /damaged during mining operations.
59	The alignment of the bank of the river and water shall not be changed in any case.
60	The water way of the Nalla shall not be restricted.
61	The applicant is bound to abide by the J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act and Rules of 2011 and J&K Fisheries Act, 2016 and all other relevant Acts and Rules thereof.
62	The EC is subject to condition that the mining block is located on state land exclusively in river bed without any encumbrances of any sort.
63	Under CSR, within 2 km radial distance, activities like regular health check-up of local villagers once a week shall be undertaken with free medicines. Safe drinking water facility by way of renovation of existing tanks/wells, digging of new tube wells and installation of water filters shall be undertaken. Skill development trainings shall be organized for unemployed local youth. Further, construction of toilets in schools, solar street lighting, free distribution of books, note books, N95 masks, hand sanitizers and school bags among students within 2 km radius from the mine area shall be undertaken. Under EMP, with 2 kms radial distance from mine area; air, water, soil, noise pollution monitoring on half yearly basis, black topping of roads passing through villages and maintenance of haulage /extraction routes, water sprinkling, PPE to mine workers, bearing of school/college fee and allied costs on education of children of mine workers, bearing of all costs on ailments/healthcare of mine workers, creation of green belt by

	way of raising and maintenance of 2500 trees per hectare on land identified by DFO Social Forestry concerned in consultation with village panchayat during the period of mining, shall be undertaken.
64	The JKEIAA reserves the right to impose any other condition in the EC at any time during the period of mining lease. The JKEIAA reserves the right to revoke the EC in case any of the environmental clearance conditions are violated during the mining activity. Mere grant of Environmental Clearance does not entitle the Project Proponent for grant of mining lease unless he obtains all other clearances as required under other provisions of law.
65	The EC is subject to condition that the Project proponent shall not change the water course of the river and no mining activity shall be carried out in active channel area, if any in the mining block.
66	Wherever the PP has to transport the mined out material across shallow water creeks found inside the mining block, he shall lay Hume pipes of appropriate sizes for the purpose so as not to disturb the natural flow of water.
67	On the request of project proponent, the competent authority shall issue necessary corrigendum to the approved mining plan w.r.t mining depth and area excluding the active water channel /green patch/ flood control structures/maintenance of safe distance to bridges/hydraulic structures and quantification of the targeted mineral, if and wherever, recommended by the Expert Appraisal Committee.
68	The project proponent shall undertake an environmental audit at least once a year by a reputed third-party entity and report of such audit shall be placed in public domain.
69	To ensure that irrigation inlets are not left high and dry due to mining and resultant degradation of bed, the Project Proponent also must construct well-designed cut-off walls, stretching bank to bank, having depth 1.5 times the maximum scour depth below the bed level, both upstream and downstream, maintaining prescribed distance from irrigation inlet/s as per guidelines.
70	The District Mineral Officer shall monitor the replenishment of the mined-out areas, traffic management, levels of production, river bank erosion, exit point of the site and instruct the Project proponent for initiating measures for mitigating environmental concerns.
71	The PP shall not sub-let the mining block to any third party without written approval from the JKEIAA
72	After ceasing the mining operations, the project proponent shall undertake re-grassing of the mining lease area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to mining activities and restore the area to a condition fit for growth of flora, fauna and fodder as per rules in vogue.
73	The Project Proponent shall strictly adhere to the Sand Mining Guidelines of 2016 and Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines of 2020 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI
74	An appeal against the EC shall lie with the Hon'ble NGT, if preferred within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the NGT Act, 2010.
75	In the event any conflict in interpretation of Standard /General Conditions vis-a vis Specific Conditions, the Specific Conditions shall prevail.

