



STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 13/12/2023

The 2nd Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 on 13/12/2023 at 2.00 p.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Smti. Neera Daulagupu, ACS, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- Dr. Sarat Phukan, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Sri Rajesh Kemprai, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam presided over the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 2nd Meeting of SEAC (2nd Sitting) held on 30th October, 2023.

1. **Proposal for EC for "Sila P.P. Land Earth & Stone Mining Permit Area" proposed by Hriday Jyoti Nath. SEIAA. 3318/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/413867/2023).**

SEAC Resolution 56/24:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of stone & ordinary earth from the "Sila P.P. Land Earth & Stone Mining Permit Area" under N.K Forest Division proposed by Sri Hriday Jyoti Nath is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Proposed mining area is 0.65 hect. the mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 10th Nov. 2022 is discussed.

Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide latter dated 8th Aug. 2022 & 16th Nov. 2022 is deliberated. NOC issued by the ADC, Kamrup dated 4th Aug. 2022 is also discussed. On scrutiny of the land records, submitted by the proponent observed that the JVR conducted on 17th June 2022 is without name of pattadar whereas the proposed land falls under two different patta No, 614 & 616 under Dag No. 1378 & 1376. The land records also speaks that the proposed land is under Agriculture class.

The committee need the following documents for further processing of the proposal.

- (a) Non-Agricultural land certificate from the competent Revenue Authority.
- (b) Fresh and proper Joint Verification Report duly signed by both the concerned Forest & Revenue Authority."

From the above, it is clear that the Project Proponent was to submit / upload the fresh JVR and also to upload the documents regarding the classification of land in question, if non-agricultural, from the competent authority. The papers, documents as uploaded were placed for scrutiny by the august committee. It transpires that the fresh JVR was not conducted and the copy of the same JVR as submitted earlier was uploaded containing the endorsement of the Revenue official with his seal thereon which cannot be treated as a fresh JVR. It was further noted that even the name of the Pattadar was reflected in the uploaded JVR.

On scrutiny of the relevant papers it also further came to light that the Affidavit sworn in by the Pattadar mentions about extraction and sale of Ordinary Earth only and there is no mention about extraction and sale of stone. In view of the above deficiencies the Committee has not recommended the EC, to be granted by the SEIAA.

The committee is also of the opinion that the issue should be brought to the notice of all concerned for their perusal and requisite action in future.

SEIAA Resolution 1/1:

Approved for issuance of EC as per conditions laid down by SEAC.

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2. **Proposal for EC for "Merabil S.S. Mahal" proposed by Bimal Daimary. SEIAA. 3444/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/425658/2023).**

SEAC Resolution 60/13:

The project proposal asking EC for excavation of Sand & Stone from the "Merabil S.S. Mahal", of Dhansiri Forest Division under BTC proposed by Sri Bimal Daimary is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detailed discussion. Allotted mining area is 4.02 ha whereas minable area is estimated 3.78 ha and located on the river bed. Requisite documents are examined and appraised. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 12th Dec. 2022 is deliberated. Recommendation of the concerned DFO dated 4th April 2023 including approval accorded by the BTC authority has also been discussed. On deliberation, it is revealed that the mine out materials i.e Sand and Stone will be used for filling purposes. It is clearly mentioned in point No. 5 of the "General Information" head of the approved mining plan. It is not clear to the Hon'ble Members of the committee how such minable sand & stone will be used for filling purposes. Hence, after due deliberation the committee requires clarification as to how & where the proposed minable sand & stone will be utilized. *Necessary clarification as discussed in the foregone para is required from the proponent with certification of the concerned DFO.*"

Necessary clarifications as sought for have been complied by the DFO, Dhansiri Division; the RQP Dr Bora and also the proponent Sri Daimary. In view of above deliberations and fulfillment of requirements the Committee is of the opinion to approve the project for grant of the EC by the SEIAA subject to the conditions that (a) mining shall be confined and limited to the areas falling within GPS coordinates; (b) the active bank of the river is not disturbed / damaged because of mining operation and transportation of mining materials and (c) the proponent is permitted to extract the approved quantity of river bed sand and stone with maximum mining depth of up to 2 (two) meters from the non-mined surface and strictly following all other terms and conditions laid down in the approved mining plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhansiiri Division shall ensure due vigilance in the mining area to avert any kind of irregularities during the mining period. Further, he is to ensure that mining shall be allowed only within the approved mining sites and not beyond the limits of the same. Accordingly, he shall ensure marking the boundary of the mining sites on the ground fixing permanent concrete pillars, painted yellow, with the coordinates depicted therein on the pillars / posts, following the GPS coordinates mentioned in the approved mining plan. This is subject to the fact that the project proponent / the DFO, Dhansiri Division shall submit NOC from the competent authority in the Water Resources Department for due recommendation to the SEIAA for grant of the EC immediately.

The PP shall obtain CTE/ CTO from PCB, Assam under the provisions of water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981. (This specific condition shall be included in the EC to be granted by SEIAA)

SEIAA Resolution 1/2:

EC is approved, subject to submission of clarifications / NOC from the Water Resources Department Govt. of Assam within 1 (one) week from the date of issue of this MOM. Copy of Agreement from BTC (Bodoland Territorial Council) should be enclosed with 1st Half Yearly Compliance Report.

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3. **Proposal asking EC for “Nakkati Hill Stone Quarry No 3” by Merle Construction & Marketing Pvt. Ltd. SEIAA. 3351/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/414687/2023).**

SEAC Resolution:

The project proposal requesting EC for mining of stone from the “**Nakkati Hill Stone Quarry No. 3**” under Aie Valley Forest Division proposed by Merle Construction & Marketing Private Ltd is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and deliberation. Mining area proposed 5.0 hect. within the Reserved Forest Land under Ae Valley Division. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated dated 31st DEC. 2022 is deliberated. Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide letter dated 4th Jan 2023 and LOI issued by him dated 26th Oct. 2022 are discussed in detailed. Due deliberation is held and the committee requires certain additional information being *ADS to the following points for further processing of the proposal.*

- (a) On scrutiny of the maps furnished by the proponent, it is seen that a Temple is located within the proposed mining site. Report on the existence/ status of the Temple is required from the DFO, Aie Valley Division after his physical ground verification.
- (b) The proposed mining area is located within the Reserved Forests which attracts FCC from the competent authority. It is not known whether the proponent has applied for the FCC, if so the acknowledge slip please be furnished.
- (c) Authorized signatory need to be submitted.”

On deliberation it came to light that though certain clarification is furnished as to the non-existence of any **Temple** within the proposed project area and also the authentication letter of authorized signatory but the main issue of **1st Stage Forest Clearance under the FC Act, 1980** from the competent authority is still wanting without which no further deliberation could be made on the issue.

The Committee is of the considered view that once all formalities are complied with, which are pre-requisite for the purpose, the proponent shall initiate for submission of the same in due course for further scrutiny / appraisal by the Hon’ble committee and further orders / directions thereof.

SEIAA Resolution 1/3:

ADS is required –

1. **Report on the existence/ status of the Temple is required from the DFO, Aie Valley Division after his physical ground verification.**
2. **1st Stage of Forest Clearance is required under the FC Act, 1980.**



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4. **Proposal asking EC for “Haldibari Sand, Gravel & Stone Mahal R.F Area by Sri Vivek Mushahary SEIAA3410/2023(SIA/AS/MIN/420588/2023).**

“Resolution 58/9:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand, Gravel & Stone from the **“Haldibari Sand, Gravel & Stone Mahal R.F Area”**, of Kachugaon Forest Division under BTC proposed by **Sri Vivak Mushahary** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Proposed project area is 4.5 hect. within Reserved Forests. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter dated 23rd Feb. 2023 is discussed in detailed. Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide letter dated 14th Feb.2023 & 28th Feb.2023 is deliberated. Due deliberation is held and *the committee requires the following additional information from the Divisional Forest Officer, Kachugaon Forest Division, Gossaigaon at the earliest for further processing of the proposal.*

- (a) *Distance of the project site from the Raimona National Park. Whether the proposed mining site falls within ESZ of any PA?*
- (b) *The proposed mining site falls in RF. Whether the proponent has applied for FCC to the competent Authority, if so please furnish the acknowledgement slip for record.”*

It transpires that additional information were sought from the proponent and also the DFO, Kachugaon Division relating to the distance of the project site from the boundary of the **Raimona National Park** and if the same is within the ESZ. The said DFO, Kachugaon Division has uploaded the information as sought showing the distance to be 10.5 km away from the boundary of the Park as also the fact that the same is not falling within the ESZ. On closure scrutiny of the report it is seen that the report is **devoid the signature of the DFO** which cannot be treated as valid information. The DFO is to do the needful accordingly.

Further, **Stage1 Clearance as required under the FC Act, 1980** needs to be uploaded / submitted by the Project Proponent for further appraisal of the Hon’ble committee.

SEIAA Resolution 1/4:

ADS is required –

1. **1st Stage of Forest Clearance is required under the FC Act, 1980.**
2. **The forwarding letter from DFO, Kachugaon Division is issued on 26/04/2023 by the department without DFO signature. Need a clarification about missing signature along with signed letter.**



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5. **Proposal asking EC for Govt. Permit Area of Khagrabari Sand Gravel And & Mahal Baksa Forest Division, Mushalpur SEIAA. 3409/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/422709/2023).**

"Resolution 58/4:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Sand, Gravel and stone from the **"Govt. Permit Area of Khagrabari Sand Gravel & Stone Mahal"** under Baksa Forest Division proposed by the **DFO Baksa** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and detail discussion. Area of the proposed project is 4.9 hect on the river bed. The mining plan approved by the DGM, Assam communicated vide letter date 27th Feb. 2023 is discussed in detailed. Recommendation of the concerned DFO communicated vide letter dated 20th Jan. 2033 & 1st March 2023 is discussed and appraised. Thorough discussion is held and *the committee needs the following additional information/ documents relating to the project for further processing of the proposal.*

1. *The project area overlaps with the river bank where anti-erosion measures including embankment with deflection spur is noticed. Current status of the anti-erosion measures with relation to the proposed mining site is required.*
2. *Given photographs of the project site shows as high land area whereas the site is act as river surrounding and are not matched with the photographs. Needs clarification.*
3. *Clarification and opinion of the competent authority of the Water Resources Department is required regarding structural safety of the embankment of the spur as those are part of the demarcated mining area."*

As will be seen that few of the additional details as sought from the PP and also from the competent authority in the Water Resources Department in the previous meeting are furnished and point wise reply are submitted by the Proponent, EE WR Division, Baksa. The said documents with information as received are discussed and deliberated by the august committee.

- Clarification from the Water Resources Department regarding existence of anti-erosion structures and precautions in mining for safety of Govt structures wherein it has been suggested for allowing extraction in the mid channel of the river bed keeping a safe distance of 300m from the river bank for safety of the structures and spur.
- The DFO, Baksa too furnished the required information through his letter 30.05.2023 with **photographs** uploaded.

The Committee is of considered opinion that the proposed mining / permit area needs to be **accordingly reduced for the area** and the RQP is to submit the Geo-coordinates accordingly in consultation with the DFO concerned showing the quantity to be allowed annually for Govt Permit.

The Committee deemed it appropriate to accord approval for the Govt Permit area for grant of the EC by the SEIAA on receipt of the details from the proponent at the earliest.

SEIAA Resolution 1/5:

ADS is required –

1. **The NOC from Water Resources Department, Govt of Assam and uploaded KML file shown maps does not match. A clarification is required from Water Resources Department, Govt of Assam.**
2. **Status of the Bank Protection measures including embankment in the particular stretch of the River is required from the DFO, Baksa Division and Water Resources Department, Govt of Assam.**
3. **Field inspection is required.**

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6. **Proposal asking TOR for Sonai Irrigation Project, Taluka- Silchar, District- Cachar, Assam is proposed by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Assam: SEIAA.3561/2023. (SIA/AS/RIV/432981/2023)**

SEAC Resolution:

The proposed project envisage construction of Barrage with Canal across river **Sonai** with different parameters / dimensions to cover estimated Culturable Command Area (CCA) of **10,850 Ha**. The main Canal system in the left bank of the river is estimated at 18.85 Km while the right Canal system will be 27.32 Km with branch canals on either side with total length of 70.42 Km. On scrutiny of the proposal it is on record that the land requirement for the project or project activity are depicted as **Non-Forest Land [A] 614.5 Ha & Forest Land [B] 499.5 Ha** with total land area affected (Submergence Area) being **1114 Ha**.

Total Cost of the project is estimated at **Rs740.92 Crore**. Main Civil works entailed in the project is attributed to the construction of Barrage, Head Regulators (Unit-I) and Canal Systems (Unit-II) involving projected expenditures of **Rs 468.56 Crore** and **272.36 Crore**.

Briefly, both tangible and intangible benefits shall accrue to the local populace and others in the District. It is narrated in the project that the Sonai Irrigation Project shall cater irrigation needs of CCA of **10,850 Ha** with annual intensity of irrigation of 160% (**17,360 Ha**), provision for drinking water supply to the population of 70,241. Estimated water demands from this project are **94.477 MCM** for irrigation and **8.28 MCM** for domestic purpose. There are number of indirect benefits from the project viz, *Pisciculture, Animal Husbandry, Tourism, development of flora and fauna, generation of rural employment and communication.*

Project is placed for detailed deliberation and discussion while the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Govt of Assam assisted by the Consultant of the Project made presentation before the Hon'ble Committee. It was observed that the Project Proponent has **not deposited the requisite processing fee** which ought to have been done for further course of action by the Committee. Further, the name of the Consultant invariably has to be furnished with his details in order to fix the accountability and responsibility for any misinformation or misrepresentation of facts before the Committee.

The committee at the very initial stage wanted the clarification as to the exact requirement of Forest Land involved and, if Stage I Clearance (In Principle Approval) from the competent authority is obtained in terms of the FC Act, 1980 which is a pre- requisite for the grant of the EC. It is noted in the presentation that around **20.56 Ha** of Forest Land is required to be diverted for execution of different kind of activities at different locations. The committee also observed that the expenditures to be incurred as compensation and for Rehabilitation of the 9 (Nine) affected villages including the cost required for environmental compensation, acquiring land, Compensatory plantations have not been spelled out clearly as the part of the project cost. This needs to be worked out in detail and reflected in the EIA study.

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The Hon'ble Committee further suggested to:

- I. Consult the approved Working Plan of Cachar Forest Division for land use pattern, drainage system, land classification, flora and fauna, involvement of forest land and also to have due discussion with the DFO, Cachar for clarifications;
- II. List of beneficiaries for the CCA are to be prepared with the **Aadhar Card** linked / **Voter ID** are to be prepared in consultation with the local public representative;
- III. How Flora and Fauna of the area shall be developed need to be explained;
- IV. What is the current status of drinking water facilities;
- V. Whether list of affected families are prepared with their Aadhar Card linked / with Voter ID as projected (799 families) and are ready to shift under Rehabilitation Packages;
- VI. Complete Rehabilitation Package Plan to be mooted out in consultation with the Revenue authority duly approved by the local public Representative(s) for the purposes;
- VII. Use of Green Energy as far as practicable specially in case of lodging / Housing facilities for officials, Rehabilitation package plans;
- VIII. The applicability of the Assam Irrigation Water Users Act, 2004; formation and consultation with the Water Users' Association;
- IX. Convergence with the line viz. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Pisciculture are to be made for feasibility of taking up different and diverse cropping pattern;
- X. The Compensatory afforestation programme and the alternative land arranged for the purposes.

The information, documents are to be submitted with due mandatory compliance as required for further presentation on a date fixed accordingly.

The Committee is of the considered view to recommend for issue of TOR to the applicant proponent Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Chandamari, Guwahati-3 with the above mentioned points, specially covered, in the Standard TOR for grant of the EC by the SEIAA in due course, as the case may be.

SEIAA Resolution 1/6:

Approved for issuance of TOR (Terms of Reference) as per conditions laid down by SEAC.



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7. **Proposal asking TOR for Installation of Split Cement Grinding Unit of capacity 1.0 MTPA by Taj Cement manufacturing Private Limited: SEIAA.3562/2023 (SIA/AS/IND1/427957/2023)**

SEAC Resolution:

M/s Taj Cement Manufacturing Private Limited (TCMPL) is proposing installation of Split Cement Grinding Unit of 1.0 MTPA capacity at Village **Chamata Pathar**, Mauja- Sonapur, District-Kamrup (M), Assam over a piece of land measuring an area of **8.42 Ha**. The project falls under Schedule 3(b) as per the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006. Since the plant is a stand alone grinding unit hence, it is categorized as "Category B1" project. **It is a greenfield project**. The plant will produce 100% Portland Pozzolana Cement (PPC). However, the plant can produce up to 20% Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) as and when required as per the market demand. In case the OPC is manufactured, then the quantity of clinker may increase from 0.6 MTPA to 0.67 MTPA and fly ash quantity may reduce from 0.35 MTPA to 0.28 MTPA. However, there will be no effect on Gypsum quantity i.e 0.05 MTPA.

The facts were placed before the Hon'ble Committee for detail deliberations and discussions. Letter from the concerned DFOs in respect of distances of project location from the nearest boundary of the Wildlife Sanctuaries and the Eco Sensitive Zone of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary were discussed. From the forestry angle no such issue emerged as pointed out during deliberation.

Detailed presentation was made by the consultant **Perfect Enviro Solution Pvt Ltd**. The Committee stressed that name of the consultant be furnished to keep accountability and to vest liability on the part of the Consultant for any misinformation or suppression of material facts before the committee.

Upon hearing the party and due deliberation the committee deemed it appropriate to invoke certain conditions in the TOR apart from the Standard Terms of Reference as under:

- a. Development of green field, the plant species to be planted being tolerant to the air pollution in the area and **Miyawaki** Model of Plantation under the guidance of the Member Secretary, SPBC/SEAC, Assam Dr S K Dutta. List of plant species, so suitable for the area shall be furnished by the Chairman of the SEAC, if so advised;
 - b. The technology involved in production stage to have the barest minimum effect on pollution (dust pollution);
 - c. Disposal mechanism of various wastes, viz plastic, Hazardous, E.waste, etc shall need to be clearly spelt out;
 - d. Green Energy around the Project area needs to be proposed;
 - e. Management Plan required to ensure support by way of livelihood generation to nearby community;
- The Committee is of the considered view to recommend for issue of TOR to the applicant proponent with the above points, specially covered, in the Standard TOR by the SEIAA for grant of the EC in due course as the case may be.

SEIAA Resolution 1/7:

Approved for issuance of TOR (Terms of Reference) as per conditions laid down by SEAC.



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8. **Proposal asking TOR for Salmara Sand, Stone & Silt/Earth Mining Project on Beki River located near Village –Salmara, P.O. Balabhita, P.S. Barpeta Road, District: Kamrup, State-Assam proposed by Uttam Karmakar: SEIAA. 3562/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/433265/2023)**

SEAC Resolution:

This is a project proposal for mining of Sand, Stone, Silt / Earth comprising an area of **66.00** Ha and the area allotted for mining is measuring **86.4** Ha. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is granted for 7 (Seven) years on 12. 07. 2022 by the DFO, NK Division. The RQP Dr Abhijit Bora has prepared the Mining Plan which was duly approved by the Director Geology and Mining on 15.01.2022 recommending total quantity of Minor Mineral measuring **30, 51, 370** Cum in 5 (five) years. Facts were placed before the august Committee for discussion and deliberations. The Consultant **Cognizance Research India Ltd** made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent as mentioned here under:

- a. The NOC from the Water Resources Department regarding any adverse impact for mining operation in the area bounded by the Geo-coordinates;
- b. Name of the Consultant is to be invariably indicated to ensure proper accountability for any misinformation, suppression of material facts;
- c. Gradation of Minor Minerals and its quantification out of Mining;
- d. As the proposed stretch of the mining area is 3.0 km (Approx) a gap of 50 mtrs should be kept as non mining (buffer zone) stretch after each 1(one) km stretch;
- e. Plantation proposed appears to be vague in nature which need to be attended with utmost sincerity and care. The proponent shall consult the DFO concerned and come up with a realistic plantation scheme to be carried out with suitable species of plants. The expenditures involved up to its establishment need to be worked out and the requisite fund may be made available to the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Barpeta for proper execution in the field and accountability. This needs to be decided by the concerned DFO.

In the process of Public hearing to be conducted in due course, all stake holders are to be invited including Public Representative and the Registered NGOs with up to date renewal of the Registration of the respective NGOs. (This is for guidance only after issue of TOR to the applicant proponent by the SEIAA).

The Committee is of the considered view to recommend for issue of TOR to the applicant proponent with the above points, specially covered, in the Standard TOR by the SEIAA for grant of the EC in due course as the case may be.

SEIAA Resolution 1/8:

Approved for issuance of TOR (Terms of Reference) as per conditions laid down by SEAC.



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9. **Proposal asking TOR for Khudnabari Pathar Sand, Stone & Silt/Earth P.S. Sarbhog, District Mining Project on Naljhara River, Located near Village -Khudnabari Pathar P.O.-Sarbhog, District: Kamrup, State-Assam proposed by Shri Palash Das: SEIAA. 3564/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/433237/2023)**

SEAC Resolution:

This is a project proposal for mining of Sand, Stone, Silt / Earth comprising an area of 36.24 Ha and the area allotted for mining is measuring 36.24 Ha. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is granted for 7 (Seven) years on 15. 12. 2022 by the DFO, NK Division. The RQP Dr Abhijit Bora has prepared the Mining Plan which was duly approved by the Director Geology and Mining 18.03.2023 recommending total quantity of Minor Mineral measuring 6,70,190 Cum in 7 (Seven) years.

Facts were placed before the august Committee for discussions and deliberations. The Consultant **Cognizance Research India Ltd** made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent as mentioned here under:

- a. The NOC from the Water Resources Department regarding any adverse impact for mining operation in the area bounded by the Geo-coordinates;
- b. Name of the Consultant is to be invariably indicated to ensure proper accountability for any misinformation, suppression of material facts;
- c. Gradation of Minor Minerals and its quantification out of Mining;
- d. As the proposed Stretch of the mining area is 3.9 km (Approx) a gap of 50 mtrs should be kept as **non mining** (buffer zone) stretch after each 1 (one) km stretch;
- e. Plantation proposed appears to be vague in nature which need to be attended with utmost sincerity and care. The proponent shall consult the DFO concerned and come up with a realistic plantation scheme to be carried out with suitable species of plants. The expenditures involved up to its establishment need to be worked out and the requisite fund may be made available to the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Barpeta for proper execution in the field and accountability. This may be decided by the concerned DFO.
- f. In the process of Public hearing to be conducted in due course, all stake holders are to be invited including Public Representative and the Registered NGOs their with up to date renewal of the Registrations (of the respective NGOs). [This is for guidance only after issue of TOR by the SEIAA].

SEIAA Resolution 1/9:

Approved for issuance of TOR (Terms of Reference) as per conditions laid down by SEAC.

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10. **Proposal asking TOR for Longai Sand Minor Mineral Unit No. 1 (C) near Baithakhal area, Village: Bagadahar, P.O: Patharkandi, P.S: Patharkandi proposed by Shri Krishna Debnath: SEIAA. 3565/2023 (SIA/AS/MIN/434377/2023)**

SEAC Resolution 2/7:

This is a project proposal for mining of Sand comprising an area of **10.30** Ha and the area allotted for mining is measuring **10.30** Ha. The **Letter of Intent** (LOI) is granted for 5 (**Five**) years on **19.11. 2022** by the DFO, Karimganj Division.

The RQP Sri Prabal Kr Goswami has prepared the Mining Plan which was duly approved by the Director, Geology and Mining, Assam by letter dated 18.03.2023 recommending total quantity of Minor Mineral measuring **50,000** Cum in 5 (Five) years.

Facts and figures were placed before the august Committee for discussions and deliberations. The Consultant **Ultra Tech** made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent/DFO as mentioned here under:

- a. Name of the Consultant is to be invariably indicated to ensure proper accountability for any misinformation, suppression of material facts;
- b. The NOC from the Water Resources Department regarding any adverse impact for mining operation in the area bounded by the Geo-coordinates;
- c. Gradation of Minor Minerals and its quantification out of Mining;
- d. As the proposed Stretch of the mining area is **3.84** km (Approx) a gap of **50** mtrs should be kept as **non mining** (buffer zone) stretch after each 1km stretch;
- e. The proponent shall consult the DFO concerned and come up with a realistic plantation scheme to be carried out with suitable species of plants as are mostly endemic to Barak Valley area. The expenditures involved up to its establishment need to be worked out with the concerned DFO and the requisite fund may be made available to the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Karimganj for proper execution in the field and accountability.
- f. It was noted that the **processing Fee** as required to be deposited with the SEIAA is not done which need to be complied with immediately.

SEIAA Resolution 1/10:

Approved for issuance of TOR (Terms of Reference) as per conditions laid down by SEAC. (the processing Fee is deposited)



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11. Proposal asking TOR for Silbari Sand and Gravel Minor Mineral Unit proposed by Shri Biswajit Brahma: SEIAA. 1945/2021 (SIA/AS/MIN/435741/2023)

SEAC Resolution 2/8.

This is a project proposal for mining of Sand comprising an area of **14 Ha** and the area allotted for mining is measuring **14 Ha**. The **Letter of Intent (LOI)** is granted for **5 (Five)** years on **19.11. 2022** by the DFO, Dhubri Division. The RQP Dr Abhijit Bora has prepared the Mining Plan which was duly approved by the Director, Geology and Mining, Assam vide letter dated 22.09.21 recommending total quantity of Minor Mineral measuring **1,50,000 Cum Sand** and **85,000 Cum Sand-gravel** in **5 (Five)** years. The TOR was issued dated 29.11.2022, as accepted, and Public hearing was conducted which is submitted.

Facts were placed before the august Committee for discussions and deliberations. The Consultant, **Indian Mine Planners** (Dr N B Chanda) made full and detailed presentation before the Committee. The Hon'ble Committee after hearing the party made the following observations which need to be addressed by the proponent as mentioned here under:

- a. Name of the Consultant is to be invariably indicated to ensure proper accountability for any misinformation, suppression of material facts;
- b. It was observed that a linear structure is seen in the Down stream at a distance of **296 mtrs**
- c. (Upstream-**355 mtrs**) which need to be ascertained and clarified;
- d. The NOC from the competent authority in the Water Resources Department is required to be made as to the adverse impact,if any, that may likely to have due to mining in the area limited to the approved area;
- e. The stretch of the proposed mining area is revealed to be **3.88 km** covering 4 blocks / stretches, distances of which need to be spelled out by revisiting the Mining Plan. The DFO shall need to clarify after the exercise is done with the RQP Dr Abhijit Bora;
- f. Proposal for development of Green Belt area (**4.62 Ha**) as a measure of reclamation, mitigation measure has to be worked out with the concerned DFO and the expenditures so involved till its establishment needs to be worked out. Fast growing suitable species of plants are to be planted in the area so selected, preferably with due collaboration of the DFO, Dhubri Division.

The Committee is of the considered opinion that once the clarifications are done with by the project proponent / the concerned DFO the recommendation will be made accordingly for grant of the EC by the SEIAA.

SEIAA Resolution 1/11:

EC is approved, subject to submission of clarifications / NOC from the Water Resources Department Govt. of Assam within 1 (one) week from the date of issue of this MOM.

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12. **Proposal asking TOR for Setting up of 300 TPD VSK Clinker manufacturing Unit and 500 TPD cement manufacturing Unit proposed by Daivik Cement Manufacturing Private Limited: SEIAA. 3558/2023 (SIA/AS/IND1/445498/2023)**

SEAC Resolution 2/9:

M/s Daivik Cement Manufacturing Private Limited represented by its authorized signatory Mr Abhishek Agarwala is proposing to set up a **300 TPD VSK (Vertical Shaft Kiln) Clinker manufacturing Unit and 500 TPD cement manufacturing Unit** at Village Chamata Pathar, Mauja-Sonapur, District- Kamrup (M), Assam over a piece of land measuring an area of **2.007 Ha**. The project falls under Schedule 3(b) as per the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006. Since the plant is an integrated plant with production of Clinker and Cement unit hence, it is categorized as "Category B1" project. **It is a greenfield project.** The TOR was issued on 24.03.2023 while the company got the Consent to Establish (CTE) from the State Pollution Control Board, Assam on 14.06.2022. The plant will produce **300 TPD Clinker and 500 TPD Cement.**

The facts are placed before the Hon'ble Committee for detail deliberations and discussions. Letter from the concerned DFOs in respect of distances of the project location from the nearest boundary of the Wildlife Sanctuaries and the Eco Sensitive Zone of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary were considered and discussed. From the forestry angle no such issues as pointed out above require deliberation as the distances from the Amchang WL Sanctuary and Pobitora WL Sanctuary are in a safe zone as not covered by the ESZs. Detailed public hearing has been conducted and completed by the Regional Office, SPCB, Guwahati on 25.08.2023 and the proceedings there to have been submitted / uploaded to the SEIAA and the Minutes have been uploaded in the PARIVESH portal on 14.10.2023.

Detailed Presentation was made by the consultant **Perfact Enviro Solution Pvt Ltd.** The Committee stressed that name of the consultant be furnished to keep accountability and liability on the part of the Consultant for any misinformation or suppression of material facts before the committee.

Upon hearing the party and due deliberation the committee deemed it appropriate to invoke certain conditions which need to be complied with and submitted for further clearance and approval for grant of the EC by the SEIAA.

- The Green Belt proposed around the project area in an area measuring **0.6623 Ha** shall be done in Miyawaki Model under the guidance and supervision of the Member Secretary, SEAC/ SPCB, Assam with species of plants which are dust tolerant. For selection of suitable species of plants the SEAC may be approached, if so advised. The project proponent or its authorized signatory shall work out on the project accordingly.
- Solid waste disposal methodology need to be furnished to the SEAC for further action to recommend grant of the EC.
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) liability is under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended, shall be fulfilled.

With these above observations the august Committee deem it fit to recommend for grant of the EC by the SEIAA.

SEIAA Resolution 1/12:

EC is approved, as per condition laid down by SEAC.



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13. Proposal asking EC for Construction of Proposed B+G+18 Residential cum Commercial Building, Gorchuk, Guwahati, Assam by Agarwalla Brothers: SEIAA.3534/2023 (SIA/AS/INFRA2/431122/2023)

SEAC Resolution 2/10:

This is a project proposal for construction of Residential cum Commercial Building at Gorchuk and the person making the application is Mr Suresh Agarwalla (**Partner**). The total plot area is measuring **9742.39** sq.m while the Built up is **43,985.80** sq.m. Cost of the project is proposed at Rs **90** Crore.

The matter was placed before the august SEAC body for deliberation and discussion for issue of the Environmental Clearance (EC). Deliberations were made and thorough discussions held on presentation made by the consultant **M/S OCEAO-ENVIRO Management Solutions (India) Private Limited**. It was emphasized to have a ground inspection and verification of the project as to its present status by a committee comprising of domain experts on a later date to be notified accordingly. It is on record that the States' only Ramsar Site, Deepor Beel is located at a distance of around **6.40** km. On deliberation the august Committee sought the necessary documents / information which ought to be furnished / submitted as mentioned here under are:


- a) Processing Fee to be deposited with the SEIAA and to furnish the name of the Consultant with his undertaking so that adequate accountability and responsibility could be vested for any kind of misinformation or suppression of material facts;
- b) Approved Plan by the GMDA and GMC to be furnished;
- c) Disaster Management Plan;
- d) Rain Water Harvesting, Sewage Treatment Plan (STP);
- e) Certificate regarding use of ground water from the Central Ground Water Commission;
- f) Solid Waste Management Plan with segregation mechanism and their disposal plan;
- g) Plan of Green Building with its stipulations so far use of Solar Energy;
- h) Drainage Layout Plan along with the connection to the outside main drain;
- i) Procurement of Raw material and their storage specially in case of use of Minor Mineral;
- j) Traffic Management Plan;
- k) Detail development of the Green Belt / Green Cover and the landscape plan;
- l) EMP during construction & operational phases.


The committee is of the opinion that the information be furnished and the conditions complied with for approval to grant the EC by the SEIAA.


SEIAA Resolution 1/13:

The committee suggested a Field inspection.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.


(Sri Rajesh Kemprai)
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SEIAA, Assam


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