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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject:- 45th meeting of SEIAA

Venue:- Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106

From :- 01 February 2022

To :- 01 February 2022

I.	CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE
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(1) Proposed Steel Plant by installation of additional 2x10 tonne Induction Furnace, 1x10 tonne Ladle Refining Furnace, 1 no. 2 strand continuous Caster and rolling mill of capacity 1,20,000 TPA by **M/s. Expandable Enterprises (P) Ltd.** at Plot No. E, WBIDC Plasto Steel Park (Phase I), Village: Ghutgoria, Tehsil: Barjora, District: Bankura, West Bengal

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/IND/58870/2018, File No. :EN/T-II-1/003/2018
Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND/58870/2018 dated 04.12.2020 along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. 3(a) Metallurgical industries (ferrous & non-ferrous) under Category "B1" of EIA Notification 2006. The project proponent obtained ToR on 27.04.2018 by SEAC vide Memo No. 226-2N-149/2005(E) for undertaking detailed EIA study for obtaining Environmental Clearance.

The project was placed in the 41st meeting of SEIAA held on 23.12.2021 and it was decided to conduct a hearing of the project proponent before a final decision on EC application is taken.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

The project proponent (PP) appeared before SEIAA for hearing and made the following submissions:-

- a) The PP have accepted the fact of starting the construction activities for the proposal without obtaining EC and gross inadequacy of greenbelt area in the present project site.
- b) During inspection of the project site by WBPCB on 19.03.2021, it was observed that the green area for raising exclusive tree plantation area within the project site is grossly inadequate.
- c) The PP informed that they have procured an additional contiguous land for the purpose of setting up of the industrial unit and raising of green belt to meet up the shortfall in plantation area.

In view of MoEF&CC O.M. No.22-21/2020-IA.III[E 138949] dated 28.01.2022 conveying the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding the SoP of MoEF&CC dated 07.07.2021 dealing with identification and handling of violation cases under EIA Notification, 2006, the case can be considered for reappraisal under violation category.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

Referred to SEAC for reappraisal.

CONCLUSION

Refer back to SEAC.

(2) Proposed expansion of MS billet/ingot and TMT bar production from 92,160 TPA to 2,00,160 TPA installing 3 X12 MT Induction Furnace and one Continuous Casting Machine (CCM) by **M/s. H R Ispat Pvt. Ltd.** at Plot no. H1 of Bamunara Industrial Estate; Village & PO: Bamunara; Mouza: Bamunara, Durgapur, PIN: 713212, Dist.: Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/IND/61664/2019, File No. :EN/T-II-1/052/2019

Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND/61664/2019 dated 11.03.2021 along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. 3(a) Metallurgical industries (ferrous & non-ferrous) under Category "B1" of EIA Notification 2006. SEAC issued ToR to the project proponent vide No. 854-2N-46/2019(E) dated 30.07.2019. The PP had obtained an EC for the project vide No. 1133/EN/T-II-1/084/2014 dated 19.05.2016 for 1x6 T + 1x4 T + 2x10 T Induction Furnaces which is valid till **18.05.2023**.

The project was placed in the 43rd meeting of SEIAA held on 13.01.2022 and it was decided to conduct a hearing of the project proponent before a final decision on EC application is taken in fulfilment of the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

The project proponent (PP) appeared before SEIAA for hearing and made the following submissions:-

- a) The PP have accepted the fact of starting the construction activities for the proposal without obtaining EC and gross inadequacy of greenbelt area in the present project site.
- b) During inspection of the project site by WBPCB on 28.09.2021, it was observed that the green area for raising exclusive tree plantation area within the project site is grossly inadequate.
- c) The PP informed that they have procured an additional land away from the project site for the purpose of raising of green belt to meet up the shortfall in plantation area.

In view of MoEF&CC O.M. No.22-21/2020-IA.III[E 138949] dated 28.01.2022 conveying the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding the SoP of MoEF&CC dated 07.07.2021 dealing with identification and handling of violation cases under EIA Notification, 2006, the case can be considered for reappraisal under violation category.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

Referred to SEAC for reappraisal.

CONCLUSION

Refer back to SEAC.

(3) Proposed construction of hospital complex (existing- a LG + UG + 2 storied Treatment Block, a B + G + 3 storied Ward Block, a B + G + 1 storied Service Block, a G storied & 2 nos. G + 3 storied Nurses' Hostel and a G + 3 storied Doctors' Hostel, proposed - B+G+10 storied) along with mechanized car parking over the leasehold land of **M/s. Peerless Hospitex Hospital & Research Center Ltd.** at Premises No. 360, Panchasayar, Mouza – Chakgaria, J.L. No. – 26, Khatian No. – 10, Dag No. – 01, P.S. – Purba Jadavpur, under Ward No. – 109 & Borough - XII of Kolkata Municipal Corporation (K.M.C.), Kolkata – 700094, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/MIS/117505/2019, File No :- EN/T-II-1/164/2021

Type- EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/117505/2019 dated 27.04.2021 seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. 8(a) Building and Construction projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed that all the following supporting documents are required to be uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal :-

- a) Provisional NOC for the project from West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services.
- b) Building Permit along with all sanctioned drawings.
- c) Completion Certificate and drawings of the existing project.
- d) STP details including sections.
- e) CER.
- f) 'Consent to Operate' of WBPCB for existing hospital.
- g) Authorisation from WBPCB under Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- h) Authorisation from WBPCB under Hazardous Waste Rules, 2008.
- i) Biomedical waste agreement.
- j) Licence under WB Clinical Establishment Act, 2017.
- k) In case of presence of radio therapy section required permission from Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for dealing with radioactive materials and operation of nuclear medicine facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

Therefore, the application for EC is deferred for additional information.

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

(4) Proposed expansion of shopping mall by **M/s. CESC Limited** at 33, Syed Amir Ali Avenue, PS – Karaya, KMC Ward No. 64, Kolkata – 700017, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/MIS/59721/2020, File No :- EN/T-II-1/007/2008 Type- EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/59721/2020 dated 07.01.2021 along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. 8(b) Townships and Area Development projects under Category "B1" of EIA Notification 2006. ToR was issued vide No. 54-2N-112/2007(E) dated 28.01.2020 by SEAC.

The project was placed in the 42nd meeting of SEIAA held on 28.12.2021 and it was decided to request the project proponent to upload certain documents. Project proponent uploaded their reply on 22.01.2022.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

The application for EC is approved based on the KMC Building Deptt. Completion Plan dated 03.09.2014 as per approval of Dy. C.E. (S)/B.&D.(B) Building Permit No. 2005070044 dated 19.05.2005 and U/R 25(2a) & (2b) dated 20.09.2007, MIC dated 02.11.2007 & 08.02.2008 & further U/R 25 (2a) & (2b) approved by MBC dated 18.01.2011 and U/S 394 vide B.P. No. 2012070196 dated 20.09.2012 and U/S 394 vide B.P. No. 2013070060 dated 25.05.2013 and further U/R 26 (2a) & (2b) approved by D.G.(B) dated 12.09.2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

II CONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS

(1) Proposed Synthetic Resin Production Plant (UF Resin & MF Resin) by **M/s. Bansal Udyog** at Plot No. - 766, JL No. - 6, Khatian No. – 205, Rahimpur More, Ethelbari, District: Alipurduar, PIN-735204, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/IND3/68514/2021, File No :- EN/T-II-1/150/2021 Type- ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND3/68514/2021 dated 21.10.2021 seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S.No. 5(f) Synthetic organic chemicals industry (dyes & dye intermediates; bulk drugs and intermediates excluding drug formulations; synthetic rubbers; basic organic chemicals, other synthetic organic chemicals and chemical intermediates) under Category B of EIA Notification, 2006 and the proposal is appraised at state level.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR.

III MISCELLANEOUS

(1) Discussion on applications from Stone Crusher Units received online.

It is found that a considerable number of applications for EC have been received from Stone Crushing Units under 'Mining' Category. In view of the Orders of Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench in O.A. No. 475/2016 dated 19.07.2017 and subsequent order in M.A. No. 13/2019 dated 31.01.2019, 'no stone crushers can be permitted to operate unless they obtain consent from the State PCB, proper NOC from the concerned authorities and have Environmental Clearance from the competent authority', EC is mandatory for all Stone Crushing Units. Stand-alone Stone Crushing Units cannot be considered under 'Mining' Category. The stone crusher unit is not listed in the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 (as amended). In order to process such applications received so far, SEIAA has decided the following :-

- i. The project proponents who have already submitted their Stone Crushing Unit applications under 'Mining' Category are required to submit the following documents :-
 - 1) Application in appropriate form in PARIVESH Portal.
 - 2) District Survey Report (DSR)
 - 3) Pre-feasibility Report.
 - 4) Letter of Intent from the Competent Authority.
 - 5) Approved Mine Plan and
 - 6) EIA/EMP, wherever required.

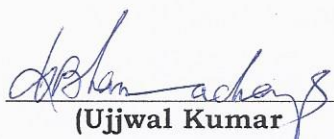
- ii. For processing future applications for stone crushers in appropriate category, a clarification is required to be sought by Member Secretary, SEIAA from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India in the matter of NGT in O.A. No. 475/2016 dated 19.07.2017 and subsequent order in M.A. No. 13/2019 dated 31.01.2019.

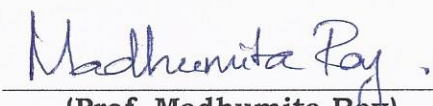
- (2) Discussion on applications from Rolling Mill Units received online.


It is found that a considerable number of applications for EC have been received from Rolling Mills. Clarifications were sought from MoEF&CC (letter Nos. 1447/EN/T-II/077/2012(Pt-1) dated 19.08.2021, 1735/EN/T-II/077/2012(Pt-1) dated 30.09.2021 and 2185/EN/T-II/077/2012(Pt-1) dated 13.12.2021) regarding categorisation of Rolling Mills projects in either 'B1' or 'B2' category. However, no reply from MoEF&CC has been received till date.

In view of the MoEF&CC O.M. No.J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24.12.2013, all category 'B' projects/activities listed under Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments shall be considered as 'B1' projects which have not been sub-classified as 'B1' or 'B2' projects in the said notification.

SEIAA has, therefore, decided to process all Rolling Mill applications under category 'B1' projects.


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