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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority West Bengal Minutes of SEIAA Meeting

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Subject:- 48th meeting of SEIAA

Venue:- Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th

Floor, LB - Block, Sector - III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106

From: 17 February 2022

To:- 17 February 2022

I. CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed 'Aryan Stone Quarry (O.C.)' (Area- 1.46 Hectare) at Plot No – 3943(P), 3944, 3945, 3946(P), J.L. No. 36, Village- Tarachua, P.S. - Rampurhat, District- Birbhum, PIN – 731127, West Bengal by M/s. Aryan Stone Quarry

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/189700/2020, File No. : EN/T-II-1/148/2021 Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/189700/2020 dated 02.09.2021 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. 1(a) Mining of minerals projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006.

Earlier the project proponent had obtained EC vide No. 2656/EN/T-II-1/048/2013 dated 28.10.2014 for 20033 TPA Black Stone Mining project at Vill – Jamkandar, Mouza – Tarachua, P.S. – Rampurhat, PO – Kastogora, J.L. No. 36, Plot No – 3943(P), 3944, 3945, 3946(P), District-Birbhum, West Bengal.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC wherein they have mentioned that it was observed that the project proponent has applied for 'Fresh EC' application. However, from documents presented by the project proponent it was noticed that they have a valid EC vide No. 2656/EN/T-II-1/048/2013 dated 28.10.2014 for existing project. The EC is valid till 29.03.2031 in consonance with the validity of the Mining Lease. Therefore, SEAC recommended this application for rejection as this application cannot be treated as 'Fresh Case'.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The project proponent along with the Environmental Consultant is required to appear for a hearing before the SEIAA, WB before a final decision on EC application is taken.

CONCLUSION

Deferred for additional information.

II. CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION / AMENDMENT / CORRIGENDUM OF EC PROPOSALS

(1) Validity extension of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Residential Complex Siddha Eden Lakeville (formerly Bonhooghly Tenement Scheme) by **Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Department, Govt. of West Bengal** at Premises No. 561, Bonhooghly Arable Land, PS – Belghoria, Baranagar Municipality Ward No. 15 (old 31/29), Holding No. – 4 (old No. 1290), Kolkata – 700035, Dist – 24 Parganas (North), West Bengal.

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/MIS/236421/2021, File No: EN/T-II-1/011/2014 Type- MODIEC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/236421/2021 dated 30.10.2021 along with Form 6 seeking extension of validity of EC under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project.

Earlier the project proponent had obtained EC vide No. 2579/EN/T-II-1/011/2014 dated 16.10.2014 for residential complex "Bonhooghly Tenement Scheme" at Premises No. 561, Bonhooghly Arable Land, PS – Baranagar, Baranagar Municipality Ward No. 15 (old 31/29), Holding No. – 4 (old No. 1290), Kolkata – 700035, Dist – 24 Parganas (North), West Bengal.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA decided to extend the validity of the EC till 15.10.2024.

CONCLUSION

Recommended for extension of validity.

III CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS

(1) Proposed 1.155 Million TPA Cement Grinding Unit along with 0.35 Million TPA Wire/Nail Drawing Mill at Plot Nos. – 39, 75, 76, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 76/335, 76/368, Mouza – Mathurakismat- JL.No. - 114, P.O. - Shyamraipur, P.S – Kharagpur (local), Dist. Paschim Medinipur by M/s. Orissa Metallurgical Industry Private Limited (Cement & Rolling Mill Division)

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/IND/65982/2021, File No: EN/T-II-1/142/2021 Type- ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND/65982/2021 dated 07.08.2021 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. 3(a) Metallurgical industries (ferrous & non ferrous) 3(b) Cement plants under Category B of EIA Notification, 2006.

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 with Environmental Consultants and Architects regarding proper uploading of documents while applying in the PARIVESH portal and other related issues for effective and speedy disposal of cases.

It is observed that in spite of best efforts made by SEIAA, the EC approval process is taking considerable time due to incomplete submission of documents in the PARIVESH portal and the problems faced by the project proponents and environmental consultants in uploading all documents in the portal.

Environmental Consultants and Architects dealing with submission of project proposals in the PARIVESH portal were invited for discussion on the issues of application of the project proposals and uploading of documents in the portal. A list of participants present in the meeting is annexed. The following points emerged from the discussion:

- A. Submittals in PARIVESH Portal
 - a) Categorization of the projects while uploading.
 - It is mentioned that the project proponents (PP) and consultants are getting confused regarding the selection of category in the PARIVESH portal for the 'expansion of existing projects'. Such existing projects were outside the purview of EC. It was clarified that the PP should apply for such projects in 'New / Fresh' category. The application should be made for entire project (existing & proposed).
 - b) Difficulty in uploading the documents due to limited space for attachments.

 All consultants present in the meeting expressed the availability of inadequate space in the portal especially in EDS wherein only 5 MB is provided. It is observed that this 5 MB space is grossly inadequate for uploading all the relevant documents and drawings as there is no scope to supplement the required

documents in offline mode. Mr. Basudev Das, Environmental Consultant suggested a format for uploading of documents within the limited space. Other consultants present in the meeting were also requested to submit their suggestions in this regard. After receiving all suggestions, SEIAA will work out the modalities for submissions of the attachments.

- c) Signature of the project proponents and consultants.

 The consultants expressed their difficulties regarding putting of scanned signatures in all pages of all documents due to availability of limited space in the portal. SEIAA suggested submission of digitally signed documents.
- d) Attachment of documents for EDS. In some cases the consultants are facing difficulty in the portal while uploading the attachments for EDS. The scope for such attachments does not exist in some cases. NIC may be requested for remedial measures.
- e) Fresh application dealing with existing projects.

 In the portal there is no provision for uploading of details of the existing projects which were outside the purview of EC. NIC may be requested to make such provision in order to furnish the data both for existing and proposed project.
- f) Inappropriate reflection and mixing of nomenclature of the documents
 Some consultants informed that they are facing difficulties while uploading the
 documents against each items mentioned in the form. It is informed that after
 submitting documents the data is being reflected in some other locations or not
 being reflected at all. NIC may be requested for remedial measures.
- B. Boundary declaration

Majority of projects which are submitted do not fall in any regular corporation areas. These projects do not have any premises no. nor defined by any plot no. Presently PP is submitting a site plan overlapping with Mouza map. In the meeting Ar. Atanu Chakraborty suggested that a registered Boundary Declaration would be helpful in identifying the project location.

SEIAA would explore the available options for remedial measures and redressal of issues raised in the meeting after consultation with all the stake holders and inform all concerned.

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