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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
Pranisampad Bhawan, 5th Floor, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106
(West Bengal)
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject:- 68th meeting of SEIAA

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

From :- 26 Jul 2022

To :- 26 Jul 2022

1. Proposal No. :- **SIA/WB/IND/31555/2019** File No- **EN/T-II-1/020/2019**

Proposed installation of 2 X 20 MT Induction Furnaces and 1,48,800MT/Annum Rolling Mill at LR Type-
 Plot Nos. (enclosed as Annexure – 1), Village & Mouza – Nidhirampur, PS – Gangajalghati, JL No. **EC**
 034, PIN – 722133, District - Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. Shree Ramdoot Rollers Pvt. Ltd.**

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND/31555/2019** dated **26 Feb 2022** 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 and the proposal is appraised at State level.

The **Installation of 2 X 20 MT Induction Furnaces with Continuous Caster and 1,48,800 MT/Annum Rolling Mill** of M/s **SHREE RAMDOOT ROLLERS PVT LTD** located in Village & Mouza – Nidhirampur, PS – Gangajalghati, JL No. 034, PIN – 722133, District – Bankura, State **West Bengal** was initially received in the Ministry on **26 Feb 2019** for obtaining Terms of Reference (ToR) as per EIA Notification, 2006. The Project was appraised by the State Expert Appraisal Committee [SEAC] during its **172nd Meeting** meeting held between **30 Apr 2019 to 30 Apr 2019** and prescribed ToRs to the project for undertaking detailed EIA study for obtaining Environmental Clearance. Accordingly, ToR was prescribed to the project on **06 May 2019**.

The project was placed in the 66th meeting of SEIAA held on 05.07.2022 and it was observed that some documents required to be uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal. The project proponent uploaded documents on 11.07.2022.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of M/s **SHREE RAMDOOT ROLLERS PVT LTD** located in as follows :

State of the project						
S. No.	State		District		Tehsil	Village
(1.)	West Bengal		Bankura		Gangajalghati	Nidhirampur
14. Project configuration/product details						
S. No.	Project configuration/product details	Quantity	Unit	Other Unit	Mode of Transport/Transmission of Product	Other Mode of Transport

2 X 20 MT Induction Furnaces with continuous caster and
1,48,800MT/Annum Rolling Mill

Raw Material Requirement is as follows :

Raw Material Requirement details

S. No.	Item	Quantity per annum	Unit	Other Unit	Source	Mode of Transport/Transmission of Product	Other Mode of Transport	Distance of Source from Project Site(Kilometers)
(1.)	Silico Manganese	858	1		India	Road		2
(2.)	MS Scrap	16948	1		India	Road		2
(3.)	Scrap	3570	1		India	Road		2
(4.)	sponge Iron	104555	1		India	Road		2
(5.)	Pig Iron	19693	1		India	Road		2
(6.)	Aluminium	24.8	1		India	Road		2
(7.)	Ferro Alloy, FeSi	100	1		India	Road		2

Details of Previous ToR

S. No.	Item	Quantity	Unit	Other Unit	Source	Mode of Transport/Transmission of Product	Other Mode of Transport	Distance of Source from Project Site(Kilometers)
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ToR issued vide Memo No. 413-2N-24/2019(E) dated 06.05.2019 for 2 X 20 MT Induction Furnaces with continuous caster and 1,48,800MT/Annum Rolling Mill

Expansion Details :

S. No.	Product/Activity (Capacity / Area)	Quantity		Unit	Other Unit
		From	To		
(1.)	TMT Rebars/Rods	0	148800	Tons per Annum(TPA)	
(2.)	M.S. Ignots/Billets	45000	75280	Tons per Annum(TPA)	

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the submission uploaded on 11.07.2022 by the project proponent and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved under violation category.

Conclusion

Recommended

S.No	Conditions
(1)	<p>I. Statutory compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The project proponent shall obtain forest clearance under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1986, in case of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose involved in the project.ii. The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.iii. The project proponent shall prepare a Site-Specific Conservation Plan & Wildlife Management Plan and approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden. The recommendations of the approved Site-Specific Conservation Plan / Wildlife Management Plan shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest Department. The implementation report shall be furnished along with the six-monthly compliance report. (in case of the presence of schedule-I species in the study area).iv. The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish / Operate under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 from the concerned State Pollution Control Board / Committee.v. The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission from the Competent Authority, in case of drawl of ground water or in case of drawl of surface water required for the project.vi. The project proponent shall obtain authorization under the Hazardous and other Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended from time to time. <p>II. Air quality monitoring and preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The project proponent shall install 24x7 continuous emission monitoring system at process stacks to monitor stack emission with respect to standards prescribed in Environment (Protection) Rules 1986 vide G.S.R.277(E) dated 31st March 2012 (applicable to IF / EAF) as amended from time to time as amended from time to time) and connected to SPCB and CPCB online servers and calibrate these system from time to time according to equipment supplier specification through labs recognized under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or NABL accredited laboratories.ii. The project proponent shall monitor fugitive emissions in the plant premises at least once in every quarter through laboratories recognized under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or NABL accredited laboratories.iii. The project proponent shall install system carryout Continuous Ambient Air Quality monitoring for common / criterion parameters relevant to the main pollutants released (e.g. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} in reference to PM emission. and SO₂ and NO_x in reference to SO₂ and NO_x emissions) within and outside the plant area (at least at four locations one within and three outside the plant area at an angle of 120° each), covering upwind and downwind directions. (case to case basis small plants: Manual; Large plants: Continuous)iv. The project proponent shall submit monthly summary report of continuous stack emission and air quality monitoring and results of manual stack monitoring and manual monitoring of air quality / fugitive emissions to Regional Office of MoEF&CC/SEIAA, Zonal office of CPCB and Regional Office of SPCB along with six-monthly monitoring report.v. Appropriate Air Pollution Control (APC) system shall be provided for all the dust generating points including fugitive dust from all vulnerable sources.vi. The project proponent shall provide leakage detection and mechanized bag cleaning facilities for better maintenance of bags.

- vii. Sufficient number of mobile or stationery vacuum cleaners shall be provided to clean plant roads, shop floors, roofs, regularly.
- viii. Recycle and reuse iron are fines, coal and coke fines, lime fines and such other fines collected in the pollution control devices and vacuum cleaning devices in the process after briquetting / agglomeration.
- ix. The project proponent shall use leak proof trucks / dumpers carrying coal and other raw materials and cover them with tarpaulin.
- x. The project proponent shall provide covered sheds for raw materials like scrap and sponge iron, lump ore, coke, coal, etc.
- xi. The project proponent shall provide primary and secondary fume extraction system at all melting furnaces.
- xii. Design the ventilation system for adequate air changes as per ACGIH document for all tunnels, motor houses, Oil Cellars.

III. Water quality monitoring and preservation

- i. The project proponent shall install 24x7 continuous effluent monitoring system with respect to standards prescribed in Environment (Protection) Rules 1986 vide G.S.R.277(E) dated 31st March 2012 (applicable to IF / EAF) as amended from time to time; as amended from time to time) and connected to SPCB and CPCB online servers and calibrate these system from time to time according to equipment supplier specification through labs recognized under Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 or NABL accredited laboratories. (case to case basis small plants: Manual; Large plants: Continuous)
- ii. The project proponent shall monitor regularly ground water quality at least twice a year (pre and post monsoon) at sufficient numbers of piezometers / sampling wells in the plant and adjacent areas through labs recognized under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and NABL accredited laboratories.
- iii. The project proponent shall submit monthly summary report of continuous effluent monitoring and results of manual effluent testing and manual monitoring of ground water quality to Regional Office of MoEF&CC/SEIAA, Zonal office of CPCB and Regional Office of SPCB along with six-monthly monitoring report.
- iv. Adhere to 'Zero Liquid Discharge'.
- v. Sewage Treatment Plant shall be provided for treatment of domestic wastewater to meet the prescribed standards.
- vi. The project proponent shall provide the ETP for effluents of rolling mills to meet the standards prescribed in G.S.R.277(E)31st March 2012 (applicable to IF / EAF) as amended from time to time.
- vii. Garland drains and collection pits shall be provided for each stock pile to arrest the run-off in the event of heavy rains and to check the water pollution due to surface run off.
- viii. The project proponent shall practice rainwater harvesting to maximum possible extent.
- ix. The project proponent shall make efforts to minimise water consumption in the steel plant complex by segregation of used water, practicing cascade use and by recycling treated water.

IV. Noise monitoring and prevention

- i. Noise level survey shall be carried as per the prescribed guidelines and report in this regard shall be submitted to Regional Officer of the Ministry / SEIAA as a part of six-monthly compliance report.
- ii. The ambient noise levels should conform to the standards prescribed under E(P)A Rules, 1986 viz. 75 dB(A) during day time and 70 dB(A) during night time.

V. Energy Conservation measures

- i. The project proponent shall provide waste heat recovery system (pre-heating of combustion air) at the flue gases of reheating furnaces.
- ii. Practice hot charging of slabs and billets / blooms as far as possible.
- iii. Ensure installation of regenerative type burners on all reheating furnaces.
- iv. Provide solar power generation on roof tops of buildings, for solar light system for all common areas, street lights, parking around project area and maintain the same regularly.
- v. Provide the project proponent for LED lights in their offices and residential areas.

VI. Waste management

- i. Used refractories shall be recycled as far as possible.
- ii. Oily scum and metallic sludge recovered from roiling mills ETP shall be mixed, dried, and briquetted and reused melting Furnaces.
- iii. The waste oil, grease and other hazardous waste shall be disposed of as per the Hazardous & Other Waste (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
- iv. Kitchen waste shall be composted or converted to biogas for further use. (to be decided on case to case basis depending on type and size of plant).

VII. Green Belt

- i. Green belt shall be developed in an area equal to 33% of the plant area with a native tree species in accordance with CPCB guidelines. The greenbelt shall inter alia cover the entire periphery of the plant. The project proponent should follow plantation plan approved by DFO, Bankura North Division vide Memo no. 1282/13-2 dated 30.05.2022.
- ii. The project proponent shall prepare GHG emissions inventory for the plant and shall submit the programme for reduction of the same including carbon sequestration including plantation.

VIII. Public hearing and Human health issues

- i. Emergency preparedness plan based on the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and Disaster Management Plan shall be implemented.
- ii. The project proponent shall carry out heat stress analysis for the workmen who work in high temperature work zone and provide Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) as per the norms of Factory Act.
- iii. Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, creche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- iv. Occupational health surveillance or the workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.

IX. Environment Management Plan (EMP)

- i. The project proponent should submit the proposed EMP on six monthly basis. The office Memorandum issued by the MoEF&CC vide F.No.22-65/2017-IA, III dated 30/09/2020 should be strictly followed.
- ii. Need based activities for local people is part of the EMP. Details of such activities submitted by the project proponent for expansion project is given in Annexure-2.
- iii. The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approve by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements / deviation / violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions. The company shall have defined system

of reporting infringements / deviation / violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions and / or shareholders / stake holders. The copy of the Board resolution in this regard shall be submitted to the MoEF&CC/SEIAA as a part of six-monthly report.

- iv. A separate Environmental Cell both at the project and company head quarter level, with qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of Senior Executive, who will directly to the head of the organization.
- v. Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry / Regional Office / SEIAA along with the Six Monthly Compliance Report.
- vi. Self-environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
- vii. All the recommendations made in the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection (CREP) for the plants shall be implemented.

X. Miscellaneous

- i. The environmental clearance accorded shall be valid for a period of 10 years for the proposed project.
- ii. The project proponent shall make public the environmental clearance granted for their project along with the environmental conditions and safeguards at their cost by prominently advertising it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days and in addition this shall also be displayed in the project proponent's website permanently.
- iii. The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
- iv. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including result of monitored data on their website and update the same on half-yearly basis.
- v. The project proponent shall monitor the criteria pollutants level namely; PM10, SO2, NOx (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) or critical sectoral parameters, indicated for the projects and display the same at a convenient location for disclosure to the public and put on the website of the company.
- vi. The project proponent shall submit six-monthly reports on the status of the compliance of the stipulated environmental conditions on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change /SEIAA at environment clearance portal.
- vii. The project proponent shall submit the environmental statement for each financial year in Form-V to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.
- viii. The project proponent shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry/SEIAA. the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities, commencing the land development work and start of production operation by the project.
 - a. The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
 - b. The project proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA / EMP report, commitment made during Public Hearing and also that during their

presentation to the Expert Appraisal Committee / SEAC.

- ix. No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)/SEIAA.
- x. Concealing factual data or submission of false / fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- xi. The Ministry / SEIAA may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
- xii. The Ministry / SEIAA reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
- xiii. The Regional Office of this Ministry / SEIAA shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer(s) of the Regional Office / SEIAA by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- xiv. The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
- xv. Any appeal against this EC shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

Annexure - 1

List of Plot Nos. for the project of Shree Ramdoot Rollers Pvt. Ltd.

Khatian No:-1618				
SL No.	Plot No.	Total area of the plot (in acre)	% in Total Plot	Share (in acre)
1	3255	0.11	1.000	0.11
2	3256	0.12	1.000	0.12
3	3257	0.02	1.000	0.02
4	3258	0.02	1.000	0.02
5	3259	0.05	1.000	0.05
6	3260	0.05	1.000	0.05
7	3261	0.12	1.000	0.12
8	3262	0.36	1.000	0.36
9	3263	0.06	1.000	0.06
10	3264	0.06	1.000	0.06
11	3265	0.04	1.000	0.04
12	3266	0.06	1.000	0.06
13	3328	0.14	1.000	0.14
14	3329	0.17	1.000	0.17
15	3330	0.22	1.000	0.22
16	3331	0.08	1.000	0.08

17	3332	0.12	1.000	0.12
18	3333	0.06	1.000	0.06
19	3334	0.04	1.000	0.04
20	3335	0.05	1.000	0.05
21	3336	0.26	1.000	0.26
22	3339	0.02	1.000	0.02
23	3340	0.04	1.000	0.04
24	3341	0.03	1.000	0.03
25	3342	0.06	1.000	0.06
26	3343	0.04	0.500	0.02
27	3344	0.06	1.000	0.06
28	3345	0.04	1.000	0.04
29	3346	0.06	1.000	0.06
30	3347	0.03	1.000	0.03
31	3348	0.03	1.000	0.03
32	3349	0.05	1.000	0.05
33	3350	0.12	1.000	0.12
34	3351	0.06	1.000	0.06
35	3352	0.01	1.000	0.01
36	3353	0.08	1.000	0.08
37	3354	0.16	1.000	0.16
38	3355	0.02	1.000	0.02
39	3356	0.06	1.000	0.06
40	3357	0.23	1.000	0.23
41	3358	0.25	1.000	0.25
42	3359	0.04	1.000	0.04
43	3360	0.08	1.000	0.08
44	3361	0.05	1.000	0.05
45	3362	0.02	1.000	0.02
46	3363	0.07	1.000	0.07
47	3364	0.03	1.000	0.03
48	3365	0.03	1.000	0.03
49	3366	0.1	1.000	0.10
50	3367	0.04	1.000	0.04
51	3368	0.03	1.000	0.03
52	3369	0.02	1.000	0.02
53	3370	0.02	1.000	0.02
54	3371	0.05	1.000	0.05
55	3372	0.02	1.000	0.02
56	3373	0.09	1.000	0.09
57	3374	0.28	1.000	0.28
58	3375	0.48	1.000	0.48
59	3382	0.1	1.000	0.10
60	3383	0.63	1.000	0.63
61	3384	0.8	1.000	0.80
62	3385	0.11	1.000	0.11

63	3386	0.99	0.125	0.12
Total (A)				6.85

Khatian No:-1618

SL No.	Plot No.	Total area of the plot(in acre)	% in Total Plot	Share (in acre)
1	3327	0.42	0.167	0.07
Total (B)				0.07

Khatian No:-1687

SL No.	Plot No.	Total area of the plot (in acre)	% in Total Plot	Share (in acre)
1	3105	1.35	0.1250	0.16
2	3145	0.10	1.0000	0.10
3	3146	0.92	1.0000	0.92
4	3150	0.14	1.0000	0.14
5	3151	0.82	1.0000	0.82
6	3152	0.11	1.0000	0.11
7	3153	0.09	1.0000	0.09
8	3154	0.61	1.0000	0.61
9	3179	0.21	0.0314	0.01
10	3181	0.27	1.0000	0.27
11	3186	0.26	0.9999	0.26
12	3187	0.35	1.0000	0.35
13	3188	0.31	1.0000	0.31
14	3189	0.26	1.0000	0.26
15	3190	0.24	1.0000	0.24
16	3191	0.67	1.0000	0.67
17	3192	0.26	1.0000	0.26
18	3193	0.12	1.0000	0.12
19	3194	0.13	1.0000	0.13
20	3195	0.11	1.0000	0.11
21	3196	0.37	1.0000	0.37
22	3197	0.39	1.0000	0.39
23	3198	0.16	1.0000	0.16
24	3199	0.02	1.0000	0.02
25	3200	0.21	1.0000	0.21
26	3201	0.46	1.0000	0.46
27	3202	0.25	1.0000	0.25
28	3203	0.27	1.0000	0.27
29	3204	0.21	1.0000	0.21

30	3206	0.12	1.0000	0.12
31	3207	0.39	0.5000	0.19
32	3208	0.22	1.0000	0.22
33	3209	0.28	0.1071	0.03
34	3211	0.18	0.1666	0.03
35	3212	0.52	0.3846	0.20
36	3213	0.46	0.4402	0.20
37	3217	0.36	0.6667	0.24
38	3218	0.52	0.4038	0.21
39	3223	0.31	1.0000	0.31
40	3226	0.15	0.6222	0.10
41	3227	0.14	0.7142	0.10
42	3229	0.21	1.0000	0.21
43	3232	0.26	1.0000	0.26
44	3233	0.04	1.0000	0.04
45	3234	0.08	1.0000	0.08
46	3235	0.08	1.0000	0.08
47	3237	0.08	1.0000	0.08
48	3238	0.05	1.0000	0.05
49	3239	0.11	1.0000	0.11
50	3240	0.02	1.0000	0.02
51	3242	0.12	1.0000	0.12
52	3243	0.01	1.0000	0.01
53	3244	0.26	1.0000	0.26
54	3245	0.27	1.0000	0.27
55	3246	0.29	1.0000	0.29
56	3247	0.06	1.0000	0.06
57	3248	0.05	1.0000	0.05
58	3249	0.70	1.0000	0.70
59	3250	0.14	1.0000	0.14
60	3251	0.01	1.0000	0.01
61	3252	1.00	1.0000	1.00
62	3253	0.04	1.0000	0.04
63	3254	0.02	1.0000	0.02
64	3267	0.18	1.0000	0.18
65	3268	0.10	1.0000	0.10
66	3269	0.06	1.0000	0.06
67	3270	0.10	1.0000	0.10
68	3271	0.36	0.0833	0.03
69	3292	0.27	0.0500	0.01
70	3376	0.08	1.0000	0.08
71	3377	0.08	1.0000	0.08
72	3378	0.02	1.0000	0.02
73	3379	0.01	1.0000	0.01
74	3380	0.01	1.0000	0.01
75	3381	0.21	1.0000	0.21

76	3386	0.99	0.3750	0.37
Total (C)				15.39

TOTAL LAND (A+B+C) = 22.31 Acres

Annexure-2

NEED BASED ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE FOR EXPANSION PROJECT

(This will be in addition to the activities for existing project for which EC was obtained vide no. EN/2430/T-II-1/166/2007 dated 12.11.2008)

S.NO.	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	AMOUNT INVOLVED (INR)
1	Provision of solar panel lighting around common areas of road up to approx. 1.5 km	Within 12 months	6,00,000
2	Provision of Medical check up and Eye Testing along with Cataract operation and providing spectacles free of cost	Within 6-9 months	8,00,000
3	Construction of separate toilets for boys & girls in nearby schools	Within 12-18 months	6,00,000
4	Providing free computers to the nearby schools	within 12-18 months	2,60,000
5	Provision of RO treatment facility with cooling water supply in the nearby schools	within 12-18 months	2,00,000
6	Construction of approach road of around 1400 meter	Within 6-9 months	55,00,000
7	Providing medicine and supplements to nearby Goshalas	With 3-6 months	2,50,000

II. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) Discussion regarding compliance of W.P.A. 11523 of 2022 dated 30.06.2022 of Calcutta High Court.

Background:

M/s. Shree Ramdoot Rollers Pvt. Ltd. being the project proponent made an online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND/31555/2019 dated 26.02.2022 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 application was being processed from time to time based on their submittals. In 63rd SEIAA meeting held on 14.06.2022, the application for EC was deferred because the application was incomplete in nature. One of the reasons for such deferment was the engagement of environmental consultant without NABET accreditation as consultant for the project.

SEIAA verified the updated list published on 09.05.2022 of accredited consultant organization vide url:

<https://nabet.qci.org.in/status-amp-register> and found that the consulting organization namely Pacific Scientific Consultancy Private Limited is not listed therein. Therefore, the PP was requested to engage a NABET Accredited Environmental Consultant Organization for the project.

Meanwhile, Hon'ble Calcutta High Court issued an order vide W.P.A. 11523 of 2022 dated 30.06.2022 wherein M/s. Pacific Scientific Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. & Ors, represented as petitioner and The State of West Bengal & Ors. as respondent.

The court disposed off the matter with the directive to consider the petitioner's application afresh and come to a reasoned order within a period of six weeks from the date of communication of the court order.

Observation:

The matter was discussed in detail by SEIAA in the presence of the Sr. Law Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of WB. In the SEIAA meeting dated 14.06.2022 it was decided that 'henceforth environmental consultant without NABET accreditation shall not be allowed to act as consultant for any project being submitted for EC'. Though SEIAA has also accepted the environmental consultants who had obtained specific stay orders from different courts.

As mentioned above, SEIAA is bound to comply with the Notifications and Govt. Orders issued by MoEF&CC, GoI from time to time. Regarding engagement of environmental consultant for any project, NABET accreditation is mandatory as mentioned both in the Office Memorandum vide F. No. J-11013/77/2004-IA II (I) dated 28.06.2010 and Notification No. S.O.648(E) dated 03.03.2016 and PARIVESH portal. It is being observed that the consulting organizations without NABET accreditation are engaged by the project proponents time and again and they produce stay orders from the different courts in order to accept them as consultants. SEIAA find it difficult to entertain such agencies without NABET accreditation as there is no specific time period mentioned in such stay orders which are presented before the SEIAA, WB.

The environmental consultant organization has a critical role in preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment Report & Environment Management Plan. NABET accreditation checks and ensures the quality of such organizations. The environmental parameters and correct prediction of impacts play a crucial role in safeguarding the environment and public at large.

Hence, in the interest of public and environmental cause it was decided to file an Appeal against the aforesaid order of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court regarding quashing the impugned decision of SEIAA, WB as stated in the Minutes of the Meeting dated 14.06.2022.

A senior advocate may please be engaged to file this appeal and it is further suggested that MoEF&CC may be included as respondent in the matter.

(2) Discussion on draft DSRs of Uttar Dinajpur and Murshidabad.

The DSRs of Uttar Dinajpur and Murshidabad are approved.