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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject: **30th meeting of SEIAA (Reconstituted on 17.05.2023)**
Venue:- **Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106**
From :- **01 February 2024**
To :- **01 February 2024**

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed Synthetic Resin Manufacturing Unit of 18000 TPA at Dag no. 322, 323, 324, 325, 339, 340; Vill - Kanchowki, Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-743503, West Bengal by **M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd..**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/016/2020, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023** dated **01 August 2023** 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. **5(f) Synthetic organic chemicals industry** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide Memo no. 58/EN/T-II-1/016/2020 dated 17.01.2022 against proposal no. SIA/WB/IND2/54818/2020.

SEAC, during its 22nd meeting held on 20.12.2023, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 28th meeting held on 05.01.2024 and decided to visit the project site to study the feasibility of the project. SEIAA visited the project site including parts of the adjoining existing project of M/s Centuryply Pvt. Ltd. on 09.01.2024.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd.** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	South 24 Parganas

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

During site visit the following observations were made –

- 1. The project site of M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd is lying vacant and bounded by barbed wire fence.**
- 2. The access to the project site from the Diamond Harbour Road is only through the project site of M/s Centuryply Pvt Ltd. The project is dependent on the use of one of the internal road and gate of project of M/s Centuryply Pvt Ltd.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the project proponent have to upload the following documents in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the project-

1. The area of proposed project superimposed on the mouza map so as to display all the plot numbers that are falling within the project boundary. The geo-coordinates of the corners of the proposed site are also to be produced in the map.
2. The land use map of proposed project site showing different project activities with area and percentage of area for each use.
3. The copy of agreement with M/s Centuryply Pvt Ltd. regarding use of access road to the project site.
4. The copy of agreement with M/s Centuryply Pvt Ltd. regarding electricity and water supply.
5. Copy of easement rights between M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Centuryply Pvt Ltd., or commitment to do so if not done already.
6. Details of the entire process operations to be done through automated process control taking into consideration all safety aspects, LDAR facility, sensor based alarm system in all vulnerable areas, should be submitted.

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

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

2) Proposed Belmula Sand Mine over an area of 2.60 ha (6.42 Acres) on the Subarnarekha River at Plot No: 781(P), J.L. No.- 57 Mouza: Belmula, P.S. Dantan, District: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal by **Sankar Das**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/447148/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/542/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/447148/2023** dated **24 November 2023** 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.

SEAC, during its 23rd meeting held on 03.01.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Sankar Das** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Belmula Sand Mine over an area of **2.60 ha (6.42 Acres)** on the Subarnarekha River falling within the DSR potential zone code **PO_PSM_DT1_SR_13** is accepted with the condition that the validity of EC will be for **5 years**. However, the PP may apply for extension of EC with revised mining plan before expiry of **5 years** hence.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

3) Proposed Chhotapasha Sand Mine on Kangshabati River at JL No. - 535, Plot No.- 266(P), Mouza – Chhotapasha, P.S. - Keshpur, District- Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal by **Sheikh Mursed Ali**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/260697/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/028/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/260697/2022** dated **21 January 2023** 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** under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC, during its 23rd meeting held on 03.01.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Sheikh Mursed Ali** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Chhotapasha Sand Mine on Kangshabati River on the Subarnarekha River falling within the DSR potential zone code **PO_PSM_KP_KS_48** is accepted with the condition that the validity of EC will be for 5 years. However, the PP may apply for extension of EC with revised mining plan before expiry of 5 years hence.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

(4) Proposed Asanbani Blackstone Mine over an area of 4.980 ha at J.L. No. - 75 Plot No. - 499, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 514/1556, 515, 516, 518, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, Mouza – Asanbani, Taluka – Mejia, P.S. & Block – Mejia, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. RKC Infrastructure Private Limited**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/446272/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/546/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/446272/2023** dated **11 December 2023** 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.

SEAC, during its 24th meeting held on 10.01.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with

additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. RKC Infrastructure Private Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Bankura

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Asanbani Blackstone Mine over an area of 4.980 ha falling within the DSR potential zone code BNK_BS_ZONE_01 is accepted with the condition that the validity of EC will be for 5 years. PP shall submit all the documents as mentioned in the additional conditions as recommended by SEAC within three months of issuance of EC.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF TOR

(1) Proposed Environmental Clearance for their existing Ambrettolide manufacturing unit 24 TPA capacity at Dag. No. 259, 263, Mouza - Bamunari, J. L No. : 25, NH-2, Delhi Road, Vill. & P.O. - Bamunari, P.S. Dankuni, Dist. Hooghly, PIN - 711250, West Bengal by **M/s. Saraogi Shellac and Aromatics.**

Proposal no. - SIA/WB/IND3/449388/2023, File no.- EN/T-II-1/554/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND3/449388/2023** dated **19 October 2023** seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **5(f) Synthetic organic chemicals industry** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC, during its 23rd meeting held on 03.01.2024, observed that this is an application for ToR for an industry which is already in operation without obtaining Environmental Clearance. Hence, the SEAC decided that the present application for ToR may be rejected since it is a violation case and the PP should apply for ToR afresh under violation category in the PARIVESH portal.

The proposal was placed before SEIAA in its 29th meeting held on 19.01.2024. SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the project proponent is required to appear for a hearing before the SEIAA, WB before a final decision on ToR application is taken.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. Saraogi Shellac and Aromatics** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Hooghly

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND3/449388/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

The PP appeared for a hearing and gave a presentation to SEIAA. SEIAA considered the submission of project proponent as well as the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The present proposal is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Hearing before SEIAA regarding the proposed project of Shree Kolkata Cement Plant (Clinker Grinding Unit) with cement production capacity of 2.5 Million TPA (OPC, PPC, PSC, Composite Cement, SRC & RHPC) D.G. sets of 1250 kVA (1000 kVA or 2 x 500 kVA & 250 kVA) along with Railway siding at Village & Mouza: Kajjuri & Rauta, Near Birshibpur Railway Station, PS: Uluberia - I Taluka: Uluberia, District: Howrah, West Bengal by M/s. **Shree Cement North Private Limited.** [SIA/WB/IND1/404126/2022, EN/T-II-1/011/2022]

The PP was called for hearing for second time but has informed his inability to attend the hearing vide their letter Ref. No.:SCNPL/Uluberia/EC/2023-24/192 dated 30.01.2024.

2. Processing of sand mining applications

- a) Order of Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 190/2023/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 17/2024/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 09/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024 and O.A. No. 13/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024.

Hon'ble NGT in O.A. no. 190/2023/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 17/2024/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 09/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024 and O.A. No. 13/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024 has directed SEIAA to complete processing of the applications within a period of two months or by 31.03.2024. The details of those application are as follows:-

Sl. No.	NGT Case No.	Order dated	Proposal no. in PARIVESH	Proposal details	Present status of the proposal
1.	O.A. no. 190/2023/EZ	15.01.2024	SIA/WB/MI N/443948/2023 (ToR)	Sand Block GALSI-II/DADPUR/2764(P) & ORS/G located in Plot No. 2764 (P) & Others in Mouza – Dadpur, JL NO. 89, PS – Galsi, Purba Bardhaman (3.23 ha) of Probhat Bauri	Agenda Uploaded by SEAC
2.	O.A. No. 17/2024/EZ	15.01.2024	SIA/WB/MI N/439077/2023 (ToR)	Sand Block BWN-II/SRIRAMPUR/385(P)&ORS./AB located in Plot No. 385(P) & others in Mouza – Srirampur, JL No. 80, PS – Bardhaman, Purba Bardhaman (2.86 ha) of GHOSH INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	Agenda Uploaded by SEAC
3.	O.A. No. 09/2024/EZ	23.01.2024	SIA/WB/MI N/441683/2023 (ToR)	Sand Block BWN-II/SRIRAMPUR/1204 (P) & Ors./L, located in Plot No. 1204(P) & others in Mouza – Srirampur, JL No. 80, PS – Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman (2.39 ha) of Debasish Sarkar.	Agenda Uploaded by SEAC

4.	O.A. No. 13/2024/EZ	23.01.2024	SIA/WB/MI N/438942/20 23 (ToR)	Sand Block BWN-II/HATSIMUL/968 (P) &Ors./F, located in Plot No. 968(P) & others in Mouza – Hatsimul, JL No. 81, PS – Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman (2.40 ha)of Shyamal Singha Roy.	Agenda Uploaded by SEAC
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The above proposals are already under process by SEAC and SEIAA will process the same on receipt of the same.

b) Request letter from project proponents whose applications were rejected because of date of application being beyond 60 days of date of uploading of DSR in the District website.

Related to the processing of sand mining applications of private parties SEIAA observed the following:-

1. As per order of Dept. of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Govt. of WB vide No. 610-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2021 dated 20.10.2022, the project proponent was allowed to submit application of EC before SEIAA within 60 days of uploading of the DSR of concerned district in the website of the district/Dept. of IC&E.
2. As per MoEF&CC O.M. vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA-III (E-208230) dated 28.04.2023 all ECs obtained from DEIAA between 15.01.2016 and 13.09.2018 are to be reappraised by SEAC and to be granted fresh EC if approved. The office of all District Magistrates are required to upload all files related to EC granted by DEIAA in the PARIVESH portal following the SoP issued by MoEF&CC vide No. IA-22/01/2021-IA-III-Part(1) dated 15.01.2024 in order to comply with the order of the Hon'ble NGT.
3. SEIAA has written several letters dated 08.09.2023, 22.09.2023, 09.11.2023 and 12.12.2023 to IC&E dept. seeking clarification on dealing with applications of private parties and as well as date of uploading of DSRs. In response to those letters, the tabular data of date of uploading of DSRs was communicated vide letter No. 709-ICE-12013(99)/5/2021-MINES dated 13.12.2023 from Dept. of IC&E without any further clarification on processing of sand mining applications of private parties.
4. SEIAA in its meeting dated 15.12.2023 has rejected seven no. of applications based on the order of Dept. of IC&E vide No. 610-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2021 dated 20.10.2022 read with the letter of IC&E Dept. dated 13.12.2023 on date of uploading of DSR.
5. SEIAA has received request letter from project proponents who were rejected stating reasons which are related to grant of Letter of Intent (LoI) etc.
6. In recent time, IC&E Dept. has been sending modified DSR of various districts to SEIAA/SEAC which are being appraised and approved. Without any order related to window of application for private parties with respect to these modified DSRs, there is no clarity on date of acceptance for applications of private parties.
7. SEAC has been recommending sand mining projects of private party irrespective of date of application considering only the merit of environmental concern.
8. SEIAA and SEAC are bodies which has supposed to appraise applications and grant EC to proposals based on predicted impact on environment and its mitigation through proposed conditions in the EC following the provisions of EIA notification and its amendment and office memoranda issued by MoEF&CC.
9. All matters related to issuance of LoI and execution of mining lease is the prerogative of Dept. of IC&E.

Therefore, after detailed discussion, SEIAA took the following decisions:-

1. SEIAA will henceforth process the proposals of sand mining projects from private parties as per provisions of EIA notification and base its decision on the recommendation of SEAC without considering the Order vide No. 610-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2021 dated 20.10.2022, as this does not contain any environmental issue.
2. SEIAA/SEAC will check whether the proponent has valid LoI along with other mandatory documents like approved mining plan, cluster certificate, list of need based activities for local people, Environment Management Plan, pre feasibility report, location of project area within potential zone marked in approved DSR etc.
3. The EC will be granted with the condition that its validity is subject to execution of mining lease by IC&E dept.
4. The project proponents, whose applications were previously rejected only on ground of the date of application beyond sixty days of uploading of DSR in the website of Dept. of IC&E/district, would be informed that their proposals would be reconsidered by SEIAA if they apply afresh in the PARIVESH portal.

A copy of the minutes of this meeting would be forwarded to IC&E dept. for information.

3. Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.01.2024 in Civil Appeal Diary No(s). 50124/2023.

SEIAA observed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 03.01.2024 in Civil Appeal Diary No(s). 50124/2023 has kept in abeyance the direction of NGT regarding requirement of Environmental Clearance for stone crushing units till the next date of hearing.

A copy of the order is to be forwarded to the project proponent of stone crushing units who has applied to SEIAA in hardcopy.

4. Revised DSRs of the districts Purba Bardhaman & Paschim Bardhaman.

Revised DSRs of Purba Bardhaman & Paschim Bardhaman districts are approved.

**List of the projects which were placed before the SEIAA, WB in the thirtieth meeting held on 01.02.2024
and the Summary Decisions thereof:**

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE		
1.	Proposed Synthetic Resin Manufacturing Unit of 18000 TPA at Dag no. 322, 323, 324, 325, 339, 340; Vill - Kanchowki, Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-743503, West Bengal by M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND3/435073/2023)	Deferred for additional information
2.	Proposed Belmula Sand Mine over an area of 2.60 ha (6.42 Acres) on the Subarnarekha River at Plot No: 781(P), J.L. No.- 57 Mouza: Belmula, P.S. Dantan, District: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal by Sankar Das. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/447148/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
3.	Proposed Chhotapasha Sand Mine on Kangshabati River at JL No. - 535, Plot No.- 266(P), Mouza – Chhotapasha, P.S. - Keshpur, District- Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal by Sheikh Mursed Ali. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/260697/2022)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
4.	Proposed Asanbani Blackstone Mine over an area of 4.980 ha at J.L. No. - 75 Plot No. - 499, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 514/1556, 515, 516, 518, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, Mouza – Asanbani, Taluka – Mejia, P.S. & Block – Mejia, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. RKC Infrastructure Private Limited. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/446272/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
CONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS		
1.	Proposed Environmental Clearance for their existing Ambrettolide manufacturing unit 24 TPA capacity at Dag. No. 259, 263, Mouza - Bamunari, J. L No. : 25, NH-2, Delhi Road, Vill. & P.O. - Bamunari, P.S. Dankuni, Dist. Hooghly, PIN - 711250, West Bengal by M/s. Saraogi Shellac and Aromatics. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND3/449388/2023)	Rejected
MISCELLANEOUS		
1.	Hearing before SEIAA regarding the proposed project of Shree Kolkata Cement Plant (Clinker Grinding Unit) with cement production capacity of 2.5 Million TPA (OPC, PPC, PSC, Composite Cement, SRC & RHPC) D.G. sets of 1250 kVA (1000 kVA or 2 x 500 kVA & 250 kVA) along with Railway siding at Village & Mouza: Kaijuri & Rauta, Near Birshibpur Railway Station, PS: Uluberia - I Taluka: Uluberia, District: Howrah, West Bengal by M/s. Shree Cement North Private Limited. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND1/404126/2022)	Absent

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
2.	<p>Processing of sand mining applications</p> <p>a) Order of Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 190/2023/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 17/2024/EZ dated 15.01.2024, O.A. No. 09/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024 and O.A. No. 13/2024/EZ dated 23.01.2024.</p> <p>b) Request letter from project proponents whose applications were rejected because of date of application being beyond 60 days of date of uploading of DSR in the District website.</p>	<p>a) Proposals are already under processing and after disposal the same would be communicated to Hon'ble NGT.</p> <p>b) All the rejected applicants for DSR time limit would be intimated to apply afresh.</p>
3.	Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.01.2024 in Civil Appeal Diary No(s). 50124/2023.	Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court would be communicated to the project proponent.
4.	Revised DSRs of the districts Purba Bardhaman & Paschim Bardhaman.	Approved