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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject:- 41st meeting of SEIAA

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

From :- 23 December 2021

To :- 23 December 2021

I. CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed Residential Complex by **M/s. Berlia Developers** at Holding no. 158/3062, 159/3063, 157/3061, 156/3060, 3058, 92/1736, RS Plot no. 471, 472, 483, 958, 478, 483/966, 483/964, LR Plot no. 45, 48, 49, 71, JL No. 2, Ward No. 41 (SMC), Mouza - Dabgram, P.S. - Bhaktinagar, Siliguri, Dist. - Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/210967/2021, File No. : EN/T-II-1/111/2021

Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/210967/2021 dated 12.07.2021 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 the project proponent should submit the following:

- i. Original lease/free hold deed of the entire project area mentioning the ownership.**
- ii. All connecting land ownership documents.**
- iii. As per the building sanction plan, Holding Nos. are mentioned as 158/3062, 159/3063, 157/3061, 156/3060, 3058, 92/1736. Thereafter RS Plot Nos. 471, 472, 483, 958, 478, 483/966, 483/964 are mentioned under the above mentioned Holding Nos. Subsequently LR Plot Nos. 45, 48, 49, 71 are mentioned under JL No. 2. The proposed project is falling under Ward No. 41 (SMC). It is not clearly understood the purpose of mentioning so many Holding Nos. as well as Plot Nos. for the same premises. The corporation should have generated the premises no. for the proposed project after completing the amalgamation process of all the plot nos. falling within the project area.**
- iv. The partnership deed in the name of 'Berlia Developers' as submitted is required to be a registered document. A notarial document is not adequate.**
- v. As per the fire clearance vide Memo No. WBF&ES/NZ/FT/33/2020 dated 07.10.2020, 'the width of the access gates into the premises shall not be less than 6.5 meter abutting the road'. As per the sanction drawing it is observed that the said project is abutting to 2 (two) public roads which are Sevoke Road (24 meter) and Sarkar Para Main**

Road (4.6 meter). It is not clear from the drawing or any document about the main access to the project area. If the project is abutting the Sevoke Road, it is connected by a long private passage. The width of the passage is not legible from the drawing. This passage need to be at least 6.5 meter wide public road. A declaration in this regard endorsed by SMC to be submitted. If the project is abutting the Sarkar Para Main Road, then the Corporation is to submit a declaration for widening the same road as per the requirement of WBF&ES.

- vi. The proximity and distance of the project boundary to the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary is required to be certified along with the comments from the Chief Wildlife Warden, WB.
- vii. Though the project has obtained a permission from the District Level Groundwater Resource Development Authority, Jalpaiguri, vide Permit No. P081300200049000000ITSE dated 12.08.2021 for extraction of 30 KLD of groundwater, the same should be used during the construction phase only. On completion of the project and before handing over to the occupants the said set of deep tube wells should be closed. Water supply during operational phase for the project should be exclusively obtained from Siliguri Municipal Corporation as committed by their letter vide Memo No. 106/WS/2021-22 dated 25.09.2021.
- viii. The complete set of sanction drawings to be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

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

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

(2) Proposed IT/ITES building by **M/s. Merlin Projects Limited** at Plot No. N1, Block – EP & GP, Salt lake City, Sector V, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700091, P.S – Salt Lake Electronics Complex, Dist – 24 Paraganas (North), West Bengal.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/220651/2021, File No. : EN/T-II-1/131/2021

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EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/220651/2021 dated 06.08.2021 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 accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved based on the NDITA Building Permit No. V/NDITA/BP-106 dated 25.10.2021.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

(3) Proposed Information Technology office building by **M/s. Delta PV Private Limited** at Saltlake Electronics Complex, plot no. - A1-3, Block-GP, Sector-V, Saltlake, Kolkata - 700091, P.S - Bidhannagar, Dist - 24 Paraganas (North), West Bengal.

[Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/202874/2021, File No :- EN/T-II-1/075/2021]
EC

Type-

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/202874/2021 dated 09.04.2021 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 accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved based on the NDITA Building Permit No. V/NDITA/BP-105 dated 07.10.2021.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

II | **Proposals forwarded by SEAC due to Violation**

(1) Proposed expansion of existing 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.

Since the project is an existing one, an inspection was conducted of the project site by the WBPCB on 19.03.2021 which was placed before the SEAC. SEAC noted that the industry has committed violation since they have started construction activity for their expansion project within the project site. In view of such violation, SEAC decided that the EC application cannot be processed further in terms of the O.M. issued by MoEF&CC vide no. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 27.06.2013 and should be rejected. Accordingly, SEAC decided to forward the proposal to SEIAA for taking appropriate action.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided to conduct a hearing of the project proponent before a final decision on EC application is taken.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

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

CONCLUSION

Deferred for further consideration.

II MISCELLANEOUS

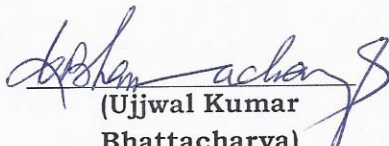
- (1) Request from project proponent to consider their project under ToR category – expansion of proposed community Mall SPA, Resort along with Villas (Residential & Commercial complex) "South City Retreat" at Mouza – Bairampur, Kharamba, Krolberia Ghunimeghi, JL No. – 41, 34, 31, 44, P.S. – Bhangore, K.L.C., Dist. – 24 Parganas (South), West Bengal. (Proposal no. SIA/WB/NCP/71257/2017)

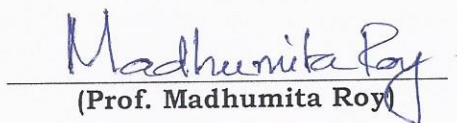
It was observed that the project was submitted for obtaining EC in 2017. The project was an existing one having built up area below the threshold limit i.e. 20000 sqm. Subsequently, an inspection was conducted on 04.01.2020 wherein it was detected that the project proponent has undergone construction beyond 20000 sqm. committing violation of EIA Notification, 2006. In order to process the project proposal in PARIVESH portal, the project proponent is required to submit an application under ToR category. Presently there is no provision for such transfer of application from EC to ToR category in the portal. The Member Secretary, SEIAA is requested to take up the matter with MoEF&CC / NIC to enlist the application in ToR category. Project proponent may also coordinate the matter with NIC.


(2) Environmental hazards regarding extraction of sub-surface ground water

It is observed that a number of high-rise, high-density projects are coming up in different areas falling under rural, peri-urban as well as corporation areas where there is no provision of piped water supply system. The local authorities are according sanction to these projects based on extraction of ground water. This permission for extraction of ground water should only be restricted for the construction phase of the project on a temporary basis. In most of the cases it is being observed that the extraction of groundwater is continuing even after handing over the project to the occupants. Continuous extraction of ground water for a long period results in depletion of the ground aquifer. This is a serious environmental hazard inviting subsidence and contamination of arsenic etc.

For any such project application for EC in future SEIAA has decided not to allow extraction of ground water during operational phase of the project. The local authorities need to ensure supply of piped water supply mentioning a feasible time frame before issuing building sanction. In case the piped water supply is not made available within that stipulated time frame, the EC would liable to be cancelled.


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