MINUTES OF THE $114^{\rm TH}$ MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, JHARKHAND HELD ON $09^{\rm TH}$ AND $10^{\rm TH}$ JULY, 2024.

The Member Secretary, SEIAA has convened 114th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) held on 09th & 10th July, 2024 in the office of SEIAA. Ranchi, Jharkhand. The attendance in the meeting is as follows:

- 1. Shri Kamlesh Pandey, Chairman, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 2. Shri Kirti Avishek, Member, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 3. Shri Ashok Kumar, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

The decisions taken in the 114th SEIAA meeting are as follows:-

- 1. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for approval of District Survey Report (DSR):
 - I. Final District Survey Report (DSR) for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone), District: Ramgarh.

After Technical presentation before SEAC and appraisal of DSR, the unanimous recommendation was sent to SEIAA for approval of District Survey Report for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone) of **Ramgarh** district, as the District Survey Report (Stone) contained all relevant information required as per the notification no. **S.O. 3611(E)**, dated **25.07.2018** of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.

In the light of the recommendation of SEAC for approval of District Survey Report for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone) of **Ramgarh** district, the same was considered in the **114**th meeting of SEIAA, Jharkhand on **09.07.2024** and **10.07.2024**.

The SEIAA, unanimously, decided to approve the District Survey Report (DSR) for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone) of **Ramgarh** district on the basis **recommendation** of **SEAC**. It was also decided that a copy of approved District Survey Report of Stone should be **sent** to the concerned <u>Deputy Commissioner</u> for onward necessary action.

- 2. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the following Minor Mineral (Stone Mining) projects:
 - I. Mahuabathan Stone Mine of M/s East India Stone Quarry (Prop. : Imran Khan), Village : Mahuabathan, Block : Boarijor. Thana : Rajabhita, Distt. : Godda, Jharkhand (2.54 Ha). (Proposal No : SIA/JH/MIN/482976/2024).

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The SEAC has appraised the above project in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018, dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearances of above mentioned project proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearances to the above mentioned project proposal with following specific conditions:

- i. Project Authority will ensure that personal protective equipments such as protective clothing, helmet, goggles or other garments or equipments designed to protect from injury or infection will be provided to working personnel's.
- ii. Suitable plant species of not less than 2 M height to be planted equal to twice the area of saplings proposed in Safety zone. This is to be planted in land available near mines and outside safety zone. This will be in addition to plantation in safety zone. Newly planted saplings to be maintained for minimum 3 years with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- iii. Dedicated water tanker to be provided for mine. The tanker to be used for spraying water on haul road and for irrigating newly planted saplings only. Sprinkling to be done such that the haul road is kept moistened all the time with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- iv. Pre employment Occupational health check up for employees to be done and thereafter at annual interval for PLFT, Audiometry and other required tests. Summary findings of same to submitted along with 6 monthly compliance.
- v. Ensure use of Quality PPEs equivalent not less than 3M make. Records of same to be maintained and submitted with 6 monthly compliance report with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- vi. Keep vulnerable areas unmanned. Ensure rotation of duties. Records to be maintained and submitted with 6 monthly compliance report.
- vii. Failing of any of terms & conditions mentioned in EC can lead to revocation / cancellation of EC.
- II. **Lakhipur Stone Mine of M/s Shri Om Prakash Pandey**, Village: Lakhipur, P.S.: Chandankiyari, Distt.: Bokaro, Jharkhand (1.94 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/483284/2024).

The SEAC has appraised the above project in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018, dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearances of above mentioned project proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearances to the above mentioned project proposal with following specific conditions:

- i. Project Authority will ensure that personal protective equipments such as protective clothing, helmet, goggles or other garments or equipments designed to protect from injury or infection will be provided to working personnel's.
- ii. Project Authorities must ensure implementation of all necessary protective

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measures to ensure protection of the adjacent pond from detoriation due to the mining activity before start of mining and during the mining. Such measures are to be implemented with concurrence of the Gram Sabha and any other local bodies before commencing the mining activity. The measures proposed in the EMP submitted are also to be fully implemented.

- iii. Suitable plant species of not less than 2 M height to be planted equal to twice the area of saplings proposed in Safety zone. This is to be planted in land available near mines and outside safety zone. This will be in addition to plantation in safety zone. Newly planted saplings to be maintained for minimum 3 years with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- iv. Dedicated water tanker to be provided for mine. The tanker to be used for spraying water on haul road and for irrigating newly planted saplings only. Sprinkling to be done such that the haul road is kept moistened all the time with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- v. Pre employment Occupational health check up for employees to be done and thereafter at annual interval for PLFT, Audiometry and other required tests. Summary findings of same to submitted along with 6 monthly compliance.
- vi. Ensure use of Quality PPEs equivalent not less than 3M make. Records of same to be maintained and submitted with 6 monthly compliance report with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- vii. Keep vulnerable areas unmanned. Ensure rotation of duties. Records to be maintained and submitted with 6 monthly compliance report.
- viii. Failing of any of terms & conditions mentioned in EC can lead to revocation / cancellation of EC.
- 3. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the following Minor Mineral (Sand Mining) projects:
 - I. Jasmata Sand Ghat 2 of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC Ltd.), Village: Jasmata, Circle: Pathargama, Distt.: Godda. Jharkhand (1.82 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/483168/2024).

The SEAC has appraised the above project in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018, dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearances of above mentioned project proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearances to the above mentioned project proposal with following specific conditions:

- i. The **Environmental Clearance** granted for lease period i.e. **15.08.2025** as per provisions of <u>Jharkhand State Sand Mining Policy</u>, 2017 and is extendable based on amendments in Jharkhand State Sand Mining Policy.
- ii. Replenishment study shall be conducted during pre-monsoon and post monsoon every year and study report have to be submitted to SEIAA / SEAC, Jharkhand.

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- The production shall be restricted to 60% of the replenished quantity or the proposed quantity in the mine plan, which ever is less.
- iii. Suitable plant species of not less than 2 M height to be planted in area equal to twice the area of saplings proposed in Safety zone. This is to be planted in land available near mines and outside safety zone. This will be in addition to plantation in safety zone. Newly planted saplings to be maintained for minimum 3 years with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- iv. Dedicated water tanker to be provided for spraying water on haul road and for irrigating newly planted saplings only. Sprinkling to be done such that the haul road is kept moistened all the time with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- v. Pre-employment Occupational health checkup for employees to be done and thereafter at annual interval for PLFT, Audiometry and other required tests. Summary findings of same to submitted along with 6 monthly compliance.
- vi. Ensure use of Quality PPEs equivalent not less than 3M make. Records of same to be maintained and submitted within 6 monthly compliance report with Geo-Tagged photographs.
- vii. Keep vulnerable areas unmanned. Ensure rotation of duties. Records to be maintained and submitted within 6 monthly compliance report.
- viii. Failing of any of terms & conditions mentioned in EC can lead to revocation / cancellation of EC.
- ix. Project Authority will ensure that personal protective equipments such as protective clothing, helmet, goggles or other garments or equipments designed to protect from injury or infection will be provided to working personnel's.
- x. River Sand Mining shall not be done in rainy Season (mid June to mid October of each calendar year).
- xi. Dept. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand shall keep a strict vigil in the compliance of relevant provisions of applicable Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of illegal mining, Transportation and Storage) Rule 2017 and its amendment especially scientific execution of mining plan (as approved by they themselves) and report violations if any is found as well as action taken for the same.
- xii. Project Proponent shall submit (to the SEIAA, Jharkhand, Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Ranchi, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board) six monthly compliance report with evidence of the conditions within a fortnight after the end of every six month till validity period of Environmental Clearance.
- xiii. The project proponent before starting any activity / preparation of ground, on the leased area shall demarcate his lease hold by RCC pillars erected at the cost of lease holder after certification of the mining officer. On each pillar Geo-Coordinate and fore bearing / back bearing shall be written with permanent paint mark as described in the mining plan. All the pillars should remain intact at same geo-coordinate. Establishment / labeling of Benchmark at each pillars or ground control points.
- xiv. Extraction of sand beyond annual production capacity is not permitted.
- xv. The Project Proponent should undertake the sand mining limited to 03 meter (three meter) depth by exclusively manual method.

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- xvi. The stacking area of mined-out sand which shall be situated near the mining site within a fenced area from all sides to avoid being spread in the nearby areas by high winds and the height of stacking should not exceed 2 meter. Transportation shall be confined to day time only that is from sunrise to sunset, to avoid inconvenience to local population in any manner.
- xvii. Mining activity shall not be done for mine lease where mining can cause danger to site of flood protection works, places of cultural, religious, historical and archaeological importance.
- xviii. Project Proponent shall submit the annual replenishment report certified by an authorized agency.
- xix. No labour camp shall be allowed in riverbed.
- xx. Provision shall be made for housing labour with all necessary infrastructure and facilities (outside mining Block and river-bed) such as fuel for cooking, toilets / mobile toilets, safe drinking water, First-Aid facilities, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- xxi. Labour & Personnel working in dusty areas shall wear protective respiratory devices and they shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance program of the workers shall be undertaken periodically to observe any adverse health impact due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.
- xxii. The Project Proponent shall make arrangements for safe drinking water, first aid facility along with anti-venom injection, in case of emergency for the workers.
- xxiii. Sand and gravel may be extracted across the entire active channel during the dry season.
- xxiv. Abandoned stream channels on the terrace and inactive floodplains be preferred rather than active channels and their deltas and flood plains. The stream should not be diverted to form the inactive channel.
- xxv. Layers of sand and gravel which could be removed from the river bed shall depend on the width of the river and replenishment rate of the river.
- xxvi. Sand and gravel shall not be allowed to be extracted where erosion may occur, such as at the concave bank.
- xxvii. Sand and gravel shall not be extracted up to a distance of 1 kilo meter (1 km.) from major bridges and highways on both sides, of five times (5x) of the span (x) of a bridge / public civil structure (including water intake points) on up-stream side and ten times (10x) the span of such bridge on down-stream side, subjected to a minimum of 250 meters on the upstream side and 500 meters on the downstream side.
- xxviii. Sand and gravel could be extracted from the downstream of the sand bar at river bends.
 - xxix. Mining depth should be restricted to 3 meters and distance from the band should be $1/4^{th}$ of river width and should not be less than 7.5 meters.
 - xxx. A buffer distance / unmined block of 50 meters after every block of 1000 meters over which mining is undertaken or at such distance as may be the directed / prescribed by the regulatory authority shall be maintained.





- xxxi. River bed sand mining shall be restricted within the central 3/4th width of the river/rivulet of 7.5 meters (inward) from river banks but up to 10% of the width of the river, as the case may be. Regulating authority while regulating the zone of river bed mining shall ensure that the objective to minimize the effects of riverbank erosion and consequential channel migration are achieved to the extent possible. In general, the area for removal of minerals shall not exceed 60% of the mine lease area, and any deviation of relaxation in this regard shall be adequately supported by the scientific report.
- xxxii. Transportation from the river bed will be done using the existing road.
- xxxiii. The Mining Plan has been prepared and approved in consonance with Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020.

xxxiv. Wet sand will not be transported.

II. Haripur Sand Deposit (River bed of Tepra) of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC Ltd.), Village: Haripur, Distt.: Dumka, Jharkhand (0.82 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/ 473577/2024).

The SEAC has appraised the above project in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018, dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearances of above mentioned project proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearances to the above mentioned project proposal with following specific conditions:

- i. The **Environmental Clearance** granted for lease period i.e. **15.08.2025** as per provisions of <u>Jharkhand State Sand Mining Policy</u>, <u>2017</u> and is extendable based on amendments in Jharkhand State Sand Mining Policy.
- ii. Replenishment study shall be conducted during pre-monsoon and post monsoon every year and study report have to be submitted to SEIAA / SEAC, Jharkhand. The production shall be restricted to 60% of the replenished quantity or the proposed quantity in the mine plan, which ever is less.
- iii. Suitable plant species of not less than 2 M height to be planted in area equal to twice the area of saplings proposed in Safety zone. This is to be planted in land available near mines and outside safety zone. This will be in addition to plantation in safety zone. Newly planted saplings to be maintained for minimum 3 years with Geo-Tagged photographs.
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- viii. Failing of any of terms & conditions mentioned in EC can lead to revocation / cancellation of EC.
- ix. Project Authority will ensure that personal protective equipments such as protective clothing, helmet, goggles or other garments or equipments designed to protect from injury or infection will be provided to working personnel's.
- x. River Sand Mining shall not be done in rainy Season (mid June to mid October of each calendar year).
- xi. Dept. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand shall keep a strict vigil in the compliance of relevant provisions of applicable Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of illegal mining, Transportation and Storage) Rule 2017 and its amendment especially scientific execution of mining plan (as approved by they themselves) and report violations if any is found as well as action taken for the same.
- xii. Project Proponent shall submit (to the SEIAA, Jharkhand, Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Ranchi, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board) six monthly compliance report with evidence of the conditions within a fortnight after the end of every six month till validity period of Environmental Clearance.
- xiii. The project proponent before starting any activity / preparation of ground, on the leased area shall demarcate his lease hold by RCC pillars erected at the cost of lease holder after certification of the mining officer. On each pillar Geo-Coordinate and fore bearing / back bearing shall be written with permanent paint mark as described in the mining plan. All the pillars should remain intact at same geo-coordinate. Establishment / labeling of Benchmark at each pillars or ground control points.
- xiv. Extraction of sand beyond annual production capacity is not permitted.
- xv. The Project Proponent should undertake the sand mining limited to 03 meter (three meter) depth by exclusively manual method.
- xvi. The stacking area of mined-out sand which shall be situated near the mining site within a fenced area from all sides to avoid being spread in the nearby areas by high winds and the height of stacking should not exceed 2 meter. Transportation shall be confined to day time only that is from sunrise to sunset, to avoid inconvenience to local population in any manner.
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- 4. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the following Minor Mineral (Brick Soil Mining) projects:
 - Brick Soil Mining for M/s Akriti Bricks, Village: Ekaguri, Thana: Senha, Thana no.: 190, Distt.: Lohardaga, Jharkhand (0.987 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/469953/2024).
 - II. **Kairasai Brick Clay Mining Project of Shri Sanjay Kumar Paramanik**, Mouza: Kairasai, Thana no.: 1518, P.S.: Kowali / Potka, Anchal: Potka, Distt.: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand (0.672 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/ 481308/2024).

The SEAC has appraised the above projects in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018, dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearance of above mentioned project proposals. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearances to the above mentioned project proposals with following specific condition:

- i. Project Authority will ensure that personal protective equipments such as protective clothing, helmet, goggles or other garments or equipments designed to protect from injury or infection will be provided to working personnel's.
- 5. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for Amendments in Environmental Clearance of the following project:
 - I. Selected Dhori (Lower) Open Cast Mine of M/S Central Coalfield at Village: Turio, Makoli, Tarmi, Tehsil: Bermo, Distt.: Bokaro, Jharkhand. (Proposal no.: SIA/JH/CMIN/482390/2024).

The SEIAA, based on the recommendation of SEAC, unanimously approved the amendment in Environmental Clearance with respect to the change in implementation of Damage Remediation Plan (DRP) and Community Resource Augmentation Plan (CRAP) of the above mentioned project proposal and rest other terms and conditions, mentioned in the previous EC letter no.: EC/SEIAA/2022-23/2655/2022/364, dated: 30.01.2023 shall remain the same. Project authority will provide clear cut timeline within the one month of issuance of Amended EC for each activity as mentioned in Remediation Plan (DRP) and Community Resource Augmentation Plan (CRAP). Project Authority will strictly adhere to the timeline of each activity for the successful implementation of Remediation Plan (DRP) and Community Resource Augmentation Plan (CRAP).

- 6. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Expansion Environmental Clearance to the following building project:
 - I. Expansion of proposed Residential cum Commercial Project "Palm Hills" of M/s Nishith Keshari Construction Pvt. Ltd., Village: Bajra, Thana no.: 140, Distt.: Ranchi, Jharkhand. (Proposal No: SIA/JH/INFRA2/482415/2024).

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SEAC has appraised the above project and made unanimous recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearance to above mentioned project proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendations of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearance to the above mentioned project proposal with the conditions recommended by SEAC and alongwith the following specific conditions:

- i. Ground water to be drawn for use in the project only after obtaining permission from the Competent Authority.
- ii. Environment management system including organization structure to be drawn to ensure compliance of EC conditions stipulated based on principles of Continual Improvement and periodical management review.
- iii. All raw material to be stored only under covered shed.
- iv. PAs to offset (upto20%) consumption of conventional energy sources by promoting use of solar energy, passive energy utilization, optimum fenestration, shading effect and heat islands.
- v. Developers to promote energy conservation measures such that it offsets not less than 02 % of connected load. It is to be achieved by solar panels etc meeting ECBC norms.
- vi. Trees should be developed & maintained not less than 15% of project area.
- vii. Organic Waste Converter (OWC) to be installed of sufficient capacity such that all organic waste (bio degradable) generated is composted at source only.
- viii. Developers/Company to install STP of sufficient capacity such that all the sewer produced is treated and reused.
 - ix. Developers/Company to install Rain water harvesting structures such that all the roof top water runoff is collected and harvested including reuse on 100% basis.
 - x. Developers/Company to conduct and submit carbon footprint and carbon sequestration study report including mitigation measures as a part of EC compliance.
 - xi. Water runoff originating from open non constructed areas of project premises to be harvested /guided in such a way that it does not create water logging condition outside.
 - xii. Sufficient number of EV fast charging points to be installed.
- xiii. After approval of Building Plan from competent Authority, it should be submitted to the SEIAA.
- xiv. MSW Collection centre should be located in isolated and preferably unmanned area. Movement of the vehicle carrying waste should be under tarpaulin covered condition only. Route of vehicle should be such that it avoids residential areas as far as practical.

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- xv. ISO 14k EMS system standard to be followed for implementation of EMPs with MRM in place for feedback to Sr management.
- xvi. A cycling tract to be provided in residential complex so as to save on fuel and make in campus movement environment friendly.
- 7. SEIAA considered the Recommendations of SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Terms of Reference (ToRs) to the following Minor Mineral (Sand Mining) projects:
 - I. Ektala Sand Ghat of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC Ltd.), Village: Ektala & Narangi, Block: Raneshwar, Distt.: Dumka, Jharkhand (4.92 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/ 483206/2024).
 - II. **Bijaypur Sand Ghat of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC Ltd.),** Village: Bijaypur, Ranga & Karamtola, Circle: Dumka, Distt.: Dumka, Jharkhand (2.81 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/ 483244/2024).
 - III. Cheigari Sand Deposit of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC Ltd.), Village: Cheigari, Anchal: Ghaghra, Distt.: Gumla, Jharkhand (8.80 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/ 471937/2024).

SEAC has appraised the above projects in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018 dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of ToRs to above mentioned proposals. The SEIAA, based on the recommendation of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant ToRs to the above mentioned project proposals with the conditions recommended by SEAC and alongwith the following specific conditions:

- i. Transportation from the river bed will be done using the existing road.
- ii. The Mining Plan & EIA / EMP report has to be prepared and approved in consonance with Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020.
- iii. Wet sand will not be transported.
- iv. Pre-monsoon data of current year is to be included in final EIA report.
- v. Satellite imagery with Geo-Coordinates of pre-monsoon (current year) to be included in the final EIA report.
- 8. SEIAA considered the Recommendations of SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for grant of Terms of Reference (ToRs) to the following Minor Mineral (Stone Mining) project:
 - I. Pratappur Stone Deposit of M/s B.M. Stone Works (Partners: Morful Haque & Belal Sheikh), Village: Pratappur, P.S.: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.44 Ha). (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/474903/2024).

SEAC has appraised the above project in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.09.2018 dated 11.12.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018. SEAC has made unanimous recommendations for grant of ToR to above mentioned proposal. The SEIAA, based on the recommendation of SEAC, unanimously decided to grant ToR to the above mentioned project proposal with the conditions recommended by SEAC and alongwith the following specific condition:

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- i. The detailed EMP is to be prepared for the Habitation existing within an area of 500 meter radius of proposed project boundary. This EMP is to be included in EIA report.
- 9. SEIAA considered the Recommendations of SEAC in its 114th meeting held on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June, 2024 for issue of Corrigendum in Environmental Clearance to the Minor Mineral (Stone Mining) projects:
 - I. Murgadanga Stone Mine of M/s J.Z. Stone Works (Md Jafar Abbas And Md Zubair Alam) at Village: Murgadanga, Thana no.: 117, Anchal: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.80 Ha) (Proposal no.: SIA/JH/MIN/477159/2024).

The SEAC has examined the above project proposal and unanimously made following recommendation:

"The PA's vide online application no. **SIA/JH/MIN/477159/2024** has requested for necessary corrections in Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2022-23/2720/2023/279, Ranchi, dated 06.10.2023 with regard to corrections in **category of project**.

The project has been applied and appraised under **B1** category in the State Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand during its 100^{th} meeting held on 09 - 14.01.2023 and SEIAA, Jharkhand has approved the ToRs in 101^{st} meeting held on 23^{rd} & 24^{th} January, 2023. ToR for the project was issued by SEIAA, Jharkhand vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2022-23/2720/2023/370, Ranchi, dated 30.01.2023. The final EIA / EMP submitted by PAs to SEIAA on 15.09.2023 and which was forwarded to SEAC on 16.09.2023 for appraisal.

Erroneously category B2 was mentioned in the EC letter instead of B1 category.

The SEAC considered the same and recommends for issuance of corrigendum EC with corrected details as stated above. Rest other terms & conditions mentioned in the previous EC letter no. EC/SEIAA/2022-23/2720/2023/279, Ranchi, dated 06.10.2023 shall remain the same."

Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and accordingly will issue the corrigendum in EC. The terms and conditions, mentioned in the letter no. EC/SEIAA/2022-23/2720/2023/279, Ranchi, dated 06.10.2023 shall remain the same.

II. **Belpahari Stone Mine of M/s Guru Stone Product**, Mouza : Belpahari & Suraidih, Tehsil : Hiranpur, Dist. : Pakur, Jharkhand (7.34 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/ 482565/2024)

The SEAC has examined the above project proposal and unanimously made following recommendation:

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"The PA's vide online application no. **SIA/JH/MIN/482565/2024** has requested for necessary corrections in Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2016-17/2022/2017/196, Ranchi, dated 30.10.2021 with regard to corrections in **category of project**.

The project has been applied and appraised under **B1** category in the State Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand during its 65th meeting held on 07- 09.01.2019 and SEIAA, Jharkhand has approved the ToRs in 66th meeting held on 22nd January, 2019. TOR for the project was issued by SEIAA, Jharkhand vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2016-17/2022/2017/74, Ranchi, dated 07.02.2019. The final EIA / EMP submitted by PAs to SEIAA on 13.09.2021 and which was forwarded to SEAC on 13.09.2021 for appraisal.

Inadvertently category of the project was not mentioned in the EC letter.

The SEAC considered the same and recommends for issuance of corrigendum EC mentioning category B1. Rest other terms & conditions mentioned in the previous EC letter no. EC/SEIAA/2016-17/2022/2017/196, Ranchi, dated 30.10.2021 shall remain the same".

Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and accordingly will issue the corrigendum in EC. The terms and conditions, mentioned in the letter no.: EC/SEIAA/2016-17/2022/2017/196, Ranchi, dated 30.10.2021 shall remain the same.

10. Transfer of Environmental Clearance regarding.

I. North West Quarry of Pakri Barwadih Opencast Coal Mine Project of M/s NTPC Limited to M/s NTPC Mining Limited of Shri Navin Kumar, At Village – Bariyatu, Basaria, Beltu, Jabra, Kandaber, Sirma & Urub, Distt.- Hazaribagh, Jharkhand (485.159 Ha) (Proposal No: SIA/JH/CMIN/459652/2024).

The above mentioned project proposal was considered in the light of section 11 of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 for transferability of Environmental Clearance. The Environmental Clearance was granted by SEIAA, Jharkhand vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2916/2023/309, dated 06.10.2023 in the favor of "North West Quarry of Pakri Barwadih Opencast Coal Mine Project of M/s NTPC Limited at Village – Bariyatu, Basaria, Beltu, Jabra, Kandaber, Sirma & Urub, Tehsil: Keredari and Barkagaon, Distt.- Hazaribagh, Jharkhand (485.159 Ha) (Proposal No: SIA/JH/CMIN/426263/2023)".

The applicant vide online application no. SIA/JH/CMIN/459652/2024 has requested to transfer of Environmental Clearance in favor of "M/s NTPC Mining Limited" for which he has submitted "No Objection Certificate" affirming that the Environmental Clearance will be transferred in favor of "M/s NTPC Mining Limited" and they do not have any objections regarding the transfer of Environmental Clearance and all the terms and conditions of Environmental Clearance dated 06.10.2023 shall be complied by "M/s NTPC Mining Limited".

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Further the Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India vide letter no. – 13016/29/2003-CA-I (Vol. III) (FTS: 321288), Dated: 16.12.2020 has directed the following:-

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- "2. The facts of the case is as under:
 - i. As per sub-para (i) of the Allotment letter dated 11.10.2004, "Coal mining shall be carried on by the NTPC or a separate company to be created with NTPC's participation provided such separate company is a Central Government company with coal mining as an object in its Memorandum of Association".
 - ii. As per sub-para (iii) of the Allotment letter dated 11.10.2024, "All coal mined from the block, including any middlings or rejects etc., if washing is resorted to. shall be used in NTPC power plants. No coal will be disposed off in any other manner, whatsoever, without prior permission, in writing, of the Department of Coal".
 - iii. As per para 7 of the minutes of the meeting held on 06.03.2019 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RKS), Ministry of Coal along with the participants Advisor (Energy), NITI Aayog, Director (Commercial), NTPC Ltd., Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice and Director, Ministry of Power, "it was concluded that transferring coal block to a subsidiary company is allowed under the allotment condition of Pakri Barwadih coal block which has been allocated under the CMN Act, 1973 subject to conditions that coal mined from the block shall be utilised in NTPC power plants. In case of coal mines/blocks which have been allotted under the MMDR Act, 1957 and the CMSP Act, 2015, the proposal of NTPC Ltd. is not covered under the existing conditions of allotment. The issue of change in conditions and purpose of allotment after the allotment may have implication in all similar cases and therefore it requires further examination".
 - iv. Legal Cell, MoC stated that MoC has already vested the lands as well as all the rights in or over such land in favour of NTPC making it the absolute owner of the land and minerals hence the proposal of NTPC appears to be in order.
- 3. In view of above, Ministry of Coal have no objection for transfer of Pakri Barwadih Coal Mine from NTPC Limited to NTPC Mining Limited".

After the full deliberations, it was unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2916/2023/309, dated 06.10.2023 is being transferred to "M/s NTPC Mining Limited" with the same terms and conditions under which prior Environmental Clearance was granted by SEIAA, Jharkhand for the same validity period subject to satisfactory compliance to all stipulated terms and conditions. "M/s NTPC Mining Limited" is directed to obtain Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board in the name of "M/s NTPC Mining Limited" In case any change is proposed in the Scope of the project, the Project Authority (PA) shall obtain fresh Environmental Clearance.

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II. Operation of current plant of capacity 4,15,000 TPA and proposed phase-wise expansion to 1015,000 TPA capacity of Electrolytic Tinplate and Tin-Free Steel material including 28,000 TPA Printed and Lacquered sheets of M/s The Tinplate Company of India Limited at Golmuri Works, Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. (Proposal No.-SIA/JH/IND1/471102/2024).

The above mentioned project proposal was considered in the light of section 11 of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 for transferability of Environmental Clearance. The Environmental Clearance was granted by SEIAA, Jharkhand vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2020-21/2480/2021/367, dated 30.01.2023 in the favor of "Operation of current plant of capacity 4,15,000 TPA and proposed phase-wise expansion to 1015,000 TPA capacity of Electrolytic Tinplate and Tin-Free Steel material including 28,000 TPA Printed and Lacquered sheets of M/s The Tinplate Company of India Limited at Golmuri Works, Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand (Proposal No.-SIA/JH/IND1/412634/2022)".

The applicant vide online application no. SIA/JH/IND1/471102/2024 has requested to transfer of Environmental Clearance in favor of "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division" for which he has submitted "No Objection Certificate" affirming that the Environmental Clearance will be transferred in favor of "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division" and they do not have any objections regarding the transfer of Environmental Clearance and all the terms and conditions of Environmental Clearance dated 30.01.2023 shall be complied by "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division".

The Scheme of Amalgamation of The Tinplate Company of India Limited (CIN: L28112WB1920PLC003606) into and with Tata Steel Limited (CIN: L27100MH1907PLC000260) ('Scheme of Amalgamation'), as approved and sanctioned by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal ('Hon'ble NCLT), Mumbai Bench (having jurisdiction over Tata Steel) vide its order dated 20th October, 2023 and the Hon'ble NCLT, Kolkata Bench (having jurisdiction over the Company) vide its order dated 01st January, 2024.

After the full deliberations, it was unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2020-21/2480/2021/367, dated 30.01.2023 is being transferred to "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division" with the same terms and conditions under which prior Environmental Clearance was granted by SEIAA, Jharkhand for the same validity period subject to satisfactory compliance to all stipulated terms and conditions. "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division" is directed to obtain Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board in the name of "M/s Tata Steel Limited, Tinplate Division" In case any change is proposed in the Scope of the project, the Project Authority (PA) shall obtain fresh Environmental Clearance.

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11. Others Matters:

1. The matter regarding applicability of Environmental Clearance for the project of Bokaro Airport of M/s Bokaro Steel Plant (SAIL).

The SEAC has examined the above matter and unanimously made following recommendation:

"The documents placed before the SEAC is letter no. 31, dated 05.04.2024 from Member Secretary, SEIAA, Jharkhand addressed to the Joint Secretary, MoEF & CC, Govt. of India seeking clarification on the above referred matter. All other relevant documents of the above matter have also been examined.

The observation of SEAC is that as the matter has been referred for clarification to MoEF & CC, Govt. of India which is the highest body in all environmental matter, SEAC will agree with the opinion of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.

The SEIAA may pursue the matter further with MoEF & CC, Govt. of India".

SEIAA examined the observations and comments of SEAC and unanimously decided that SEAC will examine the issue for the applicability of Environmental Clearance in the case of Bokaro Airport of M/s Bokaro Steel Plant (SAIL) with all relevant orders / OM's issued by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India time to time and give the clear cut recommendation to the SEIAA.

2. Srirampur Stone Mine of M/s Cee Bee Stone Works at Khata No. 36, Plot No. 544(P), 545(P), 546(P), Khata No. 31, Plot No. 540, Khata No. 38, Plot No. 493(P), 494(P), 495(P), 496, 529, 541 at Village: Srirampur, Thana: Pakur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.73 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/231607/ 2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **28.09.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. **996/M**, dated **01.07.2021**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 92nd meeting held on 20th October to 23rd October, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 996/M, dated 01.07.2021 wherein it has been stated that the only proposed area bearing, 6.75 Acre is existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 6.75 Acre or 2.73 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 93rd meeting held on 26th October to 28th October, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly

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Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. **EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2446/2021/188**, Ranchi, dated **30.10.2021**.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 607/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 13.03 Acre or 5.27 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 607/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 136, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Shri Jitendra Kumar Belani has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Srirampur Stone Mine of M/s Cee Bee Stone Works at Khata No. 36, Plot No. 544(P), 545(P), 546(P), Khata No. 31, Plot No. 540, Khata No. 38, Plot No. 493(P), 494(P), 495(P), 496, 529, 541 at Village: Srirampur, Thana: Pakur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 2.73 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 13.03 Acre or 5.27 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 13.03 Acre or 5.27 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2446/2021/188 dated 30.10.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

3. Pratappur & Mansinghpur Stone Mine of M/s Four Star Stone Works at Khata No, 71 & Plot No. 54(P), Khata No, 20 & Plot No. 73, 72/1542, Khata No, 8 & Plot No. 595, Khata No, 7 & Plot No. 596, Khata No. 6 & Plot No. 618, 619, 597, Khata No, 9 & Plot No. 620, 621, 622, 623 & Khata No. 4 & Plot No. 616, 617, 625, 594 at Village: Pratappur & Mansinghpur, Thana: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.65 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/227373/2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **02.09.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO,



DFO Wildlife. CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. **1247/M**, dated **08.08.2020**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee. Jharkhand in its 90th meeting held on 14th September to 18th September, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1247/M, dated 08.08.2020 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 leases bearing areas, 5.01 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 11.56 Acre or 4.67 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 92nd meeting held on 20th September to 22nd September, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2414/2021/136, Ranchi, dated 23.09.2021.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 602/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 12.36 Acre or 5.00 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 602/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 134, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Md. Ahidur Rahman has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Pratappur & Mansinghpur Stone Mine of M/s Four Star Stone Works at Khata No, 71 & Plot No. 54(P), Khata No, 20 & Plot No. 73, 72/1542, Khata No, 8 & Plot No. 595, Khata No, 7 & Plot No. 596, Khata No. 6 & Plot No. 618, 619, 597, Khata No, 9 & Plot No. 620, 621, 622, 623 & Khata No. 4 & Plot No. 616, 617, 625, 594 at Village: Pratappur & Mansinghpur, Thana: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 2.65 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 12.36 Acre or 5.00 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 12.36 Acre or 5.00 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2414/2021/136 dated 23.09.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through

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PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

4. Talpahari Stone Mine of M/s Jishan Stone Works at Khata No. 8, Plot No. 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234 & Khata No. 21, Plot No. 1226(P), 1227(P), 1228, 1230 at Village: Talpahari, Thana: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (1.05 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/ 228779/2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **10.09.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. **1060/M**, dated **06.07.2021**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 90th meeting held on 14th September to 18th September, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1060/M, dated 06.07.2021 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 leases bearing areas, 4.20 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 6.80 Acre or 2.75 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 92nd meeting held on 20th September to 22nd September, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2433/2021/132, Ranchi, dated 23.09.2021.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 601/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 13.35 Acre or 5.40 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 601/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 131, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Md. Jiyaul Rahman has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Talpahari

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Stone Mine of M/s Jishan Stone Works at Khata No. 8, Plot No. 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234 & Khata No. 21, Plot No. 1226(P), 1227(P), 1228, 1230 at Village: Talpahari, Thana: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 1.05 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 13.35 Acre or 5.40 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 13.35 Acre or 5.40 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2433/2021/132 dated 13.09.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

5. Kashila Stone Deposit of M/s Shree Guru Stone Works at Khata No. 48, Plot No. 646(P), Khata No. 39, Plot No. 647(P), 647/1587(P), Khata No. 21, Plot No. 648(P), 649(P), Khata No. 44, Plot No. 650(P), 651(P), Khata No. 59, Plot No. 652(P), 653(P) & Khata No. 65, Plot No. 654(P) at Village: Kashila, Thana: Pakur (M), Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.30 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/234512/2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on 17.10.2021 with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by Additional Director Geology, Department of Mines and Geology, Hazaribagh, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his officememo no. 1342/M, dated 04.08.2021.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 92nd meeting held on 20th October to 23th October, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1342/M, dated 04.08.2021 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 lease bearing areas, 2.45 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 8.14 Acre or 3.29 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 93rd meeting held on 26th October to 28th October, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2452/2021/197, Ranchi, dated 30.10.2021.

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The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 604/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 17.44 Acre or 7.06 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 604/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 137, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Shri Amarjit Singh has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 08.07.2024 which sent to SEIAA through email on 08.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Kashila Stone Deposit of M/s Shree Guru Stone Works at Khata No. 48, Plot No. 646(P), Khata No. 39, Plot No. 647(P), 647/1587(P), Khata No. 21, Plot No. 648(P), 649(P), Khata No. 44, Plot No. 650(P), 651(P), Khata No. 59, Plot No. 652(P), 653(P) & Khata No. 65, Plot No. 654(P) at Village: Kashila, Thana: Pakur (M), Distt.: Pakur, total area is 2.30 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 17.44 Acre or 7.06 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 17.44 Acre or 7.06 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2452/2021/197 dated 30.10.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

6. Srirampur Stone Mine of M/s Rajiv Ranjan Pandey at Khata No. 8, Plot No. 699(P), 709(P), 711(P), 723(P), 710, 724(P), Khata No. 27, Plot No. 712(P), 713(P), Khata No. 34, Plot No. 714(P), Khata No. 42, Plot No. 715(P) & Khata No. 5, Plot No. 716(P), 717(P), 718(P), 719(P), 720, 702(P), 703(P), 704, 705, 706, 707 & 708(P) at Village: Srirampur, Thana: Pakur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.54 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/232564/2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **04.10.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO,

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DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. 1245/M, dated 23.07.2021.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee. Jharkhand in its 92nd meeting held on 20th October to 23th October, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1245/M, dated 23.07.2021 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 lease bearing areas, 3.66 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 9.94 Acre or 4.02 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 93rd meeting held on 26th October to 28th October, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2447/2021/187. Ranchi, dated 30.10.2021.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 606/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 16.69 Acre or 6.75 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 606/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 135, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Pandey has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Srirampur Stone Mine of M/s Rajiv Ranjan Pandey at Khata No. 8, Plot No. 699(P), 709(P), 711(P), 723(P), 710, 724(P), Khata No. 27, Plot No. 712(P), 713(P), Khata No. 34, Plot No. 714(P), Khata No. 42, Plot No. 715(P) & Khata No. 5, Plot No. 716(P), 717(P), 718(P), 719(P), 720, 702(P), 703(P), 704, 705, 706, 707 & 708(P) at Village: Srirampur, Thana: Pakur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 2.54 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 16.69 Acre or 6.75 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 16.69 Acre or 6.75 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2447/2021/187 dated 30.10.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through

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PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

7. Talpahari Stone Mine of M/s Manoj Stone Works (Prop. – Manoj Kumar Gond) at Khata No. – 3, Plot No. – 426(P), 429, 430, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441 & 442 at Village: Talpahari, Block: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.541 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/196123/2021).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **03.02.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by Additional Director, Geology, Hazaribagh, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. **1691/M**, dated **22.09.2020**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 88th meeting held on 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th & 28th June, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1691/M, dated 22.09.2020 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 lease bearing areas, 6.07 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 12.35 Acre or 4.94 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 89th meeting held on 05th July to 07th July, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2323/2021/45, Ranchi, dated 15.07.2021.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 603/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 13.25 Acre or 5.36 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA. Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 603/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 132, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

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The project proponent. Shri Manoj Kumar Gond has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 08.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Talpahari Stone Mine of M/s Manoj Stone Works (Prop. – Manoj Kumar Gond) at Khata No. - 3, Plot No. – 426(P), 429, 430, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441 & 442 at Village: Talpahari, Block: Hiranpur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 2.541 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 13.25 Acre or 5.36 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 13.25 Acre or 5.36 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2323/2021/45 dated 15.07.2021 is withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules

8. Dhowadangal Stone Deposit Project of Md. Najimuddin at Plot No. 554, 555 & 556, Khata No. 12 & 13 at Village: Dhowadangal, Thana: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (Area – 3.50 Acre or 1.42 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021 & Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/447462/2023).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **17.08.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. **1043/M**, dated **03.07.2021**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee. Jharkhand in its 90th meeting held on 14th September to 18th September, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1043/M, dated 03.07.2021 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 02 leases bearing areas, 3.47 Acre and 3.71 Acres are also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 10.68 Acre or 4.32 Ha, which is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 92nd meeting held on 20th September to 22nd September, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly

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Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. **EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2407/2021/149**, Ranchi, dated **23.09.2021**.

Further, the project proponent has applied for expansion of EC of same project under B2 category vide proposal no. SIA/JH/MIN/447462/2023 on 07.10.2023 with same mandatory documents as mentioned above. The then SEAC was appraised the said proposal in its 109th meeting held on 09th to 13th October, 2023 in the light of same mandatory documents which were submitted by project proponent with first proposal no. i.e. SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021. And recommendation was made for grant of expansion EC under B2 category to SEIAA.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with **same** requisite documents, submitted by project proponent at the time of first proposal bearing no. **SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021**, the then SEIAA in its 110th meeting held on 27th to 29th October, 2023 decided to grant of expansion EC to the said project under B2 category and accordingly expansion Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. **EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397**, Ranchi, dated 02.11.2023.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 605/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent to keep abeyance the lease with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 605/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 129, dated 21.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Md. Najimuddin has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Dhowadangal Stone Deposit is situated at Plot No. 554, 555 & 556, Khata No. 12 & 13 at Village: Dhowadangal, Thana: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 1.42 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2407/2021/149 dated 23.09.2021 and expansion EC issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397, Ranchi, dated 02.11.2023 are withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

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SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

9. Baliapatra Stone Deposit of Sri Abhinash Kumar Bhagat at Khata No. 15, 21 & 22, Plot No, 419, 693, 694, 695, 701, 702, 703, 704, 708, 709, 710, 711, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721 & 722 at Village: Balipatra, P.S.: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (2.343 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/198373/2021 and SIA/JH/MIN/425665/2023).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on **17.02.2021** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by Deputy Director Mines, Dumka, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office Memo no. **1387/M**, dated **10.09.2020**.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 89th meeting held on 23rd June to 28th June, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his Memo no. 1387/M, dated 10.09.2020 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 02 leases bearing areas, 2.13 Acre & area 1.15 Acre and another LOI bearing area 2.26 Acre are also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 11.33 Acre or 4.65 Ha, which is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 89th meeting held on 05th to 07th July, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2322/2021/33, Ranchi, dated 14.07.2021.

Further, the project proponent has applied for expansion of EC of same project under B2 category vide proposal no. SIA/JH/MIN/425665/2023 on 11.04.2023 with another cluster report of DMO, Pakur issued vide letter no. 2052/M, dated 11.09.2023 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 01 lease bearing area, 4.63 Acre is also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 10.42 Acre or 4.21 Ha, is less than 5 Ha. On the basis of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC in its 109th meeting held on 09th to 13th October, 2023 under B2 category and recommended for grant of expansion Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur issued vide letter no. 2052/M, dated 11.09.2023 with other mandatory / requisite documents, which has been submitted by project proponent at the time of first proposal bearing no. SIA/JH/MIN/198373/2021, the then SEIAA in its 110th meeting held on 27th to 29th October, 2023 decided to grant of expansion EC

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to the said project under B2 category and accordingly expansion Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. **EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2958/2023/463**, Ranchi, dated **02.11.2023**.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 600/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent to keep abeyance the lease with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 15.83 Acre or 6.41 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 600/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 130, dated 22.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, **Sri Abhinash Kumar Bhagat** has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated **04.07.2024** which sent to SEIAA through email on **08.07.2024** in which he has submitted that the said lease area **Baliapatra Stone Deposit of Sri Abhinash Kumar Bhagat at Khata No. 15, 21 & 22, Plot No, 419, 693, 694, 695, 701, 702, 703, 704, 708, 709, 710, 711, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721 & 722 at Village: Balipatra, P.S.: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur,** total area is **2.343** Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease **15.83** Acre or **6.41** Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 15.83 Acre or 6.41 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2322/2021/33, Ranchi, dated 14.07.2021 and expansion EC issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2958/2023/463 dated 02.11.2023 are withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.

10. Makandu Stone Mine of M/s Safari Stone Works (Prop: Anisur Rahman) is situated at Khata No. 287(old) or 128(new) & Plot No1171(P)(old) or 1223(P)(new) at Village: Makandu, Tehsil: Kuru, Distt.: Lohardaga, Jharkhand (Area – 3.00 Acre or 1.21 Ha) (Proposal No: SIA/JH/MIN/447034/2023).

The project proponent has applied for EC online under **B2** category through PARIVESH portal on **05.10.2023** with all mandatory documents such as Form-1. Form-2. P.F.R.. Mine Plan approved by DMO, Lohardaga, Certificate of Teritorial

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DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC of Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Lohardaga.

During appraisal by then SEAC in its 109th meeting held on 09th to 13th October, 2023 it was observed by Committee that as per cluster report of DMO, Lohardaga issued vide memo no. – 584/M, dated- 13.05.2023, one lease has been executed in favor of M/s Balaji Stone Trading Agency having area 9.00 Acres and two letters of Intent have been issued in favor of Safari Stone Works bearing Area 3.00 Acre and bearing area – 1.50 Acres respectively and total area of cluster within the periphery of 500 meter is 13.50 Acre of 5.46 Ha. Committee was of the opinion that as per cluster report of DMO, Lohardaga the said project should be treated as B1 project. During the presentation project proponent has requested before Committee that two letters of Intent bearing area 3.00 Acre and 1.50 Acre have been issued in favor of him i.e. Safari Stone Works and he was not inclined to carry out mining activity on one letter of Intent issued for the area 1.50 Acre vide letter no. – 1948, dated – 14.09.2022. He is going to surrender the said LOI for getting revised cluster report from DMO, Lohardaga under B2 category. He further requested vide letter dated 09.10.2023 for take up this project on 11.10.2023.

The project proponent vide letter dated – 11.10.2023 submitted revised cluster report of DMO, Lohardaga issued vide memo no. – 1218, dated – 11.10.2023 which reflects that one lease has been executed favor of M/s Balaji Stone Trading Agency having area 9.00 Acres and one letter of Intent has been issued in favor of Safari Stone Works on Khata no. – 287 and Plot no. – 1223(P) having area 3.00 Acre vide letter no. – 1948, dated – 14.09.2022.

On the basis **revised** cluster report submitted by project proponent with his letter dated – **11.10.2023**, the then SEAC has **treated** this project as **B2 category** and accordingly appraisal was done on **11.10.2023** and recommendation was made for grant of **Environmental Clearance**.

The then SEIAA examined the said project in its 110th meeting held on 27th to 29th October, 2023 in light of recommendation of then SEAC and revised cluster report of DMO, Lohardaga and decided to grant of Environmental Clearance under B2 category in favor of said project.

In the meantime a complaint was received on 10.11.2023 from Shri Vikash Panday, Advocate, Sheopur Kanke Road, Ranchi stating that project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category by misguiding both SEAC and SEIAA by submitting forged documents.

In the light of complaint the decision to grant of Environmental Clearance was kept in abeyance by Member Secretary, SEIAA and intimation has sent to project proponent vide letter no. -476, dated -10.11.2023.

Further the Member Secretary, SEIAA has wrote to DMO, Lohardaga vide a letter no. -34, dated -23.04.2024 regarding the validity of his revised cluster report issued vide his office letter no. -1218/M, dated -11.10.2023.

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The DMO. Lohardaga, in response of Member Secretary, SEIAA letter no. – 34, dated – 23.04.2024 has provided a letter no. – 325/M, dated – 02.05.2024 whereby the attached a cluster report issued vide his memo no. – 584/M, dated – 13.05.2023 in favor of Safari Stone Works bearing an area 3.00 Acre, which reflects that one lease has been executed in favor of M/s Balaji Stone Trading Agency having area 9.00 Acres and two letters of Intent have been issued in favor of Safari Stone Works bearing Area 3.00 Acre and bearing area – 1.50 Acres respectively and total area of cluster within the periphery of 500 meter is 13.50 Acre of 5.46 Ha.

From perusal of reply submitted by DMO, Lohardaga, it is clear that revised cluster report of DMO. Lohardaga submitted by project proponent through his letter dated **11.10.2023** has not been issued by DMO. Lohardaga in favor of said project and it is a **wrong certificate**.

On the basis of reply of DMO, Lohardaga, show cause was asked by Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. -100, dated -29.05.2024.

Project proponent vide his letter dated **20.06.2024** confessed that revised cluster report of DMO, Lohardaga bearing letter no. – 1218/M. dated – 11.10.2023 submitted by him **is not correct**. He also requested to cancel the decision of SEIAA for grant of Environmental Clearance and requested to grant him last opportunity to get a fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that the decision of then SEAC taken in 109th meeting held on 09th to 13th October, 2023 and then SEIAA in its 110th meeting held on 27th to 29th October, 2023 for grant of Environmental Clearance are declared null and void with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided that DMO/DC, Lohardaga should take appropriate action against the project proponent for submitting the wrong certificates under the relevant Acts and Rules.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to all present.

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