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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 08th February, 2021 AT 1100 HRS.

The following attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS(Retd.) | Chairman, JKEIAA |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Retd., Chief Engineer) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS pccf/Director, EE7RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 20th/21st January, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/4333-46 dated 02-02-2021, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 08th February, 2021 at 1100 Hrs. Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting: -

AGENDA ITEM NO.1.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Rahul Kumar S/O Shri Romal Chand R/O Hangoo Paddar District Kishtwar JK UT for mining of Minor Mineral from Block-(III/1) upstream under construction bridge at river Chenab, Gulabgarh, Tehsil Atholi, District Kishtwar over an area of 1.35 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN /188482/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant of the project gave detailed power point presentation on the project. The Committee deliberated on various aspects of the project including mining methodology, mining depth, environmental concerns, environmental management & CSR activities. The mining block was also demonstrated on the Google Earth platform using KML/KMZ file. During demonstration, the Committee observed that a Bridge without any mid-stream piers is located at Distance of 327 m. from the edge of the mining block and opined that since there are no mid-stream piers, the mining activity shall not have any impact on the bridge. However, the Committee desired that mining depth shall be limited to 1m only in view of non-availability of any replenishment data in the DSR. The Committee recommended the case for grant of Environment clearance subject to condition that the project proponent submits Revised mining plan with necessary corrections including mining depth duly approved by the competent authority prior to grant of formal E.C. and further subject to standard & specific conditions including those prescribed by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which has to be submitted by project proponent prior to issuance of formal E.C.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for grant of E.C. to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary corrections including mining depth duly approved by the competent authority, within three months of grant of formal E.C. and further subject to standard & specific conditions including those prescribed by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which has to be submitted by project proponent prior to issuance of formal E.C.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Mangal Singh S/O Shri Om Prakash R/O Village Saidgarh, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu JK UT for RBM (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project Block-8 over an area of 4.30 ha. Birma Nallah Upstream National Highway Bridge at Village Batal Ballian, District Udhampur under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN /189269/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. During the deliberation, the consultant informed that the case was discussed in the 21st JKEAC held on 5th December, 2020 under agenda item No.6 during which the Committee had noticed that the block traversed through an agricultural land due to which the case had been rejected. The consultant informed the forum that it had happened due to mistake in the coordinate at Pillar H mentioned in the letter of intent. The consultant presented the copy of corrigendum issued by the Geology & Mining Department rectifying the said mistake vide No.673/MCC/DGM/B-08/Udmp/20/8202-8208 dated 16-12-2020. The consultant demonstrated the rectified KML file of the mining block on the Google Earth platform. The Committee deliberated on various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, active channel, surface plan and targeted mineral production to be allowed at 1m only in view of lack of replenishment data furnished by the concerned agency in the DSR. The Committee also observed that the consultant has provided very small EMP budget of Rs.1 Lac under capital and Rs.170 Lacs under recurring head and it was desired that the consultant must revise the EMP with an overall budget of Rs.20.00 Lacs. The Committee also observed that the measurements had not been mentioned in the surface plan and adequate information on route map/haulage route had not been included with adequate funding for its maintenance. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary corrections w.r.t mining depth duly approved by the competent authority besides updated EMP and PFR as per deliberations and subject to standard & specific conditions including those prescribed by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which the project proponent may submit in the office of JKEIAA/JKEAC prior to issuance of formal E.C.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant E.C. to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary corrections w.r.t mining depth duly approved by the competent authority, besides updated EMP and PFR as per deliberations within three months of grant of formal E.C., and subject to standard & specific conditions including those prescribed by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which the project proponent shall submit in the office of JKEIAA/JKEAC prior to issuance of formal E.C.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Sahil Chaudhary S/O Shri Des Raj Chaudhary R/O Ward No.5 Near Era Public School, Raipur Satwari, Jammu JK UT for (River Bed Material) Minor Mineral Block Mining project Block-44 over an area of 1.23 ha. Chibbewali Khad at Village Pungali, Tehsil Nagrota, District Jammu under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MNIN/187632/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. During deliberations, the Consultant informed that the mining block falls under B2 category despite the fact that it forms Cluster with mining block No.43, because the overall area of the cluster is less than 5 ha. The consultant presented the cluster certificate which indicates presence of another mining block No.43 without mentioning the area of mining block 43. However, the consultant presented the copy of Minutes of Meeting presided over by the Dy. Commissioner, Jammu held on 01-10-2020 for approval of mining plans which that mining plan for mining block 43 has been cancelled as it falls under forest land. However, the Committee desired that necessary clarification be sought from the Geology & Mining Department on this count. The Consultant demonstrated the KML file of the mining block on the Google Earth platform for examination by the Committee. The Committee deliberated on various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, surface plan and targeted mineral production to be allowed up to 1 m only in view of lack of replenishment data furnished by the concerned agency in the DSR. The Committee observed that measurements had not been mentioned in the surface plan and adequate information on route map/haulage route had not been included with adequate funding for its maintenance. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to condition that the project proponent submits clarification with respect to cluster implications of mining block No.43 on the appraised mining block 44 and revised mining plan with necessary correction w.r.t mining depth duly approved by the competent authority. Besides, updated EMP and PFR as per deliberations, prior to grant of formal E.C. and subject to standard & specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which the project proponent may submit prior to issuance of formal E.C.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant E.C. to the project proponent subject to condition that the project proponent submits clarification with respect to cluster implications of mining block No.43 on the appraised mining block 44 before grant of formal EC. However revised mining plan with necessary correction w.r.t mining depth duly approved by the competent authority. Besides, updated EMP and PFR as per deliberation be submitted to JKEIAA within three months of grant of formal E.C. and subject to standard & specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's which the project proponent may submit prior to issuance of formal E.C.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Amit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O 21/06, Trikuta Nagar Jammu for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) project Block No.3/3 over an area of 9.55 ha. Basantar River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village Pangwal, Tehsil & District Samba under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/58958/2019.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. During the deliberations of the case project, the consultant was asked to respond the complaints received by the JKEAC w.r.t transfer cases. The consultant informed that the baseline data submitted under the project in the EIA documents is the same as was earlier collected and submitted by the previous consultant/project proponent to the JKPCB for evtions as discussed above, yet it would be appropriate for the JKEIAA to ask the project proponent to get the baseline data certified and authenticated by JKPCB as the previous project proponent must

have submitted the baseline data in draft EIA report, for conduct of public hearing. The consultant gave power point presentation of the project During deliberations, the various aspects of the project like mining depth, surface plan, EMP and PFR came under discussion. It was observed that during public hearing, the locals advocated for manual mining instead of use of JCB's and heavy machinery to avoid deep mining and to generate employment for the locals. The Committee did not agree to the mining depth of 1.5m proposed in the approved mining plan due to non-availability of replenishment data provided in the DSR and asked the project proponent to go as per the mining depth of 1m as proposed by him the EIA/PFR. The Committee expressed its dismay on noticing that the project proponent/consultant has copy pasted same land-use statistics under table 3.2 on page 37 of the report which is also reflected in Table 3.2 on page 40 of the report of another case under Agenda 6. In light of emailed complaints examined already, the Committee also found the test report on baseline data issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur under their letter head w.r.t the project and desired present PP to be asked to get the submitted baseline data checked and verified with baseline data submitted by previous project proponent of the project in then JKPCB for its authenticity where he must have submitted it in draft EIA report for conduct of public hearing. The consultant was also asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform, the Committee found that PP must avoid the active water channel. The Committee recommended that the project proponent be asked to get the baseline data/test reports issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by the JKSPCB. Besides, the PP be asked to incorporate factual land-use map with 10 Kms. radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may be asked to update the documents to JKEIAA for further consideration.

Decision

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the project proponent be asked to get the baseline data/test reports issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by the JKPCB. Besides, the PP be asked to incorporate factual land-use map with 10 Kms. radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may be asked to update the documents to JKEIAA for further consideration. Member Secretary may inform the PP accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Sanchit Gautam S/O Shri Ravi Gautam R/O Nagrota, Near Tool post, Jammu for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) project at Block No.1/13, over an area of 9.98 ha. Devak River Downstream NHIA Bridge, Samba Village Phulpur Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/58886/2019.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the power point presentation on the project. During the deliberations, the various aspects of the project like mining depth, surface plan, EIA/EMP baseline data and PFR came under discussion. The Committee also observed that as per NOC of the Forest Department, the mining block is very close to the forest and therefore adequate measures need to be taken to prevent any damage to the forest land. The Committee also observed that as per joint inspection report of the stakeholder

departments submitted by the PP, the title of the land is under State, forest & Custodian land which needs to be properly demarcated by the concerned revenue and Forest authorities before putting the case for appraisal process. In light of complaints received by JKEAC via email, already examined/deliberated by the Committee, as detailed opening paragraphs, JKEAC took note that the Oversea Min-Tech Consultants, which compiling the report for submission to JKEIAA, had made use of test report/baseline data collected/compiled by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur and reproduced the same on their letter head.

In order to ensure that only authentic data is used for securing E.C., JKEAC asked the project proponent to get the baseline data used in his submission verified from JKPCB as the previous project proponent/allottee of the mining block must have submitted the same as Part draft EIA to JKPCB to enable I to hold public hearing.

The Committee expressed its dismay on noticing that the project proponent/consultant had copy pasted land use statistics of some other case in the present case as well as detected under Agenda 4.

The Committee recommended that the project proponent be asked to get the State land in the mining block properly demarcated by excluding the forest land and the custodian land in accordance with joint inspection report of the stake holders. The Committee further recommended that the project proponent be also asked to get the baseline data/test reports issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by JKPCB. Besides, project proponent be asked to incorporate factual land-use map within 10 Kms. radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may submit the updated documents to JKEIAA for further consideration.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the project proponent shall get the State land in the mining block properly demarcated by excluding the forest land and the custodian land in accordance with joint inspection report of the stake holders. Further, the project proponent should also get the baseline data/test reports issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by JKPCB. Besides, project proponent be asked to incorporate factual land-use map within 10 Kms. radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may submit the updated documents to JKEIAA for further consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Naresh Sharma R/O Nanak Nagar Jammu JK UT for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) project at Block No.3/1 over an area of 9.28 ha. Basantar River Downstream Chak Dam, Samba Village Painthi, Tehsil & District Samba under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59522/2019.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant of the project was asked to respond to the complaints received by JKEAC w.r.t. transfer cases and they informed that the baseline data submitted under the project in the EIA document is the same that was earlier collected and submitted by the previous consultant/project proponent to the JKPCB for conduct of public hearing/consultation and is being considered in pursuance to Govt. Order No.76-

FS of 2020. However, the Committee desired that through the proposals are being considered under the Govt. order issued by J&K Govt. in light of MoEF&CC Notification as discussed above, it would be appropriate for the JKEIAA to ask the project proponent to get the baseline data verified and authenticated by JKPCB as the previous project proponent must have submitted the baseline data in draft EIA report for conduct of public hearing/consultation. The consultant also gave the power point presentation of the project. During deliberations, various aspects of the project like mining depth, surface plan, EMP and PHR came under discussion. It was observed that during public hearing, the locals demanded complete ban on illegal mining and advocated implementation of welfare schemes to generate employment for the locals. The Committee did not agree to the mining depth of 1.5m proposed in the approved mining plan due to non-availability of replenishment data provided in the DSR. The Govt. order No.76-FST of 2020 and the subsequent minutes of meeting of the JKEIAA issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08-08-2020 whereunder the said order was implemented also came under discussion.

The Committee expressed its dismay on noticing that the project proponent/consultant has copy pasted same land-use statistics under table 3.2 on page 40 of the report which is also reflected in Table 3.2 on page 37 of the report of another case under Agenda 4. In light of emailed complaints examined already, the Committee also found the test report on baseline data issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt., Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur under their letter head w.r.t the project and desired present PP to be asked to get the submitted baseline data checked and verified with baseline data submitted by previous PP of the project in the JKPCB for its authenticity where he must have submitted its draft EIA report for conduct of public hearing. The consultant also demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform and the Committee observed that the proposed mining block was crisscrossed by active water channels. The JKEAC desired that project proponent must avoid the active water channel/s. The Committee recommended that the project proponent be asked to get the baseline data/test report issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt., Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by the JKPCB. Besides, then PP be asked to incorporate factual land-use map within 10 Kms radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may submit the update documentation to JKEIAA for further consideration.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that that the project proponent shall get the baseline data/test report issued by M/S Overseas Test House & Research Centre Pvt., Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Jaipur authenticated by the JKPCB. Besides, the PP shall also incorporate factual land-use map within 10 Kms. radius of the project site correctly mapped with correct statistics generated. The NOC's from the concerned stakeholder departments be also obtained. Once, this is done, the PP may submit the update documentation to JKEIAA for further consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7.

Grant of terms of Reference in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/O Shri Keemat Lal R/O Near Chib Resort Raipur, Satwari Jammu JK UT for Minor Mineral Block Mining project at Block-1 over an area of 6.42 ha. River Suran Downstream Sher-i-Kashmir Bridge Part-1 District Poonch under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59316/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project has been discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC during which various aspects of the project like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan and extraction route have been discussed. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on Google earth. The Committee has examined the mining block and the local environmental settings of the area on the satellite image and found the block fit for mining of river bed material, provided no mining activity is executed in active water channel which is approx. 20% of the area of mining block as observed on the multi-date Google images. The Committee has recommended to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent, enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to fulfillment of conditions laid down by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/O Shri Keemat Lal R/O Chib Resort Raipur, Satwari Jammu JK UT for proposed River Bed Mining project, Block-23 over an area of 7.17 ha. Poonch River Downstream Kalai (Khanetra Area) District Poonch under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59306/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. During deliberations, various aspects of the project like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan and extraction route were discussed. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the satellite image and Committee examined the local environmental setting of the area and found 20% of the area of the mining block under active water channel on the multi-date Google images. Besides, the Committee also found an irrigation channel running parallel inside the mining block boundaries from South-East to North-West and entering cropland to irrigate it. The Committee recommended that JKEIAA may ask the project proponent to obtain prior NOC from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department as the Committee observed an irrigation channel moving parallel to the boundary inside the mining block from South-East to North-West and entering cropland to irrigate it, so as to decide further action in the matter.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that project proponent be asked to obtain prior NOC from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department in view of observations made by the committee herein above. The Member Secretary JKEIAA may inform the PP accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favor of Shri Amit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O 21/06 Trikuta Nagar Jammu JK UT for RBM (River Bed Material) Minor Mineral Block, Mining Project Block-25, over an area of 8.21 ha. Poonch River, Downstream Madana Bridge (Seri Chouana Area) District Poonch under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59298/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. During deliberations, various aspects of the project like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan and extraction route were discussed. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on the multi-date satellite image from the year 2001 to 2020. The Committee observed that the mining block has been identified in an area which shows presence of large chunk of land under paddy cultivation up to 2013 and in subsequent satellite images, shows shift of Nallah, thereby with remnant of paddy cultivation with trees inside the proposed mining block raising doubts on the title of land so carved out by the Geology & Mining Department for the said mining block, which needs clarification before proceeding further. The Committee also observed existence of bridge at a distance of 430 m. from the mining block boundary. The Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition, the project proponent obtains certificate from Dy. Commissioner, Poonch on title verification of the land with geographical co-ordinates proposed under the mining block, prior to issuance of ToR's by JKEIAA and subject to condition, the size of mining block is reduced to maintain safe distance of 500 m. from the existing bridge.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to conditionally approve the grant of Terms of Reference for the project, enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition, that the project proponent obtains certificate from the Dy. Commissioner, Poonch on title verification of the land with geographical co-ordinates proposed under the mining block, prior to issuance of ToR's and subject to condition, that the size of mining block is reduced to maintain safe distance of 500m. from the existing bridge.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mangal Singh S/O Shri Om Prakash R/O Village Saidgarh, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu JK UT for RBM (River Bed Material) Minor Mineral Block, Mining project Block-15 over an area of 6.58 ha. at Suran River, Upstream Madana Foot Bridge District Poonch under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/59308/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. During deliberations, various aspects of the project like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan and extraction route were discussed. The mining block was demonstrated on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on the multirate satellite image w.r.t territorial forest boundary, it was observed that the forest boundary is traversing through the mining block, besides a bridge at a distance of 419m. Therefore, the Committee desired that the size of the mining block needs to be reduced to maintain distance of 500m. from the bridge; Besides, prior clarification/NOC be sought from the Forest Department, w.r.t title of the land falling under the proposed mining block.

The Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition that prior NOC/clarification from competent Authority of Forest Department is obtained by the project proponent and the size of the mining block is reduced to maintain safe distance of 500m. from the bridge.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition that prior NOC/clarification from competent authority of Forest Department is obtained by the project proponent and the size of the mining block is reduced to maintain safe distance of 500m from the bridge.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Jugesh Aggarwal S/O Shri Ram Chand R/O H.No.179, Anandpur, Pathankot Punjab for River Bed Mining project in Block No.12, ANG/BR/12, Larkipora Bridge Downstream Bringi Nallah, District Anantnag over an area of 9.34 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59681/2020.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental setting using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee pointed out that the mining block is located at distance of 112 m. from the bridge. Besides, while observing the mining block on multirate satellite image of the past on Google Earth, it was observed that area bore tree cover on the image of 28-07-2013 near proposed boundary pillar co-ordinate E & L and the Nallah has changed the course on images of subsequent years. Thus, the situation demands prior title verification of the land proposed for mining under the mining block. The Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition that on the request of the project proponent, the mining block is reduced in size by the Geology & Mining Department so as to maintain safe distance of 500m. from the bridge. Besides, the Project proponent is asked to obtain certificate from the Dy. Commissioner, Anantnag w.r.t title verification of the land with geographical coordinates proposed under the mining block prior to sanction of ToR's by JKEIAA.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to fulfillment of condition laid down by the committee. Besides, the Project proponent be asked to obtain certificate from the Dy. Commissioner, Anantnag w.r.t title verification of the land with geographical coordinates proposed under the mining block prior to sanction of ToR's by JKEIAA.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh R/O Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar District Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral Block No.05 Nagbal Hospital Upstream Rambiarra Nallah, District Shopian over an area of 9.98 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59666/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee observed that the mining block is fit for consideration of ToR's. The Committee

recommended to grant ToR's for the project enabling the consultant to formulate EI/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant ToR's for the project enabling the consultant to formulate EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Jagdish Singh S/O Shri Vijay Singh R/O Malakpur District Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral Block No.7 Batpora Bridge Upstream Rambhara Nallah District Shopian JK UT over an area of 9.83 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59669/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental setting using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image on Google Earth, the Committee observed existence of parking site of presumably nearby school inside mining block. Besides, few tin sheds were observed inside the mining block. Thus, demanding prior title verification of the river bed proposed under the mining block. The Committee recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition that the project proponent obtains prior title verification from the concerned Dy. Commissioner and NOC from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department before issuance of ToR's by JKEIAA

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition that the project proponent obtains prior title verification from the concerned Dy. Commissioner and NOC from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department before issuance of ToR's by JKEIAA.

AGENDA ITEM NO.14.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Sai Mines R/O Logate Kathua JK UT for Minor Mineral Block No.11, Ziarat of Gunj Bhakash Arhama Upstream Rambhara Nallah District Shopian over an area of 9.42 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59672/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental setting using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found the mining block fit for consideration of TOR's and recommended to grant of TOR's enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant of TOR's enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.15.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kesri Nandan R/O Logate District Kathua JK UT for Minor Mineral block No.12 Ziarat Gunj Bkhkash Arhama Downstream Rambiarra Nallah Ditriect Shopian over an area of 9.99 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59673/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental setting using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found presence of orchards in different location within proposed mining block which render the mining block unfit for consideration of TOR's and recommended rejection of TOR's to the project proponent in view of presence of orchards in the proposed mining block.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of TOR's to the project proponent in view of the presence of orchards in different location within proposed mining block which render the mining block unfit for consideration of TOR's.

AGENDA ITEM NO.16.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh R/O 3 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar District Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral block No.20 Govt., M/S Dumwani Downstream Rambiarra Nallah, District Shopian over an area of 7.95 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59676/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant of the project gave the detailed presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found the mining block fit for consideration of TOR's and recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project for enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent for enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.17.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Amit Mahajan S/O Shri Adarsh Mohan Mahajan R/O Near Kali Mandir Kolluwali Gali District Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral Block No.6, Nagbal Hspital to Power Grid Downstream Rambiarra Nallah Disriect Shopian JK UT over an area of 9.43 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59680/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found the mining block fit for consideration of TOR's and recommended to grant

Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent for enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.18.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Umesh Kumar Sharma S/O Shiv Narayan Sharma R/O B-33/568 Near Gurudwara Saroop Nagar District Ludhina, Punjab for Minor Mineral block No.14. Mini Secretariat Shopian Downstream Rambiarra Nallah District Shopian over an area of 8.65 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59684/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found the mining block fit for consideration of TOR's and recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent for enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.19.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kapil Aggarwal S/O Shri Jugesh Aggarwal R/O H.No.179- Near Panjir Mandir, Anandpur District Pathankot, Punjab for Minor Mineral block No.08, Batapora Bridge Downstream Rambiarra Nallah, District Shopian J&K over an area of 9.64 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59615/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found that a bridge exists at distance of 290m. from the mining block and recommended to grant Terms of Reference for the project enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition, on the request of the project proponent, Geology & Mining Department reduces the size of the mining block to maintain safe distance of 500m. from the bridge.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent for enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre-feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities subject to condition, on the request of the project proponent, Geology & Mining Department reduces the size of the mining block to maintain safe distance of 500m. from the bridge.

AGENDA ITEM NO.20.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Jugesh Aggarwal S/O Shri Ram Chand R/O H.No.179, Near Panjir Mandir Anandpur District Pathankot Punjab for Minor Mineral block No.10, Ziarat Gunj Bhakash Arhama Upstream Rambhara Nallah District Shopian over an area of 9.99 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/59641/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the detailed power point presentation which was followed by demonstration of the local environmental settings using KML file on Google Earth platform. While examining the mining block on the satellite image of Google Earth, the Committee found presence of orchards is within the proposed mining block which render the mining block unfit for consideration of TORs and recommended rejection of TOR's to the project in view of presence of orchards in the proposed mining block.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of TOR's to the project in view of presence of orchards in the proposed mining block.

AGENDA ITEM NO.21.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Sangrah Maurya, Chief General Manager, USBRL projects (Banihal) IRCON International Ltd., for Minor Mineral Block at Mahu Mangat Nallah Bed Village Khari Tehsil Khari District Ramban (T-74R-B(N) & T-77D & T-49B) Area 1.25ha. under proposal No.**SI/JK/MIN/192924/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the Forum of JKEAC. The consultant gave the presentation of the project and presented the copy of LoI and approved mining plan besides the NOC's issued by various stake holder departments like Irrigation & Flood Control, PWD, Fisheries Department. The discussion was held around the various aspects of the project like mining depth and distance of one bridge which was found to be only 326m. from the block whereas the foot bridge also exists at distance of 133m. It was observed that there is no scope of their relocating or reducing the size of the mining block. Therefore, the Committee made an overall assessment of the environmental factors and opined that it would be prudent to take measures for protection of the bridge well before commencement of the mining operations. The Environment Management plan came under discussion and it was desired that appropriate proposal be drafted for protection of the bridges in close consultation of the owner agency/PWD and funds need to be earmarked under protection of the existing bridge and the foot bridge. The NOC issued by the Forest Department also came under discussion and it was desired that at least 3m. distance be maintained from the territorial forest boundary. It was also desired that the project proponent/consultant should redraft the EMP with budget of at least 2.5 Lacs for raising plantation and at least Rs.10.00 Lacs or actual cost of protection work for the bridge, whichever is higher, for protection of the bridge. The Committee also recommended 1m. mining depth against 2m. proposed by the project proponent due to non-availability of replenishment data in the District Survey Report drafted by the Geology & Mining Department. The consultant also presented the cluster certificate from G&M Department stating that no minor mineral block exists within 500 m. of the project.

Keeping in view national importance of the project, the Committee unanimously recommended to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary correction

in the mining depth duly approved by the competent authority prior to the grant of formal E.C. and subject to condition that project proponent submits revised Environment Management Plan as per deliberations provide necessary structural support as mentioned in the deliberation and also subject to standard & specific conditions including those mentioned prescribed by the concerned stake holder Departments on the NOC's which prior to issuance of formal E.C.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary correction in the mining depth duly approved by the competent authority within three months of grant of formal E.C. and subject to condition that project proponent submits revised Environment Management Plan as per deliberations with separate provision for protection of bridges in consultation with concerned agencies and also subject to standard & specific conditions including those mentioned prescribed by the concerned stake holder Departments on the NOC's prior to issuance of formal E.C. However, the specific condition No. 5 is deemed as deleted in view of the fact that the material is to be used for specific purpose.

AGENDA ITEM NO.22.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/Sangrah Maurya, Chief General Manager, USBRL projects (Banihl) Iron International Ltd., for Minor Mineral Block at Bishleri River Bed Village Gund Adalkoot Tehsil Banihal District Ramban, (T-74R-B(N) & T-77D & T-49B) Area 2.00ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/192995/2021.**

Deliberations:

The project was discussed/appraised in the forum of JKEAC. The consultant of the project gave the presentation and presented copy of LoI and approved mining plan besides the NOC's issued by various stake holder department like Irrigation & Flood Control, PWD, Fisheries Department. The discussion was held around the various aspects of the project like NOC from Forest Department, surface plan, mining depth and replenishment. It was also desired that the project proponent/consultant should redraft the EMP with adequate budget of at least 4.00 Lacs for raising plantation in close coordination with Social Forestry Department. The Committee also recommended 1m mining depth against 2m. proposed by the project proponent due to non-availability of replenishment data in the District Survey Report drafted by the Geology & Mining Department. The consultant also presented the cluster certificate from the Geology & Mining Department stating that no minor mineral block exists within 500m. of the project.

In view of National importance of the project, Committee has unanimously recommended the case for grant of Environment clearance subject to condition that the project proponent submits revised mining plan with necessary correction in mining depth duly approved by the competent authority prior to grant of formal E.C. and also subject to condition that project proponent submits revised Environment Management plan as per deliberation of the Committee and also subject to standard & specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holder Department in the NOC's prior to issuance of formal E.C.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance to the project of National importance subject to fulfillment of conditions laid down by the committee. The revised mining plan be submitted as per the approved conditions within three months of grant of EC. Further, the condition

No.5 is deemed to be deleted in view of the fact that the material is to be used for specific purpose.

AGENDA ITEM NO.23.

To discuss the issue of cases which have been recommended by the appraisal committee for grant of EC subject submission of revised mining plan with necessary corrections duly approved by the competent authority i.e. Geology and Mining.

Deliberations:

It has been observed in most of mining project cases that mining plan needs revision in light of observations & recommendations of JKEAC & JKEIAA. Mostly the block requires reduction in size to maintain a safe distance to the bridges or to exclude the active water channel or to reduce the depth of mining. The submission of revised mining plan by the project proponent takes considerable time and till such time, revised mining plan is approved, mining of material is not allowed, thus affecting developmental works, for which such mined materials are required. In view of this, the authority decided to allow a grace period of 3 months to Project Proponent for submission of revised mining plan, strictly as per recommendations of JKEIAA/JKEAC, in cases where JKEAC has recommended TOR/EC subject to revision of Mining Plan by competent authority. This decision shall be valid for cases appraised by JKEAC up to 30th June, 2021. Further, Project Proponent shall be responsible for submission of revised mining plan within this period, failing which EC/TOR shall be deemed as withdrawn.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)
Member, JKEIAA

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