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MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF 7th MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 28-11-2017 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE OFFICE COMPLEX OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING AT GLADENI, JAMMU TAWI

The following were present:

1.Mr.S.C. Sharman, IFS(Rtd.)	Chairman
2.Mr.M.A. Tak, IFS(Rtd.)	Vice Chairman
3.Dr.G.M.Bhat	Member
4.Mr.B.B.Sharma, CE(Rtd)	Member
5.Mr.Abul Bashir	Member
6.Dr.Falendra Kumar Sudan	Member
7.Dr.M.A. Khan	Member
8.Dr.Rachpal Singh	Member
9.Mr.Humayun Rashid	Secretary

At the very outset, the Secretary, S.E.A.C. welcomed the Chairman, Vice Chairman and other members of the S.E.A.C. forum. The proceedings were conducted in the following sequence:-

Agenda item No.1:

Proposal No: SIA/JK/IND/20849/2015

File No. SEIAA/2016/09

Title: Grant of Environmental Clearance in favour 80 TPD Clinker & 100TPD Cement at Industrial Extension Area, HatliMorh, Kathua, Jammu& Kashmir submitted by R.Kay Grinding (Jammu) Pvt. Ltd.

The Project was represented by the Project Proponent Shri A.K. Katyal and the Consultant viz. Chandigarh Pollution Testing Laboratory-EIA Division, E-126, Phase-VII, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab-160055. The Consultant gave a detailed presentation on the project proposal. The Public Hearing Report was also examined and discussed in detail. The consultant / Project proponent were asked to express their views on the Public Hearing Report forwarded by the

SPCB. The project proponent and his consultant pleaded that a number of red units/cement plants are already operational in the area and the proponent is not going to establish any new plant but is modernizing and expanding the existing cement plant with more environmental efficiency in an area which has been declared as an industrial estate. Besides, he informed that in the EIA/EMP report, the concerns of the local population had already been addressed. The SEAC observed that although the red category industry was located within the premises of the Industrial Estate, it becomes obligatory on the part of the concerned regulatory authorities to ensure environmental quality does not deteriorate beyond permissible limits where local inhabitant's health concerns are addressed amply. It was observed that the SPCB need to closely monitor implementation of the antipollution measures by the industries so that industrial growth is achieved without damaging environmental quality of the area. Accordingly, before proceeding further, it was desired to seek technical opinion and specific recommendation of the SPCB on feasibility of the project without causing damage to the environmental quality in the vicinity, keeping in view the preventive measures proposed in the Environmental Management Plan by the project proponent and concerns of the local population along with the opinion of Officers who conducted Public Hearing.

Agenda item No.2:

Proposal No.SIA/JK/IND2/17125/2016

File No. SEIAA/16/13

Title: Grant of Environmental Clearance in the case of Installation of LPG Mounded Storage at Post LPG Storage Terminal at HPCL LPG Bottling Plant, Lane No. 3, SIDCO Complex, Bari Brahmana, Jammu-181133 by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.

The project was represented by Shri Farooq Ahmad Shah, Chief Plant Manager and the consultant EQMS. The consultant failed to deliver presentation on the compliance sought during the 6th meeting of the SEAC at Srinagar on 13/06/2017. During discussions, it was observed that though the consultant had updated the temperature data in the document on the environment clearance portal, he had failed to submit updated hardcopy of the same. It was also pointed out that the updated temperature data had not been used in risk assessment modelling. The SEAC also pointed out that the consultant has not issued the requisite certificate in the desired format as warranted. It was conveyed again that the consultant need to certify it with clarity that the data projected analysis thereof and that the proposed project

design of the storage facility is authentic and satisfactorily within the standard permissible limits of risk management. Further, the Project proponent shall in the meantime approach the concerned district authority for integrating the risk management plan with its District Disaster Management Plan besides, notifying the area so that no settlements are allowed to come up around the storage facility in future by the concerned authorities.

Agenda item No.3:

Proposal No.: SIA/JK/MIN/18755/2015

File No. SEIAA/2017/22

Title: RIVER BED MINING (46.37 HECTARES) AT MAICHAK, TEHSIL & DISTRICT KATHUA, JAMMU BY SHRI DHYAN SINGH S/O SHRI HARPAL SINGH R/O VILLAGE BHALLESAR, TEHSIL R.S. PORA REPRESENTED BY ENVIRTA SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS INDIA PVT. LTD.,

The case was rejected in the 6th SEAC meeting on the ground that the project site was shown as falling at a distance of 3.8 kms from the Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary. However, the Project Proponent had approached the Central Committee wherein the distance of the site from Jastota Wildlife Sanctuary was given as 5.18 kms thereafter, the case had been forwarded to the SEIAA. It was observed that the project proponent responded to a query of SEIAA and stated that proximity of the project site from Jasrota Wildlife sanctuary had wrongly been mentioned as 3.8 kms in the previous EIA document and that the wildlife Warden, Kathua has also certified the distance of the site to the Jasrota Wildlife sanctuary as 5.18 kms. During discussion, SEAC verified the distance of the project site from Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary by plotting the coordinates furnished by the Consultant in the EIA Report on the Google Earth and the distance to the southern flank of the boundary of Jasrota Wildlife sanctuary at its main gate measures 3.8 kms and not 5.18 kms. So this being the position it is amply clear that the fresh EIA report submitted by the project proponent to the MoEF&CC and the certificate of Wildlife Warden produced before the SEAC is incorrect and not based on facts of the ground. The SEAC expressed its displeasure over wrong reporting by the consultant and the Project Proponent. It was decided to recommend the case for rejection.

Agenda item No.4:

Proposal No: SIA/JK/IND2/20746/2017

File No: SEIAA/2017/26

Title: Grant of terms of reference in favour of Proposed Common User POL Installation at Village – Pargalta & Kanna Chhargal, District – Jammu By M/s BPCL on behalf of PSU Oil Companies (BPCL, IOCL & HPCL).

The project proponent was represented by ABC Techno Labs, India Pvt. Ltd. The company has applied for grant of ToR for the preparation of EIA/EMP for EC of the project. The case falls under category 6(b)-Isolated storage & handling of hazardous chemicals. The consultant gave a brief presentation on

the proposed terms of reference. The SEAC decided to sanction the Standard Terms of Reference with additional focus on following aspects:-

1. The population of the area around the proposed storage facility within 10kms radius be studied in detail to assess its susceptibility in terms of risk and disaster management perspectives..
2. Risk analysis to be discussed in detail using various environmental parameters and geospatial modelling approach.
3. Diversion of forest land for the purpose and Forest clearances
4. Proximity of Nandni Wildlife sanctuary needs to be verified and impact studied in case it is within 10kms from the site.
5. The risk/ Disaster management plan needs to be integrated with the District Disaster Management plan / MoU with the concerned District authorities.

Agenda item No.5

Proposal No.: SIA/JK/MIN/69980/2017

File No.: SEIAA/2017/27

Title:Grant of Environmental Clearance in favour of M/S Faridudin Bagdadi Minerals, Barias, Doda for 15.18 ha Gypsum Mining Project in BariasKothiyar Village, Doda District.

The project was represented by the project proponent S.N.H.Kazmi and the consultant Globus Environment Engineering Services, Lucknow. A detailed presentation was given by the consultant. The SEAC desired the Project proponent to produce NOC from the Forest Department. The project proponent furnished a copy of NOC from the DFO, Batote. However, the Project Proponent was asked to get the NOC issued by the Head of Department. Besides, it was also decided to conduct field visit of the mine area for which a subcommittee comprising of SEAC Members Dr. G.M Bhat, Dr.Rachpal Singh and Mr.Abul Bashir was constituted. The date of inspection shall be mutually decided in consultation with the project proponent.

Agenda item No.6

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the 6th Meeting of SEAC held at Srinagar on 13th of June, 2017 (Tuesday) at 11:30 A.M. issued vide this office No: SEAC/17/641-51 dated: 24/06/2017.

The SEAC forum unanimously confirmed the minutes of the 6th SEAC Meeting after discussing the Action Taken Report on the 6th SEAC meeting.

At the end the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/= **S.E.C R E T A R Y**
SEAC

No: SEAC/2017/ 731-42

Dated:02 /12/2017

Copy in addition to copy by email attachment to:

1. The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), J&K State for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
2. The Hon'ble Chairman, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), J&K State for favour of kind information.
3. The Hon'ble Vice Chairman, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), J&K State for favour of kind information.
4. The Hon'ble Members, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), J&K State for favour of kind information.
5. Shri Sheikh Sajid, P.A to upload the minutes on the National Environmental Clearance Portal- J&K State.
6. Concerned office file.