



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

*Present: Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman; Dr.V.Venu IAS, Member
Secretary and Shri.K.Krishna Panicker, Member*

Sub:- SEIAA – Environmental Clearance issued to the Quarry Project of M/s Metarock Private Limited in Sy.No.339/5, 339/6, 339/7, 339/7-2, 339/7-3, 339/7-4, 339/7-5, 339/7-6, 339/7-7, 339/14, 339/15, 339/16, 339/17, 339/18, 339/19, 339/20, 339/24, 339/25, 339/26, 340/9, 340/10, 340/11, 340/20, 340/20-1, 341/4, 341/5, 341/6, 341/7, 341/9-1, 341/9-2, 341/9-3, 341/9-4, 341/9-5, 341/10, 341/11, 341/12, 341/13, 342/2, 342/3, 343/9, 345/1, 345/1-3, 345/1-2, 345/1-16, 345/1-22, 345/1-6-1, 355/26, 341/2-1, 341/2-2 & 342/4 in Aruvikkara Village, Nedumangad Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala - Extension– Granted - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. 235/SEIAA/KL/851/2013

dated: 15.11.2022

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- Read:1. Environmental Clearance No. 235/SEIAA/KL/851/2013 dated 31.10.2014
2. Extension of Environmental Clearance Order dated 20.09.2019
3. Judgment in WP(C) No.15172/2021 dated 03.08.2021 filed by M/s Metarock Private Limited
4. Minutes of the 115th SEIAA meeting held on 30th June 2022
5. Minutes of the 131st SEAC meeting held on 5th to 06th August, 2022
6. Minutes of the 118th SEIAA meeting held on 30th September & 01st October 2022
7. Minutes of the 119th SEIAA meeting held on 26th & 27th October 2022
8. G.O(Rt.) No.29/2019/Env dated.12.04.2019

ORDER

Environmental Clearance was issued as per the proceedings read 1st above, to the Quarry Project of M/s Metarock Private Limited in Sy.No.339/5, 339/6, 339/7, 339/7-2, 339/7-3, 339/7-4, 339/7-5, 339/7-6, 339/7-7, 339/14, 339/15, 339/16, 339/17, 339/18, 339/19, 339/20, 339/24, 339/25, 339/26, 340/9, 340/10, 340/11, 340/20, 340/20-1, 341/4, 341/5, 341/6, 341/7, 341/9-1, 341/9-2, 341/9-3, 341/9-4, 341/9-5, 341/10, 341/11, 341/12, 341/13, 342/2, 342/3,

343/9, 345/1, 345/1-3, 345/1-2, 345/1-16, 345/1-22, 345/1-6-1, 355/26, 341/2-1, 341/2-2 & 342/4 in Aruvikkara Village, Nedumangad Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala for a period of five years. Further extension of Environmental Clearance for a period of two year with effect from 31.10.2019 was issued vide paper read (2).

2. The 115th SEIAA, verified the item and noted the recommendation of 128th SEAC meeting, the contents of the field inspection report of the Sub-Committee and the directions the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No. 15172/2021 for the revalidation of EC. The Authority observed that the EC was issued on 31.10.2014 and extended on 20.9.2019 for a single mine lease area of 7.3401Ha. Now two leases are approved, one for an area of 1.0150 Ha and the other for an area of 5.5433 Ha (Total 6.5583 Ha), which is less than the area mentioned in the earlier EC. The Survey Nos. 341/2-1 and 341/2-2 figured in the earlier EC are not found included in any of the two lease areas. Besides, a new Survey No. 342/3 included in the Mine Plan for the 2nd lease area. The mineable reserve as per the mining plan is also different. Since, the project area, survey numbers and the minable reserves differs from the original EC, the application cannot be considered for revalidation. As the total area is more than 5 Ha SEAC shall also follow all procedures relevant for appraising projects of this category. Under these circumstances, the Authority observed that a new Environmental Clearance is required for this project and decided to post the case back to SEAC for fresh appraisal.

3. In the 131st SEAC meeting, the Committee examined the observations of the SEIAA, clarification submitted by the proponent and perused the file in detail and decided to direct the proponent to submit a fresh application for EC as observed by the Authority in its 115th meeting. The Committee also decided to direct the proponent to submit an application for the approval of ToR to conduct EIA Study as the area is more than 5 Ha.

4. In the 119th SEIAA meeting, the Authority heard the averments of the Project Proponent, verified the hearing note with all documents that have already submitted, and observed that since, the project area, survey numbers and the minable reserves differs from the original EC, the application cannot be considered for revalidation unless the changes are effected as made out during personal hearing. Further, as project area is more than 5 Ha as per the directions of NGT dated 13.9.2018 in OA no 186/2016 and in 6 other OAs, an EIA study and Public Consultations have to be carried out for consideration of the proposal. Authority decided to adhere to its earlier decision and decided to inform the Project Proponent to apply for ToR for the EIA study and Public Consultations. The Authority also noted that the EC expires on 30.10.2022 (after Covid relaxation) and decided to extend the validity of the existing EC for a period of one year from the date of expiry (30.10.2022 (after covid relaxation)) to complete the Public Consultations.

5. In the above circumstances, the validity of Environmental Clearance is extended for one year from the date of expiry of EC (30.10.2022 (after covid relaxation)) to complete the Public Consultations is hereby accorded for the Quarry Project of M/s Metarock Private Limited in Sy.No.339/5, 339/6, 339/7, 339/7-2, 339/7-3, 339/7-4, 339/7-5, 339/7-6, 339/7-7, 339/14, 339/15, 339/16, 339/17, 339/18, 339/19, 339/20, 339/24, 339/25, 339/26, 340/9, 340/10, 340/11,

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