MINUTES OF THE 89th MEETING OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 2.30 P.M AT CONFERENCE HALL, STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA.

Present:

- 1. Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA
- 2. Dr. Jayachandran.K, Member, SEIAA
- 3. Dr. Usha Titus I.A.S, Principal Secretary & Member Secretary, SEIAA.

The meeting started at 2.30 PM. The Member Secretary as an introduction urged the need for increasing the number of SEIAA/SEAC meetings, in view of the huge pendency of applications.

Item No. 89.01

Environmental Clearance for the Proposed construction of multistoried residential and commercial buildings at Re Survey No. 174/14-1 (Old Sy. No. 180/P, 181/1P, 182/2P), Ollur Village, Thrissur Taluk & Thrissur District, Kerala of Mr. Nisanth, Company Executive, M/s Sobha Highrise Ventures Private Limited (File No. 1188(A)/A2/2018/SEIAA)

Authority decided to recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions and with the specific condition stipulated in OM No. 21-270/208-IA-III dated 07.02,2012 and the proponent should file an affidavit that he will construct 50 low cost ecofriendly houses/flats as part of the promised CSR of Rs.6.7 crores in the district in consultation with the District Collector, as part of the Rebuild Kerala, in 5 years. The balance amount if any should be used for environmental conservation purposes in consultation with the District Collector. Also onsite hygienic accommodation should be provided for the workers during the period of construction.

Item No.89.02

Environmental Clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project in Survey No. 555/2 at Nagaroor Village, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Thiruvanathapuram District, Kerala by Mr.Rajesh Jha,

Chief Executive Officer, M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited (File No. 1200/EC2/2018/SEIAA)

Authority decided to recommend for issuance of EC with general conditions in tune with KMMC Rules 2015 and its amendments and subject to the following specific conditions.

- 1. The mining should be conducted with Non-electric detonator (NONEL) method thereby minimizing air blast, fly rock and ground vibration.
- 2. Extract a maximum of 7 lakh tons of building stone within a period of two years. Further permission for mining may be considered based on the requirement then and environmental assessment.
- 3. The proponent shall file an affidavit that he will expend Rs.15 lakhs as part of CER in consultation with Local Self Government.
- 4. The proponent should follow the closure plans (progressive closure and final closure) when as per KMMC Rules.

Item No: 89.03 Report of Conservator of Forests on illegal functioning of of Vijaya and Periyar Quarry (File No. 221/A1/2018/SEIAA)

Vijaya Quarry

The Authority noted that the quarry has illegally mined 45000 cu.m for which the Geologist has levied a fine. During the site inspection by SEAC it has been noted that many of the general and specific conditions of EC have been violated by the proponent. The Authority has decided to issue show cause notice as to why the EC should not be cancelled over these violations. In the meanwhile, the proponent shall strengthen the fence in the boundary of the forests with additional strands at a height of at least 7-8 m sealing all possibilities of animal straying in, in consultation with the Forest Department, within 45 days and report with photographs. The bench slopes are to be also maintained while confining the operations strictly within the prescribed boundary.

Periyar Quarry

SEAC has found that benching is not scientifically done. Authority decided to inform the proponent for making fencing around and benching in the quarry as stipulated within 45

days and to produce a compliance report with photographs. The proponent shall follow the mining rules and regulations as per KMMC rules 2015 and amendments thereby.

General Item

<u>Item No. 89.04</u> Extension of EC for the maximum period- M/s Chengalathu Quarry Industries (File No.77/SEIAA/ KL/172/2013)

Authority decided to stick on to the decision taken in the 85th meeting of SEIAA.

Item No. 89.05 Reviewing the Environmental Clearance (File No.134/SEIAA/KL/2562/2013

Authority decided to entrust SEAC for a review.

Item No. 89.06 Change the name of Managing Director as Sri.P.T.Jose instead of Sri.P.J.Johnson (File No. 601/SEIAA/ EC1/4604/2014

Authority decided to make the change in the EC as applied for.

Item No. 89.07 Request for transfer of Environmental Clearance – Shri.Akhil S/o O.Sivarajan, Odamannil Veedu, Mukkom P.O, Kozhikkode (File No.917/SEIAA/EC4/3671/2015)

Authority decided to make the change in the EC as applied for.

Item No. 89.08 Representation submitted by registered metal Crusher Unit Owners Association in connection with validity of minor mineral mining projects (File No.143/A1/2019/SEIAA)

Authority decided to continue the existing practice of giving EC for 5 years. However the process of issue of EC after 5 years shall be simplified in the following manner.

- 1) The applications for extension shall be made at least 6 months before the expiry of validity in the updated Form I, Mining Plan with processing fee and photographs.
- 2) SEIAA will consider each application with the report of SEAC.

<u>Item No.89.09</u>

Application for Terms of Reference for the proposed expansion of Quarry project at Re-survey Nos.462/01, 462/01-2, 462/02, 465/01, 465/04, 465/04-2, 465/05, 481/01-2, 481/01-1, 482/02, 482/02-2, 482/02-3, 482/04, 482/05, 482/06, 483/03, 483/04, (Patta Land), 464, 465/03, 465/08, 482/01, 482/03, (Govt. Land) in Block No.50, Kummil Village, Kottarakkara Taluk, Kollam District, Kerala by Mr.Harish.G.Nair, Managing Partner, M/s H & P Granites. (File No. 1210 (A)/EC2/2019/SEIAA)

Authority decided to approve the ToR. Hereafter as per proviso to Clause 7 II of EIA Notification 2006, ToRs are to be finalized by SEAC.

Item No.89.10

WP(C) No.30828/17 and WP(C) No.8644/18 – Allegations regarding the violation of EC conditions and allegations against the issuance of EC (File No.212/SEIAA/KL/251/2014)

Authority decided to seek report from SEAC on priority basis. Since the time limit set by the Court is 6 weeks decided to move for extension.

Item No.89.11

Extension of validity of M/s Metarock Pvt.Ltd - Revoking of decision (File No.1979/A1/18/SEIAA-Main File No.235/SEIAA/KL/ 851/2013)

Authority decided to revoke the decision taken in 84th meeting of SEIAA and to inform the proponent to apply for extension as a normal case as per the conditions laid down by SEIAA.

General Decision

- 1) As per proviso to Clause 7 II of EIA Notification 2006, ToRs are to be finalized by SEAC.
- 2) There shall be meeting of SEIAA & SEAC every fortnight. The meetings of SEAC shall be in the 1st & 3rd week and may be for two days each depending on the pendency. The meetings of SEIAA will be in the 2nd & 4th week.

- 3) Vacancies as per G.O (MS) No.15/2015/Envt dated. 28.11.2015, to be filled up on contract through CMD within two months.
- 4) Vide NGT Order dated.11.12.2018 operations of DEIAAs have been suspended. There are pending applications before various DEIAAs. The Authority decided to transfer all the pending applications to SEIAA for consideration on the basis of merit. For this purpose inspection report and other documents already submitted before DEIAA shall be considered.
- 5) Hereafter action taken report on the minutes and pendency of court cases shall be presented at the start of every meeting.

Meeting came to end at 5.15 pm.

Dr. Usha Titus I.A.S.

Principal Secretary

& Member Secretary, SEIAA

Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd)

Chairman, SEIAA

Dr. Jayachandran.K Member, SEIAA