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Proceedings of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Kerala

Present: Prof. (Dr.) K.P. Joy, Chairman; (Dr. J. Subhashini, Member; Sri. P.K. Mohanthy IAS, Member Secretary

Subj: SEIAA Kerala - Dredging in Ponnani Port in Sy. No. 13/09 at Ponnani Village, Malappuram District, Kerala - proposal submitted by Director of Ports - Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification 2006 accorded - Orders issued

Environmental Clearance

No. 229/SEIAA/K1/529/2014

dated, Thiruvananthapuram 07.05.2014

Reads: Minutes of 27th meeting of SEIAA Kerala held on 11th March 2014

ORDER

Dr. Jacob Thomas IPS, Director of Ports, vide his application received on 31-01-2014, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for dredging in Ponnani Port in Sy. No. 13/09 at Ponnani Village, Malappuram District, Kerala.

The project comes under Category B, Activity 7 (e), as per the Schedule of EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments. No forest land is involved in the present project.

The proposal has been appraised by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee Kerala constituted by the competent authority, as per prescribed procedure in the lights of provisions under the EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments, in its 24th meeting held on 5th February 2014 AND on the basis of the supporting documents enclosed with the application viz., Form 1 along with the final report of rapid EIA due to Manual Dredging of Sand from the port limits of Ponnani conducted by CWRDM, Kozhikode, the SEAC Kerala recommended environmental clearance to the project.

It is interalia noted that, the Port Department conducts dredging within the notified limit of the port of Ponnani in order to deepen the shipping channel and the turning circle up to the port wharf for the purpose of safe navigation of ships, fishing boats and other harbour crafts. Dredging is done through manual and/or mechanical means. Manual dredging is resorted to without the use of any mechanical equipment or motorized boats to dredge up to a depth of 3 m in the shipping channel and turning circle. Mechanical dredging is done through dredgers to achieve the required depths depending on the size of the vessel. Dredging is proposed to remove sand bars from port channel. The CWRDM has conducted an EIA of dredging and the specific recommendations made by them are under the consideration of the Government. KITCO is engaged to conduct EIA. The dredging is proposed to be done in 2.11 km of water area. No forest land is involved in the present project. The approximate quantity to be dredged is up to 45000 tonnes per month and rate per ton is to be fixed by open tender.

Considering the CWRDM report submitted by the proponent and the environmental measures being adopted so far, SEAC recommended the project for environmental clearance which shall be valid up to 15th June 2014.

The SEIAA, after due consideration of the relevant documents and in view of the recommendations of SEAC, approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance for the project mentioned above at its 27th meeting held on 11th March 2014. Accordingly, the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Kerala constituted by Govt. of India vide Notification No. S.O. 2484(E) dt.3-11-2011 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, published as Gazette extraordinary No. 2074 on 3-11-2011, and further amended by Govt. of India vide Notification No. S.O. 546(E) dt.25.02.2014 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, published as Gazette extraordinary No. 466 dated 25-02-2014, hereby accord Environmental Clearance for Ponnani Port in Sy. No. 13/09 at Ponnani Village, Malappuram District, Kerala as per powers vested with it under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification - 2006 and its subsequent amendments, subject to strict compliance of the following specific conditions:

1. It shall be subject to the clearance of litigation pending against the activity before the Honourable NGT in OA No.171/2013 and OA No.271/ at New Delhi
2. The dredged material should be used only for useful purposes.
3. Future dredging shall be in compliance with CRZ norms and other environmental concerns addressed through EIA studies.
4. All the other statutory clearance as is required should be obtained.

Compliance of the above conditions will be monitored by the Directorate of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala or its agencies and also by the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India located at Bangalore. Necessary support for entry and inspection should be provided by the project proponent to the staff of the Environment Directorate of Government of Kerala and Ministry of Government of India for monitoring purposes. In case of non-compliance of conditions, noted, if any, the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change shall report the matter to Government to take necessary action under Environment Protection Act 1986.

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The validity of EC is only up to 15th June 2014.

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