



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

(Present: Dr. H. Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA, Sri. K. Krishna Panicker, Member, Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, IAS, Member Secretary)

Sub: SEIAA - Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone Project of Sri. E. Rajesh, V K House, Kanad, Keezhallur, Edayannur P.O, Kannur -Granted – Orders issued.

## State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Kerala

#### Proposal No. SIA/KL/MIN/431645/2023

File No. 2330/EC4/2023/SEIAA

Ref: 1. Application from Sri. E. Rajesh, received on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
2. Minutes of the 155<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

3. Minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE NO. 37/L/2024**

Sri. E. Rajesh, V K House, Kanad, Keezhallur, Edayannur P.O, Kannur, submitted an application for Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project for an area of 0.0971 Ha. at Block No. 91, Re-Survey No: 3/132 in Kaliyad Village, Iritty Taluk, Kannur.

## I Project details

SL. No.	Particulars	Details	
1	Name of the Project	Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. E. Rajesh	
2	Proposed Activity	Mining of Laterite Building Stone	
3	Name of the Sector &	Category B2, Schedule 1(a)	
	Schedule No. (in the EIA	Mining of Minerals	
	Notification, 2006)		
4 Name & Address of the		Sri. E. Rajesh	
	Project Proponent	V K House,	
		Kanad,	
		Keezhallur,	
		Edayannur P.O, Kannur- 670 595	
	Project Location	Kamur- 070 375	
	a) Block No.	91	
	b) Re. Survey No:	3/132	
5	c) Revenue Village	Kaliyad	
	d) Taluk	Iritty	
	e) District	Kannur	
6	Geo Co-ordinates	As per approved Mining Plan	
7	Extent (in Hectare)	0.0971	
8	Project Cost	Rs. 1,78,630/-	
9	Mineable Resource	Shall be re-assessed by the Dept. of Mining and	
		Geology as per specific condition No.(3)	

## II Environment Management Plan Details

Sl. No.	Items	Cost
1	Air Pollution Control	Rs. 3,500/-
2	Water Pollution Control	Rs. 4,000/-
3	Green Belt Development Including Cost of afforestation	Rs. 4,250/-
4	Solid waste Management & Domestic effluent management	Rs. 4,300/-
5	Occupational Health and Safety	Rs.6,350/-

6	Reclamation/ Rehabilitation of mined out area	Rs. 5,000/-
	Total	Rs. 27,400/-

#### **III Corporate Environment Responsibility Details**

Area of Intervention	Amount (Rs)
Laterite building stone to Sri. P.K. Ragesh for building construction.	Rs. 3,600/-
TOTAL	<b>Rs. 3,600/-</b>

2. In the 155<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SEAC verified the additional documents submitted by the project proponent and recommended EC for the project life of 1 year subject to certain specific conditions in addition to general conditions.

3. In the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Authority decided to issue Environmental Clearance for the project life of 1 (One) year, for the quantity mentioned in the approved Mining Plan, subject to the following Specific Conditions in addition to the General Conditions.

- 1. The Project Proponent shall carry out quarrying as per the approved Mining Plan and the Specific Conditions mentioned hereafter. The Project Proponent should strictly follow the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2015 and amendments thereby.
- 2. The EC shall be valid from the date of execution of permit/lease from the Department of Mining and Geology. The copy of the lease order should be provided to the SEIAA before commencing the mining activity.
- 3. The mining should be restricted to a maximum depth of 4 m below ground level, subject to limiting the depth 1 m above the lithomarge. The mineable reserve should be reworked accordingly by the Mining and Geology Department for issuing permit.
- 4. Proper benches should be provided at an interval of every 1.5 m.
- 5. The excavation activity should not involve blasting.
- 6. The excavation activity should be restricted to 2m above the groundwater table at the site.
- 7. The excavation activity should not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.

- 8. The excavated pit should be restored by the project proponent for agriculture and other useful purposes.
- 9. Appropriate fencing all around the excavated pit should be made to prevent any mishap.
- 10. Measures should be taken to prevent dust emissions by covering excavated earth during transportation.
- 11. Safeguards should be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to the excavation of earth.
- 12. Workers/laborers should be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation.
- 13. A berm should be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of the proposed excavation.
- 14. A minimum distance of 50m from any civil structure should be kept from the periphery of the project area.
- 15. No water logging should be allowed in the mine pit. Appropriate drainage should be ensured from the project area prior to the commencement of mining.
- 16. The drain should be provided with silt traps and siltation pond and the overflow water should be clarified and drained to the nearest natural drain without any hindrance.
- 17. The drainage system should be cleaned and desilted periodically to facilitate unhindered drainage.
- 18. Measures incorporated in the CER should be implemented within 6 months from the date of EC.
- 19. Transportation of mined material should not be done during the peak hours in the forenoon (8.00am to 10.00am) and afternoon (3.30pm to 5 pm).
- 20. As per OM no F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, under Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) the Project Proponent should implement the Environment Management Plan (EMP)/CER as directed by SEAC during appraisal, covering the issues to address the environmental problems in the project region, from the beginning of the project, indicating both physical and financial targets year wise. The EMP/CER shall be implemented in consultation with Local Self Govt. Institutions. A copy of the approved EMP/CER shall be made available to the concerned Panchayat for information and implementation support. The indicated cost for implementation of CER activities shall be 2% of

the project cost.

- 21. As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 issued by MoEF&CC, in obedience to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court the Project Proponent shall, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 22. The violation of EC condition may lead to cancellation of EC and action under The Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

4. Environmental Clearance, under Notification S.O. No.1533 (E) dated 14.09.2006 read with O.M. as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, is hereby accorded to Sri. E. Rajesh, V K House, Kanad, Keezhallur, Edayannur P.O, Kannur, for the mining of Laterite Building Stone, for an area of 0.0971 Ha. at Block No. 91, Re-Sy No. 3/132 in Kaliyad Village, Iritty Taluk, Kannur, for the quantity re-assessed by the Mining and Geology Department as per specific condition No. (3), for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance of mine permit, from the Mining and Geology Department subject to the Specific Conditions suggested by SEIAA in Para 3<sup>rd</sup> above in addition to the following General Conditions.

#### **General Conditions**

- 1. Proponent should obtain all necessary statutory clearances for mining.
- 2. Appropriate fencing all around the burrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap.
- 3. Proper retaining wall shall be provided for safeguarding the immediately adjacent property, other buildings and civil structures.
- 4. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation or as specified in mining plan.
- 5. *Mining shall be done as per mining plan and suggestions by SEAC.*
- 6. The mining activity should not involve blasting
- 7. The excavation shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.

- 8. Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent dust pollution caused during laterite cutting.
- 9. Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to burrowing/excavation of laterite building stone.
- 10. Provide 2m x 2m benches for mining depth greater than 3m to prevent slope failures. For soil and soft formation the benches of height 1.5m to 2m are to provided to prevent collapse of wall.
- 11. Maximum depth of removal of laterite building stone should be limited to 1 m above the clay layer (Lithomargic clay layer). The level should be prominently marked before initiating the work.
- 12. Removal of laterite building stone should be restricted to 2m above the ground water table at the site. The decision taken by the expert team of SEAC in this regard, in relation to details provided in the mining plan, after the field inspection shall be final.
- 13. The top soil and overburden shall be stacked in separate demarcated area and shall be used for reclaiming the excavated pit. Proper measures shall be provided to prevent the erosion of the stacked material.
- 14. The burrowed/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s) as specified in the mining plan.
- 15. Measures shall be taken to prevent dust pollution by covering of burrowed/excavated laterite building stone during transportation.
- 16. Applicable labour laws for mining shall be followed. Proper masks and onsite facilities shall be provided to the workers. All safety measures shall be followed while cutting laterite using machines.
- 17. Mine has to be closed as per progressive mine closure plan and final mine closure plan.
- 18. If EC period is more than 6 months, half yearly compliance report shall be submitted to SEIAA.
- 19. The Environmental Clearance shall be liable to be cancelled in case of violation of any of the above conditions.
- 20. The minimum distance norm from the boundary/periphery of other properties buildings/civil structures as prescribed in KMMC Rules and other statutory

rules and orders shall be followed.

# 21. Suitable indigenous plants should be planted around the mining area and sides of the haul road as green belt.

5. Violation of any of the above Specific & General Conditions as applicable to the particular case will entail cancellation of the Environmental Clearance, in addition to legal action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Non-compliance, if any shall be reported to the District Collector, Kannur by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

6. The Half Yearly Compliance Report (HYCRs) with name of the project, EC No. and date, the period of submission with its contents, compliance report and environmental monitoring data & covering letter have to be uploaded in the Parivesh Portal as per O.M. F.No.IA3-22/1/2022-IA-III(E)-17264 dated 14.06.2022 and the website of the Project Proponent. Hardcopy of HYCRs shall not be acceptable.

7. The given address for correspondence of the Project Proponent is Sri. E. Rajesh, V K House, Kanad, Keezhallur, Edayannur P.O, Kannur.

Sd/-Administrator, SEIAA For Member Secretary, SEIAA

To,

Sri. E. Rajesh V K House, Kanad, Keezhallur, Edayannur P.O, Kannur- 670 595

Copy to:

- 1. The District Collector, Kannur
- 2. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Trivandrum
- 3. The Tahsildhar, Kasaragod Taluk, Kannur
- 4. The Director, Mining & Geology, Trivandrum
- 5. The District Geologist, Kannur
- 6. The Secretary, Kaliad Grama Panchayat, Kannur
- 7. The Chairman, SEIAA
- 8. Stock File
- 9. Website
- 10. O/C

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