



File No: 323/2024
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
KERALA)



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To,

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Subject: Rejection of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project under the EIA Notification 2006- and as amended thereof -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to the SEIAA, Kerala vide proposal number SIA/KL/MIN/509191/2024 for the reappraisal of Environmental Clearance issued from DEIAA, Kannur for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006- and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC24C0108KL5602871N
(ii) File No.	323/2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC (Mining)
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a)
(vii) Name of Project	Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of M/s United Metals
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	M/s United Metals
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	Ernakulam, Kerala
(x) Issuing Authority	SEIAA, Kerala
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions as per EIA Notification, 2006	Yes

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para above, the project proposal interalia including Form-2, Approved scheme of mining, EMP, etc. were submitted to the Ministry for an appraisal by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Kerala under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

4. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in its 180th

meeting held during 25th February 2025, and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in its 156th meeting held on 1st March, 2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-2, Approved scheme of mining, EMP, etc.)] are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

5. The SEAC in its 180th meeting noticed that the Project Proponent has not submitted the recent Cluster Certificate and the regrassing proposal as per the checklist of OM dated 28.04.2023 for the reappraisal. As per the Google imagery, there is no space for lateral mining and the project proponent has encroached mining beyond the permit area. The Committee also noticed the decision of the 151st SEIAA meeting and the complaint filed by All Kerala Anti-Corruption & Human Rights Protection Council vide letter dated 10.11.2024. The Complaint alleged that the Project Proponent conducted mining beyond the approve limits and the mining was continued after date of expiry of EC. Considering the above, the Committee recommended rejection of the application due to the non-submission of documents required for reappraisal and that there is no scope for the lateral and vertical expansion of mining. In this circumstances, the Authority, in its 156th meeting, accepted the recommendations of SEAC and rejected the proposal.

6. In the above circumstances, the application for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project, submitted by Sri. Sajeev Mathew, Managing Partner, M/s. United Metals, Karimpana. P.O., North Palakuzha, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam, for an area of 3.5588 Ha, at Sy Nos. 469/8-5, 469/8-1 in Palakuzha Village and 12/1B, 12/1A & 12/1C in Arakuzha Village, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam is hereby **REJECTED**, for the reasons mentioned above.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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The Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Kerala

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Collector, Ernakulam

The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Geologist, Ernakulam

The Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Ernakulam

The Tahsildhar, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam

The Secretary, Palakuzha & Arakuzha Grama Panchayath, Ernakulam

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