

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
(SEIAA) KERALA**

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR QUARRYING LATERITE STONE

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.