MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF SEAC, KERALA HELD ON 30thAND 31st DECEMBER, 2015, AT 'HARITHASREE' HALL, DoECC, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Day 1(30.12.2015)

Item no. 50.00 General Discussions

The decisions are furnished at the end.

Item no. 50.01 Formal approval of the minutes and appraisal reports of 49th SEAC Meeting held on 07th&08th December 2015

The minutes and Appraisal Reports pertaining to the 49th SEAC meeting held on 07th and 08th December 2015 are approved with corrections.

<u>Item No. 50.02</u> Environmental clearance for the building stone quarry project in

Sy. No. 249, 249/1, 249/2, at Kondoor Village, Meenachil Taluk,

Kottayam District by Sri. M.K. Rasheed

(File No. 793/SEIAA/EC4/1851/2015)

Project proponent: Mr.M.K. Rasheed

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the proponent attended the meeting..The land use predominates rubber plantation and mixed vegetation. The proponent has also informed that the proposed area is not falling under any ESA villages but it is situated in the village boundary. The proponent informed that sufficient buffer distance is kept from the village boundary. The Committee suggested that the storm water should be channelized properly and a check dam should be provided. The Committee also pointed out that the lower pit in the present area should be conserved for the purpose of RWH.

Since the area proposed is virgin the Committee decided to **defer** the item for field visit and the production of a revised CSR proposal.

Item no. 50. 03 Environmental clearance for proposed Government Medical

College at Sy.No.643 at Iravan Village, Kozhencherry Taluk, Aruvapulam Panchayat, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Dr.

P.G.R Pillai M.S

(File No. 810.A/SEIAA/EC4/2373/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. Dr. P.G.R Pillai M.S

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the authorised person on behalf of the proponent with Engineer attended the meeting. The project is for 300 beds hospital facility. The proponent has informed that the proposed hospital building is having a built-up area of 32,000 m² with basement+3 floors and the rest is for academic block with ground+ 5 floors. The total built-up area is 53, 346 m² and the total plot area is 49 Ha..The expected domestic water

requirement is 160 KLD since there is no alternate water source it will be met by Achenkovil River sources through Kerala Water Authority, which is at a distance of 6 KM from the proposed area. The architect has informed that separate ETA and STP are proposed for waste water treatment. The proponent informed that the biomedical wastes will be disposed through IMAGE. The Committee is of the opinion that since there is sufficient land with suitable terrain for the project and also being a Govt. project, it is better to provide biomedical treatment facility in the site itself, instead of depending upon IMAGE. The plastic waste should be disposed as per rules.

Considering the undulating nature of land, the Committee decided to **defer** the item for field visit and the production of the following;

- 1. Detailed proposal for RWH facility
- 2. Overall development plan of the campus including all details
- 3. Cutting details of the proposed area
- 4. Detailed proposal for the treatment of bio medical and other wastes

Item No.50.04

Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1361/1 and 1361/2 at Killannur Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District by Sri. K.J. Vasudevan Nair, Managing Partner, M/s. K. J. Vasudevan Nair Granites, Killannur Village, MulamkunnathuKavu, P.O., Thrissur - 680581

(File No. 822/SEIAA/EC1/2557/2015).

Project proponent: Sri. K. J. Vasudevan Nair

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the authorised person on behalf of the proponent informed that the project is working with lease, which is valid up to 2020. The proposed area is 2.3720 Ha and is Govt. purambokku land and the proponent has provided copies of the lease along with the application. The annual production of the project is 79,000 MTA of building stone and the life of mine is 4.5 years. The land use predominates rubber cultivation. The Committee observed that Chimmony Irrigation Canal is flowing in the western side of the proposed area and safe distance should be maintained.

The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to **RECOMMEND** for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific condition, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. A minimum setback distance of 100 m should be kept from the Chimmony Irrigation Canal.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 1

Item No.50.05 Environmental clearance for proposed mining project in Sy.

Nos. 262/1, 264/1, 2-1, 2-2, 5, 5-2, 6, 7, 265/1, 1-2 and 1-3 at Elamadu Village KottarakaraTaluk, kollam District, Kerala by by Sri. Tinson John, Managing Partner, M/s Aiswarya Granites for an area of 4.7997ha. (File. No. 127/SEIAA/KL/2368/2013)

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Item No.50. 06

Environmental clearance for proposed mining project in Sy. Nos. 262/1, 264/1, 2-1, 2-2, 5, 5-2, 6, 7, 265/1, 1-2 and 1-3 at Elamadu Village KottarakaraTaluk, Kollam District, Kerala by Sri. Tinson John, Managing Partner, M/s Aiswarya Granites for an area of 4.7997ha. File. No. 128/SEIAA/KL/2369/2013 – Court Case

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Environmental clearance for proposed mining project in Sy. Nos. 127/6,7, and 1-3 at Elamadu Village KottarakaraTaluk, Kollam District, Kerala by Sri. Tinson John, Managing Partner, M/s Aiswarya Granites for an area of 1.6240 ha.

File. No. 129/SEIAA/KL/2369/2013 - Court Case

Project proponent: Sri. Tinson John

The Committee considered the proposals and the decision of 44th meeting of SEIAA, Judgment in WP(C) no. 35290/2015 dated 11.12.2015 and found that in order to comply with the Judgment and to reply the queries raised by SEIAA, field verification is necessary. Hence the Committee decided to conduct field visit at an early date to verify the following details

- 1. The area demarcated with respect to each proposal
- 2. Verify the total area
- 3. Assess whether cluster situation is there or not
- 4. The total area and other related details of the project area comprised in Sy Nos. 262/1, 264/1, 2-1, 2-2, 5, 5-2, 6, 7, 265/1, 1-2 and 1-3 (file no. 127/SEIAA/KL/2013), which was recommended for EC in 44th SEAC meeting.
- 5. Proximity of Govt. Purambokku land
- 6. To hear the complainants during field inspection.

Since the field verification and scrutiny of records are likely to take more time the Committee requested Secretary to move the Hon. High Court for time till another 6 weeks from today ie till 15th February 2016 for adequately providing clarifications to the SEIAA. A sub-committee consisting of Sri. John Mathai, Sri. S. Ajayakumar, Dr. K. G Padmakumar, Dr. George Chackacherry and Dr. Keshav Mohan was formed to conduct the site inspection at the earliest. Immediately on receipt of its report a meeting of the Committee can be convened for preparing the reply to the clarifications sought by the SEIAA.

development of Software complex "TCS Technopark" in Sy. Nos. 209, 210, 211, 213, 221, 223, 224, 225, 226, 302, 304 and 305 at Attippra Village, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by M/s Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Limited

(File No. 205/SEIAA/KL/128/2014)

Project proponent: Mr. Gigi Thomas

The above proposal was received by SEIAA on 9.01.14. It was considered in the 26th meeting held on 20th and 21st March 14. But it was deferred for seeking certain clarifications. Noting that a written communication intimating the clarifications sought for had not been sent to the proponent. The Secretary ordered to communicate the same on 12.03.15 and the same was sent on 26.03.15. As directed the proponent redrafted the proposal and submitted on 23.11.15. Now the above resubmitted proposal has been placed before the Committee for appraisal. The proposal is for EC for adding an additional built up area of 4,735.92 m² to their project for setting up the Soft ware Complex having a built up area 1,10,473 m² for which EC is seen issued from MoEF on 12.03.2013. The Committee found that the total plot area of the project has not changed and the proponent has now proposed an additional area of 4,735.92 m² only.

The Committee appraised the proposal based on revised Form-I, Form-IA, EIA report and all other documents submitted along with the application and decided to **RECOMMEND** for issuance of Environmental Clearance with all the conditions already stipulated by the MoEF & CC in their clearance 21-14/2008-I.A.III dt 12.03.13.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 2

Item No. 50.08 Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry

project in Survey Nos. 354 (p), 354/1(p), 354/1-1(p) and 11/1/9(p) at Peragamanna Village, ErnadTaluk, Malappuram District,

Kerala by M/s Bismi Granite Industries

(File No. 441/SEIAA/KL/3033/2014)

Project proponent: Sri. Abdul Rahiman

The Committee verified the proposal and found that the secretariat is still to write to the District Collector for clarification as decided in the 43rd meeting. Hence **deferred** for addressing the DC for the above clarification.

<u>Item No. 50.09</u> Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Re. Sy.

No. 307/6 at Mulakkuzha Village and Panchayath, Chengannur Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala by Mr. T. O. George and

Aniamma George (File No. 481/SEIAA/KL/3337/2014)

Project proponent: Mr.T.O. George and Aniamma George

The Committee examined the records and found that the quantity actually recorded in the minutes was 10000 m^3 but it was shown as 1000 m^3 in the minutes by oversight. Therefore the Committee decided to **RECOMMEND** issuing EC for removal of an additional quantity of 9000 m^3 of ordinary earth.

Item No.50. 10 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in

Sy. Nos 110/1,111/3 at Karakunnu Village, Thrikkalangode

Panchayath, Eranad Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri.

Abdul Majeed.(FileNo.848/SEIAA/EC1/2861/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. Abdul Majeed

The proponent was absent and hence the item is **deferred**.

Item No.50.11 Environmental clearance for the Proposed quarry project in Sy.

Nos16/2/1pt, 16/2/2pt, 17/4 pt, 20/1, 20/2, 20/3, 17/5 pt, 17/7 pt Ozhalapathy Village, Vadakarapathy Panchayath, Chittur Taluk,

Palakkad District, Kerala by Sri.K.P. Davis

(FileNo.849/SEIAA/EC1/2861/2015)

Project proponent: Sri.K.P. Davis

The proponent was absent and hence the item is **deferred**.

Item No.50.12 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy.

No413/4A Pt at PayyanadVillage, Manjeri Municipality, Eranad

Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri.V.P. Shareef

(FileNo.850/SEIAA/EC1/2862/2015)

Project proponent: Sri.V.P. Shareef

The proponent was absent and hence the item is **deferred**.

Item No.50.13 Environmental Clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy.no.

527/1,2,3, 528 at Annallor Village Mala Panchayath, Chalakudy

Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. K C Thomas

(File No.658 /SEIAA/KL/5173/2014)

Project proponent: Sri. K C Thomas

The Committee verified the report of the convener of the Local Level Monitoring Committee and found that as per the report the proposed land is 'nilam nikathu purayidam'. Therefore the Committee decided to **RECOMMEND** issuing EC for the removal of 9000 m³ of brick earth with the following specific condition in addition to the general conditions stipulated for brick earth mining.

After excavation the area should be reclaimed with ordinary earth to facilitate agriculture production.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 3

Item No.50.14 Environmental Clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy.no.

530/2,555/2, 556-1-2 at Annallor Village Mala Panchayath, ChalakudyTaluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. K C Thomas

(File No.659 /SEIAA/KL/5174/2014)

Project proponent: Sri. K C Thomas

The Committee verified the report of the convener of the Local Level Monitoring Committee and the resolution passed by the Panchayath, Annalloor, report of Geologist Thrissur and the site photograph. The application is for the removal of earth from Kulam. The Committee decided to **RECOMMEND** for issuing EC for removal of 2000 m3 of brick earth with the general conditions stipulated for brick earth mining.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 4

Item.No.50.15 Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 266/1,

266/2, 253/5, 253/15, 253/16 and 253/17 at Cherukavu Village, KondottyTaluk, Malappuram District by Sri. Mayin Haji, M.C. for M/s Calicut Granites (P) Ltd. (File No. 676/SEIAA/KL/5356/2014).

Project proponent: Sri. Mayin Haji, M.C

The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to **RECOMMEND** for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

- 1. The rainwater should be properly conserved, and clarified before it is discharged.
- 2. Proper sign boards and fencing should be provided all around the quarry site.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 5

Item No.50.16 Environmental clearance for river sand mining in Bharathapuzha, Chalakudipuzha and KaruvannurPuzha of Thrissur District, Kerala by District Collector, Thrissur.

(File No.788 /EC1/2015/SEIAA)

The Committee observed that the OM dt 24.12.13 was issued by the MoEF&CC in accordance with directions contained in judgement of the Hon. Supreme Court in Deepk Kumar case. Para 12 to 16 of the judgement deal with the above stipulations and directions. For river sand mining we are following 2001 Act which is still to be amended incorporating the provisions as directed by the Hon Supreme Court. The Committee is also doubtful whether NGT can overrule the directions of the Supreme Court. In this background the Committee decided not to modify its earlier recommendation. If SEIAA is having a different view in the matter it has the mandate to overrule the recommendations of SEAC.

Item No. 50.17 Environmental clearance for the building stone quarry project in Sy. Nos.133/1,133/1-1,133/2,133/3,133/5,133/6,133/6-1,133/6-2,133/6-3,133/6-4,133/6-5,133/6-6,133/6-7,133/7,133/7-1,133/7-2,133/7-3,133/7-3,133/7-4,133/8-1,133/9,133/9-2,107/4-1,107/6,107/6-2,107/7,107/7-2,107/7-3,107/8,108/1,108/3,108/3-1at at Block no.32,in Kottangal village, Mallapally Taluk-, Pathanamthitta District- by Sri. A.D. John (File No. 803/SEIAA/EC4/2120/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. A.D. John

The Committee verified the cadastral map submitted by the proponent as per the direction of Sub-committee. The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to **RECOMMEND** for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

- 1. Fencing should be provided all around the lease area.
- 2. Storm water drainage from the quarry must be let out to the stream only after clarification. The stream seen on the north western side must be maintained for conducting rainwater.
- 3. RWH structure should be provided in the site.
- 4. Ultimate depth of mine must be limited to the floor level of Manimala River which is at about 20 m AMSL.
- 5. OB must be stored in a designated place at a lower elevation.
- 6. Approach roads to the quarry and the main haulage road need to be developed with a minimum width of 6 m.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 6

Item No.50.18 Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.

> No. 121/1-1, 1-1-1, 2 &3 at Mulakkuzha Village, Mulakkuzha Panchayath, Chengannur Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala by Sri. Suresh Kumar, K. (File No. 841 /EC3/2802/SEIAA /2015)

Project proponent: Sri. Suresh Kumar

The Committee verified the affidavit submitted by the applicant as per the direction of SEAC. The Committee appraised the proposal based on the details provided by the applicant and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance for removal of 5000m³ of ordinary earth subject to the condition that removal should be in terraced manner.

Appraisal report is enclosed as Annexure 7

Item No.50.19 **Environmental clearance for the Expansion of Building**

> Stone quarry project in Sy. Nos.10/7,11/5,11/7,11/8,11/9,13/1, 14/1-1, 14/1-2, 15/1, 15/1-1, 15/1-2-1, 15/1-3, 15/1-4, & 15/2 at Ezhumatoor Village, **Block** no 27, **Mallappaly** Taluk, District, **Pathanamthitta** Sri. Μ. V. by Abraham

(FileNo.852/SEIAA/EC4/2968/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. M.V.Abraham

Further to the intimation of SEAC the owner and the Manager attended the meeting. The area proposed for quarrying is 4.67 Ha which is private patta land. The life of mine expected is 10 years. The Committee is of the opinion that enough safety buffer shall be provided from the steep cutting in the existing quarry.

The Committee decided to **defer** the item for the production of a revised social responsibility proposal.

Item no. 50.20 **Environmental clearance for the Proposed Building Stone quarry**

> project in Sy. No 36/3 (pt), 37/1(pt), 37/2(pt), 37/3(pt) at Morayoor Village, Kondotty Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri. E.A

Abdul Karim (FileNo.853/SEIAA/EC1/2977/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. E.A Abdul Karim

Further to the intimation of SEAC the owner and the RQP attended the meeting. The area proposed for quarrying is 2.3732ha which is private patta land. The annual production of the project is 1,39,000 tones of building stone. The Committee is of the opinion that the social responsibility proposal submitted requires revision.

The Committee decided to defer the item for the production of the following documents/details;

- 1. Revised social responsibility proposal.
- 2. Revised Mining Plan as per KMMC Rule 2015

Item No.50.21 Environmental clearance for the Proposed Building Stone quarry

project in Sy. Nos.1257/2, 1257/3, 1257/4, 1258/1, 1258/2, 1258/3, 1258/6, 1271/4 (pt), 1271/5 (pt), at Kadangode Village, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. Boby. C

(FileNo.854/SEIAA/EC1/2978/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. Boby. C

The Committee decided to **defer** the item for the production of revised Mining Plan as per KMMC Rule 2015

Item No.50.22

Environmental clearance for removal of Ordinary Sand in Re Sy. No.9/7-2 at Kidangoor Village, MeenachilTaluk, Kottayam District, by Smt. Bindu Sreekumar (File No. 894/SEIAA/EC4/3410/2014)

The Committee verified the applications from item no. 50.22 to 50.27 and item no.50.31-50.34 placed before out of turn with the reason that the removed earth is to be utilised for implementation of Govt. projects and observed that larger number of applications submitted are even now pending decision on account of lack of man power in the secretariat. The Committee further observed that these applications are not endorsed by SEIAA for consideration out of turn. Also in none of the MoEF&CC notifications and guidelines there is provision for such out of turn consideration barring building proposals having green certification. Hence it was decided that in future, proposals will be considered out of turn only if there is a specific recommendation from SEIAA. Hence the Committee decided to defer the items no. 50.22 to 50.27 and item no.50.31-50.34 for considering on the basis of seniority.

Item No.50.28 Environmental clearance for the Proposed Building Stone

quarry project in Sy. Nos.138/(pt), 370/3(pt), 836(pt), 837(pt), 838(pt), 839(pt), 847(pt) at Killimangalam Village, ThalappillyTaluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri.K.R.Viswanathan (FileNo.855/SEIAA/EC1/2979/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. K.R. Viswanathan

The Committee decided to **defer** the item for the production of revised Mining Plan as per KMMC Rule 2015

Item NO. 50.29 Environmental clearance for the Proposed –Stone quarry

project in Re. Survey. No. 6/1 of Vettilappara Village, EranadTaluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri. Hisham, E. C. for Building Stone Quarry of M/s. Thomarappara Bricks&Metals

(File No. 856/SEIAA/EC1/2980/2015)

Project proponent: Sri. Hisham

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the proponent attended the meeting. The proponent has informed that the proposed area is not falling under any ESA villages and also not assigned for any other purposes. The area proposed for quarrying is 4.8542 ha which is private patta land. The annual production of the project is 2,70,000 tonnes of building stone. The Committee is of the opinion that the social responsibility proposal submitted is to revised and minimum buffer distance should be provided from the adjacent public road.

The Committee decided to **defer** the item for production of revised realistic CSR proposal.

Item No. 50.30 Environmental clearance for the Proposed– M/s Valorangal

Building Stone quarry project in Sy. Nos. 318/1/1(pt), 318/1/2, 318/3 (pt), 318/4, 319/1 (pt), at Thiruvali Village, NilamburTaluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri.Sivasankaran P.

(FileNo.857/SEIAA/EC1/2981/2015)

Project proponent: Sri.Sivasankaran P

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the proponent attended the meeting. The proponent has informed that the quarry is working for last 5 years. The area proposed for quarrying is 2.9103hectareswhich is private patta land. The annual production of the project is 60,000 tonnes of building stone. On verification of the documents submitted the Committee found that a temple is seen present at the western side of the proposed area and the proponent has informed that he has provided sufficient set back from the temple.

The Committee decided to **defer** the item the production of a revised realistic CSR proposal.

Item.No.50.35 TOR for the Proposed Development of Alappuzha Port

The Committee verified the CRZ map submitted by the proponent as per the direction of SEAC and decided to approve the draft ToR submitted by the proponent.

General Discussions and Decisions

- 1. Details of pending proposals: The Secretary placed before the Committee details of the proposals appraised and decisions taken with regard to them by the present Committee. Chairman pointed out that these details do not serve any purpose. It doesn't even indicate the total number of proposals received during the time of this Committee. What is primarily required is the total number of proposals pending before the Committee and their seniority list and the reasons for the pendency. Committee members suggested overhauling of the present procedures and giving separate SEAC numbers for each proposal. Shuttling the files between SEIAA and SEAC before a final recommendation from SEAC is one of the reasons for the prevailing confusion. The Committee once again requested the Secretary to sort out the issues at the earliest.
- **2. OSMEC:** Committee requested the secretary to provide all the Committee members necessary passwords for accessing the web and also a reasonable internet access charge as the data transfer could be of huge volume.
- **3. SEIAA website:** The SEIAA website is the primary mode of communication with the proponents. But now it is collapsed for more than a month and is not accessible. Committee requested the Secretary to appraise the seriousness of the matter.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm with vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members.

List of Members present

Day I (30.12.2015)

Day II (31.12.2015)

- 1. Sri V Gopinathan (Chairman, SEAC)
- 2. Dr. Khaleel Chovva
- 3. Sri. P. Sreekumaran Nair
- 4. Sri.S. Ajayakumar
- 5. Dr. E A Jayson
- 6. Dr. K. GPadmakumar
- 7. Sri. John Mathai
- 8. Dr. George Chackacherry
- 9. Dr. Harikrishnan
- 10. Dr. Oommen V Oommen
- 11. Sri. C.S. Yalakki IFS (Secretary SEAC)

(Chairman, SEAC)

V. Gopinathan IFS

- 1. Sri V Gopinathan(Chairman, SEAC)
- 2. Dr. Keshav Mohan
- 3. Sri. P. Sreekumaran Nair
- 4. Sri .S. Ajayakumar
- 5. Dr. Oommen V Oommen
- 6. Sri. John Mathai
- 7. Dr. George Chackacherry
- 8. Dr. E A Jayso
- 9. Dr. K G Padmakumar
- 10. Sri. C.S. Yalakki IFS (Secretary SEAC)

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