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Proceedings of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Kerala

Dr. A.E. Muthunayagam, Chairman; Prof. (Dr.) K.P. Joy, Member; Sri. P.K. Mohanty IAS, Member Secretary

Sub: SEIAA Kerala - Proposed quarry project in Survey Nos. 161/1, 163/3, 163/4, 177/1, 177/2-1 and 177/7 at Alakodu Village and Panchayath, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki District, Kerala by M/s St. Martin Granites – Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification 2006 accorded – Orders issued

Environmental Clearance

No. 90/SEIAA/KL/1050/2013

dated, Thiruvananthapuram 31.10.2013

ORDER

Mr. Sajan Mani, Managing Partner of M/s St. Martin Granites, vide their application received on 17-04-2013, has sought environmental clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006 for the proposed quarry project in Survey Nos. 161/1, 163/3, 163/4, 177/1, 177/2-1 and 177/7 at Alakodu Village and Panchayath, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki District, Kerala. The quarry site is private land and the land is possessed in the name of M/s St. Martin Granites. No forest land is involved in the present project. It is inter alia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, Activity 1(a), (i) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006. The proposed project site falls within the coordinates 9°51'00.57" N to 9°51'03.51" N and 76°46'22.17" E to 76°46'30.15" E. The proposed project is for quarrying of 2,28,000 MTA of building stone from an area of 3.1662 hectares of land. The expected life of mine will be 6.14 years.

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 15th meeting held on 4th May 2013 and 18th meeting held on 3rd August 2013 AND on the basis of the supporting documents enclosed with the application viz., the Form – 1, questionnaire for mining projects, pre-feasibility report, Environment Management Plan and the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations, the SEAC Kerala recommended environmental clearance to the project.

The proposed project activity involves about 92 % of the pit area for exploring building stone. At the end of life of mine, excavated pit will be reclaimed and rehabilitated by plantation leaving no void. The proposed project does not involve any underground mining activities. The mining will be done by open cast semi mechanized method of mining. The bench height and width will be maintained at 5 m. The ultimate depth of the mine workings is estimated to be 105 m MSL. Part of the proposed land is already under mining and there is no top soil in those areas. The remaining land is having top soil and overburden with average thickness of 1 m to 2 m. A total quantity of 13,000 m³ of top soil and 19,500 m³ of overburden will be generated from the proposed pit, which will be properly stacked within their own property but outside the proposed mine lease area. The top soil will be utilized for plantation over reclaimed areas. Overburden will be utilized for laying internal haul roads and as a soil base for plantation over the reclaimed area. The daily water requirement of 5 KLD will be sourced from the

storm water pond / open well already existing in the site. The sewage of 0.8 KLD generated from the mine office will be diverted to the septic tank followed by soak pit. There will be fugitive emissions generated during material handling, transportation, loading, unloading, etc. that are proposed to be managed by regular water sprinkling on haul road, green belt development and avoiding overloading of vehicles. The total power requirement of 75 kW will be drawn from diesel engine. The total cost of the project is ₹ 2.75 Crores.

The SEIAA, after due consideration of the relevant documents and additional clarifications submitted by the project proponent, and in view of the recommendations of SEAC, approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance for the project mentioned above at its 21st meeting held on 23rd August 2013. 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, hereby accord necessary Environmental Clearance for the proposed quarry project in Survey Nos. 161/1, 163/3, 163/4, 177/1, 177/2-1 and 177/7 at Alakodu Village and Panchayath, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki District, Kerala by M/s St. Martin Granites as per powers vested with it under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification – 2006 and subsequent amendments and also under the provisions made in the O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 18th May 2012 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, and further subject to strict compliance of the following specific conditions, and the general conditions contained in the Annexure, which shall also form a part of this document.

1. Quarrying should be limited to Survey numbers 161/1, 163/3, 163/4, 177/1, 177/2-1 and 177/7 and the extent of area of 3.1662 ha. in the proposal, and should not be extended to any other part in the area later.
2. Amount should be earmarked under CSR every year for social welfare and insurance of the inhabitants of the nearby Harijan colony in addition to the area of health and education, as per the Companies Bill, 2011.
3. Sufficient set back distance as per KSEB guidelines to be maintained from the KSEB tower line.
4. Siltation tanks located on the slopes are to be supported with strong retaining walls.
5. Overburden stock should be supported to prevent down slope movement and vegetative cover of indigenous species to prevent erosion should be provided.
6. Fencing and retaining wall should be provided as safety measures to avoid any adverse impacts associated with overburden removal.
7. A buffer distance of 100 m is to be kept from the nearest settlement to the quarry boundary at its eastern side to avoid any adverse impact on people.
8. Native species should be planted at the end-use for eco-restoration.
9. Spent oil from DG sets should be disposed off as per Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and 2003 and sent to stores for disposal through authorized agents.

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 Directorate and Ministry 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 the District Collector concerned to take necessary action under Environment Protection Act 1986.

The given address of correspondence of the Authorized Signatory of the project is:- Mr. Sajan Mani, Managing Partner, M/s St. Martin Granites, 27/609, Mahatma Gandhi Square, Thodupuzha, Idukki District, Kerala - 685584; Telephone No: 04862-222544; Mob: No. 09447022544; Fax. No: 04862-222544; E-mail: stmartingranitess@yahoo.co.in; sajankmani@gmail.com

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The validity of EC is for a period of 5 years.

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Member Secretary, SEIAA
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Environment, Forest & Wildlife Departments

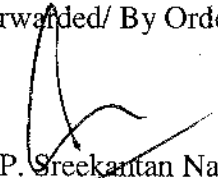
To

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2. MoEF Regional Office, Southern Zone, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wing, II Block Koramangala, Bangalore-560034
3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment Dept., Government of Kerala
4. The Principal Secretary to Government, Local Self Government Department
5. The District Collector concerned
6. The Director, Dept. of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala, Tvm - 24.
7. The Director, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Kerala
8. Chairman and Members of SEIAA Kerala
9. Chairman, SEAC Kerala
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P. Sreekantan Nair
Director, DoECC &
Secretary SEAC Kerala

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY KERALA
GENERAL CONDITIONS (for mining projects)

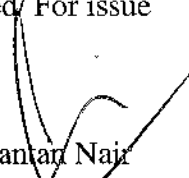
- (i) Rain Water Harvesting capacity should be installed as per the prevailing provisions of KMBR / KPBR, unless otherwise specified elsewhere.
- (ii) Environment Monitoring Cell as agreed under the affidavit filed by the proponent should be formed and made functional.
- (iii) Suitable avenue trees should be planted along either side of the tarred road and open parking areas, if any, inclusive of approach road and internal roads.
- (iv) The project shall incorporate devices for solar energy generation and utilization wherever possible.
- (v) Sprinklers shall be installed and used in the project site to contain dust emissions.
- (vi) Eco-restoration including the mine closure plan shall be done at the own cost of the project proponent.
- (vii) At least 10 percent out of the total excavated pit area should be retained as water storage areas and the remaining area should be reclaimed with stacked dumpings and overburden and planted with indigenous plant species that are eco-friendly.
- (viii) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreed upon by the proponent should be implemented in tune with the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013.
- (ix) Barbed metal wire fencing around the mining area shall be provided with a height of not less than 5 ft so that falling of animals/human/belongings/dumping of garbages etc. does not happen.
- (x) Warning alarms indicating the time of blasting (to be done at specific timings) has to be arranged as per stipulations of Explosive Department.
- (xi) Control measures on noise and vibration prescribed by KSPCB should be implemented.
- (xii) Quarrying activities should be limited to day time as per KSPCB guidelines.
- (xiii) Blasting should be done in a controlled manner as specified by the regulations of Explosives Department or any other concerned agency.
- (xiv) A licensed person should supervise/ control the blasting operations.
- (xv) Access roads to the quarry shall be tarred to contain dust emissions that may arise during transportation of materials.
- (xvi) Overburden materials should be managed within the site and the old quarries, if any, should be reclaimed and restored.
- (xvii) Height of benches should not exceed 5 m and width should not be less than 5 m.
- (xviii) Mats to reduce fly rock blast to a maximum of 10 PPV should be provided.
- (xix) Mining depth should not exceed beyond 40 m, unless otherwise specified or not below the level of nearest stream bed, whichever is less.
- (xx) No mining operations should be carried out at places having a slope greater than 45°.
- (xxi) Acoustic enclosures should have been provided to reduce sound amplifications in addition to the provisions of green belt and hollow brick envelop for crushers so that the noise level is kept within prescribed standards given by CPCB/KSPCB.
- (xxii) The workers on the site should be provided with the required protective equipment such as ear muffs, helmet, etc.
- (xxiii) Garland drains with clarifiers to be provided in the lower slopes around the core area to channelize storm water.
- (xxiv) The transportation of minerals should be done in covered trucks to contain dust emissions.
- (xxv) The proponent should plant trees at least 5 times of the loss that has been occurred while clearing the land for the project.
- (xxvi) Disposal of spent oil from diesel engines should be as specified under relevant Rules/ Regulations.
- (xxvii) Explosives should be stored in magazines in isolated place specified and approved by the Explosives Department.
- (xxviii) Norms of Kerala State Pollution Control Board should be adhered to regarding distance criteria of residences, roads, rivers and worship places.

- (xxia) 200 m buffer distance should be maintained from forest boundaries.
- (xxx) Consent from Kerala State Pollution Control Board under Water and Air Act(s) should have been obtained before initiating activity.
- (xxxi) All other statutory clearances should have been obtained, as applicable, by project proponents from the respective competent authorities including that for blasting and storage of explosives.
- (xxxii) In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, the project would require a fresh appraisal by this Authority.
- (xxxiii) The Authority reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary, and to take action including revoking of the environment clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time bound and satisfactory manner.
- (xxxiv) The stipulations by Statutory Authorities under different Acts and Notifications should be complied with, including the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification, 2006.
- (xxxv) The project proponent should advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which (both the advertisement and the newspaper) shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded Environmental Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala and may also be seen on the website of the Authority at www.seiaakerala.org. The advertisement should be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same signed in all pages should be forwarded to the office of this Authority as confirmation.
- (xxxvi) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Grama Panchayat/ District Panchayat/ Municipality/Corporation/Urban Local Body and also to the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions / representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The Environmental Clearance shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.
- (xxxvii) The proponent shall submit half yearly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions including results of monitored data **(both in hard copies as well as by e-mail)** and upload the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, Govt. of India and also to the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala.
- (xxxviii) The details of Environmental Clearance should be prominently displayed in a metallic board of 3 ft x 3 ft with green background and yellow letters of Times New Roman font of size of not less than 40.
- (xxxix) The proponent should provide notarized affidavit (indicating the number and date of Environmental Clearance proceedings) that all the conditions stipulated in the EC shall be scrupulously followed.

Sd/-

Member Secretary, SEIAA Kerala

Approved/ For issue


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