

# Proceedings of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Kerala

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Sub: SEIAA- Sy. No. 307/3 & 308/15 at Malayattoor Village, Malayattoor Neeleswaram Grama Panchayath, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala for M/s Fathima Granites by Sri. Ashique Ali A.-Granted- Orders issued.

# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. 807/SEIAA/EC3/2238/2015

dated, Thiruvananthapuram 01-06-2016

Read:- 1. Application dated 28.05.2015submitted by Sri. Ashique Ali A, Andeth House, Mekalady, Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala – 683 574

- 2. Minutes of the 47th meeting of SEAC held on 13/14-10-2015.
- 3. Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of SEAC h eld on 25/26-02-2016.
- 4. Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 29-04-2016.

# Environmental Clearance No.38 /2016.

Sri. Ashique Ali A, Andeth House, Mekalady, Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala — 683 574 vide his application received on 28.05.2015, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. No. 307/3 & 308/15 at Malayattoor Village, Malayattoor Neeleswaram Grama Panchayath, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala for an area of 1.5582 hectares. The project comes under Category B, Activity 1(a), (i) as per the Schedule of EIA Notification 2006 (since it is below 50 hectares) and as per O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II (M) dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 of Ministry of Environment and Forests. It is further categorized as Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dt. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares.

## **Basic** information

Name of project		Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Ashique Ali. A
Category/Subcategory & Schedule		Schedule No. – 1(a)
		Category - B, Subcategory - B2
Location Sy no/ district, Taluk/ village		Survey no's:
etc.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	307/3 & 308/15.
		Malayattoor village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam Distric
		Kerala state.
GPS co	o-ordinates	N - 10°12' 37.57" to 10°12'43.167"
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	Extent of area (in hectares)	ML area 1.5582 Ha
	Minimum and maximum height	+121.8m to +170m AMSLsloping towards East an
	of excavation (MSL)	west.
		Trans.
	Life of mine proposed	5 years
ts.	Ultimate depth of mining (in	Southern Block up to +115m AMSL (Min & Max dept
jec	MSL)	- 6.8 to 55m),
)		Northern Block - upto +130m AMSL (Max depth
l Si		40m)
for Mining projects	Distance from the adjacent	More than 170 m
M	quarry	
Į,	Capacity of production	275 TPD (55000 TPA)
,	Details of project cost	This being a working mine estimation of project cost a
		this juncture does not arise.
	Financial statement including	This is an existing projects and necessary funding i
	funding source and details of	already made
	insurance	8
CRZ re	commendations	This project does not require approval / clearance unde
Forest	clearances	forest conservation act (1980) or Wild life protection ac
		(1972) or CRZ notification (1991), since there is no
		declared bio sphere, wild life sanctuaries, or tige
		sanctuary or migrating corridor or Coastal zone etc.
Does it	attract violation proceedings	Action initiated for obtaining EC
Envt M	gmt plan/Eco restoration plan	AIR MANAGEMENT PLAN:
(brief d	<del></del>	POLLUTION > Water sprinkling on haul road to
, ,		suppress the dust.
		Regular wetting of transport road
		using water tanker
		Development of green belt.
		> Avoiding of overloading of
		tippers and covering of loaded
		tippers with tarpaulins during
		transportation.
		WATER > Sewage generated is properly
		POLLUTION discharged into septic tanks with
		soak pits.
		> The rain water falling in the
		quarry will be harvested up to
		+150RL in northern block. This
		pit will act as a settling pond to
		prevent solids escaping along
		with discharge, before outlet etc.
		➢ Besides, it is also suggested to
		construct two settling ponds one

NOISE  Solid waste Management	mined and remaining unmined area in north part of the area is covered with soil cap in the range of 1.5 to 2.5 m thickness. This waste comprises top soil as well as overburden / waste. The total waste to be generated from the mine area is expected to be 6064m³ comprising 1213m³ of top soil and 4851 m³ of overburden / waste.  Topsoil shall be used for afforestation purpose. Remaining quantity of waste shall be used for road formation, filling of low lying areas and backfilling of mined out southern side of the quarry.  Plantation will be planted in all	nerod egery de , f
restoration	possible vacant places within the	
	lease area. Local species in consultation with the state forest department can be chosen for this purpose.	
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<u>'</u>	► In mine closure stage, out of	
	0.9281 Ha of mined out area,	Ш

	0.3435 Ha shall be left as water body and the remaining 0.5846 Ha of area above general RL of +120m AMSL in southern block and +150 RL in Northern block shall be reclaimed with bench plantation / plantation. The mined area will be properly fenced all around.
	OUT THE PROJECT
Environmental parameters considered	Description
	WATER
Water requirement & sources	The water requirement for the quarry is as follows: For domestic & sanitary needs - 1.0 KLD
	For dust suppression and
	Plantation etc.,
	Total - 6.0 KLD  The source of water for domestic & sanitary water
į.	requirement is being met from bore well. For industrial
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	purpose like water sprinkling, plantation etc., mine sump
	pit water and bore well will be used.
RWH units proposed	The rain water falling in the quarry will be harvested
	up to +150m AMSL in northern block. This pit will
	act as a settling pond to prevent solids escaping along
	with discharge, before outlet etc.  Besides, it is also suggested to construct two settling
	ponds one in south east corner of the Northern block
	around +150m AMSL and in south west corner of
	Southern block around +120m AMSL so that water
	can be diverted into this pond.
	Supernatant clear water will be let out of the area
	after passing through silt traps. Most of the mine water will be used for green belt, dust suppression,
<i>₹</i> .	etc. The mined area will be properly fenced all
	around.
Facilities for liquid waste treatment	The only effluent arising from project is domestic waste
· .	to the maximum of about 0.4 KLD. This is disposed into
	septic tanks with soak pits.
Impoundment, damming, culverting,	Not Applicable
realignment or other changes to the	
hydrology of watercourses or aquifers? Water quality meeting requirements	> Rainwater from the higher benches is made to drain
mater quarity incoming requirements	into the sump and the mine pit bottom.
	Suggested to construct two settling ponds one in
	south east corner of the Northern block around
	+150m AMSL and in south west corner of Southern
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	• Covering of transport material with tarpaulin
	Development of greenbelt
	• Frequent water sprinkling
	Proper maintenance of HEMM
	measures like:
Likely emissions affecting environment	There will be some dust emission due to mining and allied activities which will be controlled by following
Noise level meeting requirements	To conform to rules
Air quality meeting requirements	To conform to rules
	AIR
	Overburden / waste: 4851 m <sup>3</sup>
	Topsoil: 1213m <sup>3</sup>
Top soil, overburden etc.	Total Waste: 6064m <sup>3</sup>
	mining activity.
	any instable slopes. There will be land disturbance due to
erosion, subsidence & instability	subsidence. The bench slopes will be maintained as per DGMS rules and requirement and hence there cannot be
Significant land disturbance resulting in	This being an opencast mine there will not be any
	withstand steep slopes. Hence not prone to landslides.
Proneness of the area for landslides	Granite occur here as a hard massive rock which can
	sloping towards East and West.
	RL in the range of +121.8m AMSL to +170m AMSL and
Topographic features/ slope	The granite deposits occur in a sloping terrain with the
	formation, filling of low lying areas and backfilling of mined out southern side of the quarry.
	Remaining quantity of waste shall be used for road formation filling of love being areas and backfilling of
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	expected to be 6064m <sup>3</sup> comprising 1213m <sup>3</sup> of top soil
	total waste to be generated from the mine area is
	comprises top soil as well as overburden / waste. The
	unmined area in north part of the area is covered with soil cap in the range of 1.5 to 2.5 m thickness. This waste
Facility for solid waste mgmt	The part of lease area is already mined and remaining
	Dated: 26.03.2012, which is Valid Up to: 31.03.2016.
	Explosive License No. E/SC/KL/22/1392 (E54292)
substances	Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, Ernakulam.
Storage of explosives /hazardous	License to store and use of Explosive obtained from
	intitioda road.
Condition	about 3.5 m wide. It is approachable from Pandupara – Illithodu road.
Access road to the site –Width &	The project is approachable from the pukka road and it is
purpose; Give details	
Is the land assigned for any other special	NIL
Proximity to forest lands	NIL
	LAND
recycled water	envisaged.
Does it have provisions for use of	belt, dust suppression, etc.  Other than using of mine sump water no other recycling
	Most of the mine pit water will be used for green
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	are used for quarrying. Hence the negligible power requirement of the administrative buildings etc., are and will be met from state grid. The power connection for			
	office use is available near to the site.			
Energy sources	KSEB			
Extent of usage of alternative energy resources	Not applicable			
	BIODIVERSITY			
Presence of any endangered species or red listed category	Nil as stated by proponent			
Loss of native species and genetic diversity	Eco-restoration of native species and genetic biodiversity should be ensured.			
Likely displacement of fauna	No as stated by proponent.			
Any introduction of alien / invasive species	Nil as stated by proponent			
	SOCIAL ASPECTS			
Proximity to nearest habitation	More than 200 m			
CSR components suggested  For future CSR activities, need based assessment for the local community to the tune of Rs.15 lakhs is made. Every year budgetary provision of Rs. 3.0 lakhs per year is provided.  GENERAL				
Biomedical waste management	Not Applicable			
E-waste management	Not Applicable			
Sufficiency of parking spaces/ traffic	The entire quarried stone from this mine area is sent to			
management	own crusher unit located at Mekkalady for production of			
e de la companya de l	different sizes of stone aggregates. Thus the available			
en e	space within the ML area is enough for parking of			
	vehicles.			
Litigation/ court cases, if any, against the project (Provide details)	No litigation is pending against the project			
SEAC meetings/	ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS			
Details of Authorised Signatory	Sri. Ashique Ali A,			
	Andeth House, Mekalady,			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk,			
	Ernakulam District			
	Kerala – 683 574.			
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2. The proposal was considered in the 47<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 under agenda item no. 47.24. The committee deferred the item for field visit by

subcommittee concerned and submission of following.

- 1. Mining plan and Letter of Intent as per KMMC Rule, 2015
- 2. More realistic social responsibility programme.

Subsequently, field visit to the quarry site was carried out on 30.09.2015 by the sub-committee of SEAC, Kerala, comprising Dr. E.A. Jayson, Dr. K.G. Padmakumar and Shri. P. Sreekumaran Nair. The Proponent was also present at the site. The details are given below:

"The project is an active quarry, located in Neeleswaram Grama Panchayath at about 12 KM east of Kalady. The proposed quarry area falling in own land lies on a hill ridge with moderate to steep slopes to the south. The outer boundaries of the lease area are delineated with pillars and the GPS reading of the pillar is provided in a painted board. Steep cuttings of older working faces are being altered to form benches. The storm water from the slopes flows down as overland flow without any channelisation. Dwelling units are not seen within 100 m. The proponent has provided limited accommodation and canteen facilities. Blasting is done three times a day. Based on an overall evaluation of the site, following points may be considered:

- 1. Over burden is to be stored in a designated place in the lower part to avoid slope failure or mud flow and provided with protective support walls.
- 2. The drainage from the quarry must be channelised with proper desiltation and clarification mechanism. RWH structure must be created for the collection of part of the rainwater.
- 3. It is necessary to provide catch water drains at the lower levels of the lease area to safely dispose the storm water. Only clarified water is to be let out of the area.
- 4. The approach road to the quarry is a narrow public road which must be and maintained in good condition by the proponent.
- 5. The blasting time must be displayed and strictly adhered to. It is better to limit blasting to two times a day when the traffic density is least. The PPV values must be less than 10 mm/sec. Steps to be taken to limit fly rock to the quarry area.
- Tree cover seen all around the quarry must be maintained till the entire life of quarry".Other items from general condition and CSR may be added.
- 3. The proponent submitted revised mining plan as per KMMC Rule, 2015. Hence, the proposal was placed before 53<sup>rd</sup> SEAC for appraisal. The proposal was further appraised in the light of the field inspection report, Mining Plan and CSR. The Committee found that the quarry is in operation as spelt out in the Inspection Report. The committee decided to recommend for the issuance of EC subject to the following specific conditions.

#### Specific Conditions are:-

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- 4. The Authority in its 52 nd meeting held on 29-04-2016, decided to accept the recommendations given in the Para 3 and to grant E.C subject to the specific conditions by SEAC and the general conditions on mining projects and after obtaining the certificate of non-cluster situation to be issued by the concerned district Geologist and to be produced by the proponent. Proponent has since produced certificate of non-cluster situation.
- 5. Environmental clearance as per the EIA notification 2006 is hereby accorded for the proposed Building Stone Quarry project in survey No. 307/3 & 308/15 at Malayattoor Village, Malayattoor Neeleswaram Grama Panchayath, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala for an area of 1.5582 ha, subject to the specific conditions stipulated in Para 3, all the environmental impact mitigation and management measures undertaken by the project proponent in the Form I and other documents submitted to SEIAA and the mitigation measures proposed in the table in Para 1 above. The assurances and clarifications given by the proponent will be deemed to be a part of these proceedings as if incorporated herein. Also the general conditions for projects stipulated for mining, appended hereto will be applicable and have to be strictly adhered to.
- 6. The clearance issued will also be subject to full and effective implementation of all the undertakings given in the application form, mitigation measures as assured in the Environment Management Plan and the mining features including progressive mine closure plan as submitted with the application and relied on for grant of this clearance. The above undertakings and the conditions and undertakings in chapter 4 of Mining plan (Mining), Chapter 5 of Mining plan (Blasting), Chapter 11 (EMP) of the Mining Plan and Chapter 12 for Progressive Mine Closure Plan as submitted will be deemed to be part of these proceedings as conditions as undertaken by the proponent, as if incorporated herein.

- 7. Validity will be 5 years subject to inspection by SEIAA on annual basis and compliance of the conditions, subject to earlier review of E.C in case of violation or non-compliance of conditions or genuine complaints from residents within the security area of the quarry. Environmental Clearance is therefore granted to the Building Stone Quarry project of Sri. Ashique Ali A, Andeth House, Mekalady, Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala  $-683\,574$  subject to all the above condition.
- 8. Compliance of the conditions herein will be monitored by the Authority or its agencies and also by the regional office of the Ministry of environment & forests, Govt. of India, Bangalore.
  - i) Necessary assistance for entry and inspection should be provided by the project proponent and those who are engaged or entrusted by him to the staff for inspection or monitoring.
  - ii) Instances of violation if any shall be reported to the District collector, Ernakulam to take legal action under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.
  - The given address for correspondence with the authorised signatory of the iii) project is Sri. Ashigue Ali A, Andeth House, Mekalady, Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala – 683 574

Sd/ P. Mara Pandiyan., I.A.S Member Secretary (SEIAA)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government Environment & Forest Department Government of Kerala.

To

Sri. Ashique Ali A, Andeth House, Mekalady, Kalady P.O., Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala - 683 574.

## Copy to:

- 1. MoEF Regional Office, Southern Zone, Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E& F Wing, II block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034.
- 2. Principal Secretary to Government, Environment Department.
- 3. The District Collector, Eranakulam.
- 4. The Director, Mining and Geology Department, Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram-4
- 5. The Secretary, Malayatoor Neelaswaram Grama Panchayath P.O., Eranakulam, Pin 683-574.
- 6 Chairman, SEIAA
- 7. E.C File
- 8. Stock File

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Forwarded/ By order

-Administrator, SEIAA

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# GENERAL CONDITIONS (for mining projects)

- 1. Rain Water Harvesting facility should be installed as per the prevailing provisions of KMBR / KPBR, unless otherwise specified.
- 2. Environment Monitoring Cell as agreed under the affidavit filed by the proponent should be formed and made functional.
- 3. Suitable avenue trees should be planted along either side of the tarred road and open parking areas, if any, including of approach road and internal roads.
- 4. Maximum possible solar energy generation and utilization shall be ensured as an essential part of the project.
- 5. Sprinklers shall be installed and used in the project site to contain dust emissions.
- 6. Eco-restoration including the mine closure plan shall be done at the own cost of the project proponent.
- 7. 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 dumping and overburden and planted with indigenous plant species that are eco-friendly, if no other specific condition on reclamation of pit is stipulated in the E.C.
- 8. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreed upon by the proponent should be implemented
- 9. The lease area shall be fenced off with barbed wires to a minimum height of 4ft around, before starting of mining. All the boundary indicators (boards, stores, markings, etc) shall be protected at all times and shall be conspicuous.
- Warning alarms indicating the time of blasting (to be done at specific timings) has to be arranged as per stipulations of Explosive Department.
- 11. Control measures on noise and vibration prescribed by KSPCB should be implemented.
- 12. Quarrying activities should be limited to day time as per KSPCB guidelines/specific conditions.
- 13. Blasting should be done in a controlled manner as specified by the regulations of Explosives Department or any other concerned agency.
- 14. A licensed person should supervise/ control the blasting operations.
- 15. Access roads to the quarry shall be tarred to contain dust emissions that may arise during transportation of materials.
- 16. Overburden materials should be managed within the site and used for reclamation of mine pit as per mine closure plan / specific conditions.
- 17. Height of benches should not exceed 5 m, and width should not be less than 5 m, if there is no mention is the mining plan/specific condition.
- 18. Mats to reduce fly rock blast to a maximum of 10 PPV should be provided.
- 19. Maximum depth of mining from general ground level at site shall not exceed 10m
- 20. No mining operations should be carried out at places having a slope greater than 45°.
- 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.
- 22. The workers on the site should be provided with the required protective equipment such as ear muffs, helmet, etc.
- 23. Garland drains with clarifiers to be provided in the lower slopes around the core area to channelize storm water.
- 24. The transportation of minerals should be done in covered trucks to contain dust emissions.
- 25. The proponent should plant trees at least 5 times of the loss that has been occurred while clearing the land for the project.
- 26. Disposal of spent oil from diesel engines should be as specified under relevant Rules/ Regulations.
- 27. Explosives should be stored in magazines in isolated place specified and approved by the Explosives Department.
- 28. A minimum buffer distance of 100m from the boundary of the quarry to the nearest dwelling unit or other structures, not being any facility for mining shall be provided.
- 29. 100 m buffer distance should be maintained from forest boundaries.

- 30. Consent from Kerala State Pollution Control Board under Water and Air Act(s) should be obtained before initiating mining activity.
- 31. All other statutory clearances should be obtained, as applicable, by project proponents from the respective competent authorities including that for blasting and storage of explosives.
- 32. In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, extent quantity, process of mining technology involved or in any way affecting the environmental parameters/impacts as assessed, based on which only the E.C is issued, the project would require a fresh appraisal by this Authority, for which the proponent shall apply and get the approval of this Authority.
- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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 State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) office 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.
- 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.
- 37. 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 State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) office.
- 38. 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. Sign board with extent of lease area and boundaries shall be depicted at the entrance of
  the quarry, visible to the public
- 39. 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.
- 40. No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the SEIAA, No further expansion or modifications in the mine shall be carried out without prior approval of the SEIAA, as applicable.
- 41. The Project proponent shall ensure that no natural water course and/or water resources shall be obstructed due to any mining operations. Necessary safeguard measures to protect the first order streams, if any, originating from the mine lease shall be taken.
- 42. Monitoring of Ambient Air Quality to be carried out based on the Notification 2009, as amended from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board. Water sprinkling should be increased at places loading and unloading points & transfer point to reduce fugitive emissions.
- 43. The top soil, if any, shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only for the topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation. The over burden (OB) generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only. The maximum height of the dumps shall not exceed 8m and width 20m and overall slope of the dumps shall be maintained to 45°. The OB dumps should be scientifically vegetated with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. In critical areas, use of geo textiles shall be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. The entire excavated area shall be backfilled. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining.
- 44. Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine

working, mineral and OB dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the river and other water bodies. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly.

- 45. Effective safeguard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> such as haul Road, loading and unloading points and transfer points it shall be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
- 46. Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at transfer points should be provided and properly maintained.
- 47. Measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment.
- 48. A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- 49. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures and CSR activate should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) office.
- 50. The Regional Office of MOEF & CC located at Bangalore shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (S) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data/information/monitoring reports.
- 51. Any appeal against this Environmental Clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
- 52. Concealing the factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 53. The SEIAA may revoke or suspend the order, for non implementation of any of the specific or this implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA reserves the right to alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
- 54. The above conditions shall prevail not withstanding anything to the contrary, in consistent, or simplified, contained in any other permit, license on consent given by any other authority for the same project.
- 55. This order is valid for a period of 5 years or the expiry date of mine lease period issued by the Government of Kerala, whichever is earlier.
- 56. The Environmental Clearance will be subject to the final order of the courts in any pending litigation related to the land or project, in any court of law.
- 57. The mining operation shall be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect ground water table.
- All vehicles used for transportation and within the mines shall have 'PUC' certificate from authorized pollution taking centre. Washing of all vehicles shall be inside the lease area'
- 59. Project proponent should obtain necessary prior permission of the competent authorities for drawal of requisite quantity of surface water and ground water for the project.
- 60. Regular monitoring of flow rates and water quality up stream and down stream of the springs and perennial nallahs flowing in and around the mine lease area shall be carried out and reported in the six monthly reports to SEIAA.
- Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be under taken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.

Member Secretary, SEIAA Kerala

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