

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman; Dr.V.Venu IAS, Member Secretary and Shri.K.Krishna Panicker, Member

Sub:- SEIAA – Environmental Clearance issued to the Quarry Project of M/s Mavanal Granites Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.288/1(Part), Block No.32, Koodal Village, Konni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala –Revalidation – Granted - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. 81/SEIAA/KL/183/2013

dated: 17.11.2022

Read:1. Environmental Clearance No. 57/2017 dated 16.08.2017

- 2. Judgment in WP(C) No.16330/2021 dated 11.09.2021 filed by M/s Mavanal Granites Pvt Ltd
- 3. Minutes of the 132nd SEAC meeting held on 13th to 15th September, 2022
- 4. Minutes of the 119th SEIAA held on 26th & 27th October 2022
- 5. G.O(Rt.) No.29/2019/Envt dated.12.04.2019

<u>ORDER</u>

Environmental Clearance was issued vide paper read 1st above, to the Quarry Project of M/s Mavanal Granites Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.288/1(Part), Block No.32, Koodal Village, Konni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala for a period of five years.

2. Vide Judgement read paper (2) above, the Hon'ble High Court disposed off the Writ Petition by directing the regulatory bodies concerned to call for additional recommendations from the appraisal committees after estimating the life of the project of the petitioner in respect of which EC had been issued, and there upon revalidate the EC granted to the petitioner. The proponent submitted the documents with request to revalidate EC on 31.07.2021.

- 3. After due appraisal in various Committees, in the 132nd SEAC meeting, the Committee noted the decision of the 127th meeting of the SEAC and 114th meeting of the SEIAA and examined the documents submitted by the proponent as directed by SEIAA including the plan for replacing Acacia plants with indigenous species to improve the biodiversity status. The Committee recommended revalidation of EC with a project Life of 10 years from the date of issuance of original EC (16.8.2017) subject to the following specific conditions in addition to general conditions.
 - 1. Ensure provision of silt traps at 50m interval along the drain (flowing westward) to the large siltation pond on west side of the pillar no. M-1BP-12 (Both sides of the haulage road) and submit geotagged photographs
 - 2. A new clarifier should be constructed after the existing siltation ponds and submit a geotagged photograph of the same.
 - 3. The proponent should comply with the plan for replacing acacia plants with more indigenous species to improve the biodiversity status of the region within 5 years and implement the same in time-bound manner as submitted. The progress of the compensatory afforestation and geotagged photographs as proof should be incorporated in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.
 - 4. Periodic cleaning of garland drains, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel should be carried out and geotagged photographs should be incorporated in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.
 - 5. Transportation of mined material should not be done during the peak hours in the forenoon (8.30am to 10.30am) and afternoon (3.30pm to 5 pm).
 - 6. Adequate sanitation, waste management and rest room facilities should be provided to the workers.
 - 7. Adequate energy conservation measures proposed should be implemented including solar power installations.
- 4. In the 119th SEIAA held on 26th & 27th October 2022, the Authority perused the item and noted the decisions of various SEAC meetings, the field inspection report of the Sub-Committee and the CCR received from IRO, MoEF& CC, Bangalore along with the recommendation of 132nd SEAC meeting. The Authority decided to revalidate the Environmental Clearance for the project life of 10 years from the date of original EC (16.08.2017). The revalidation of EC is subject to the Terms and Conditions in the original EC in addition to the General Conditions and the following Additional Specific Conditions.
 - 1. Ensure provision of silt traps at 50m interval along the drain (flowing westward) to the large siltation pond on west side of the pillar no. M-1BP-12 (both sides of the haulage road) and submit geotagged photographs
 - 2. A new clarifier should be constructed after the existing siltation ponds and submit a geotagged photograph of the same.
 - 3. The Project Proponent should comply with the plan for replacing Acacia plants with more indigenous species to improve the biodiversity status of the region within 5 years and implement the same in time-bound manner as submitted. The progress of the compensatory afforestation and geotagged photographs as proof should be incorporated in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.

- 4. Periodic cleaning of garland drains, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel should be carried out and geotagged photographs should be incorporated in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.
- 5. Transportation of mined material should not be done during the peak hours in the forenoon (8.00am to 10.00am) and afternoon (3.30pm to 5 pm).
- 6. Blasting mats should be used during rock blasting to contain the blast, prevent fly rocks and suppress dust.
- 7. Adequate sanitation, waste management and rest room facilities should be provided to the workers.
- 8. Adequate energy conservation measures proposed should be implemented including solar power installations.
- 9. The violation of EC condition may lead to cancellation of EC and action under The Environment (Protection) Act 1986.
- 5. In this circumstance, Environmental Clearance issued vide paper 1st above is hereby revalidated for the project life of 10 years from the date of original EC (16.08.2017). The revalidation of Environmental Clearance is accorded subject to the Terms and Conditions mentioned in the original EC in addition to the General Conditions and the additional Specific Conditions mentioned in Para 4 above. The Project Proponent should ensure that no violation of EC conditions takes place during the revalidation period of EC. Violations of instances, if any shall be reported to the District Collector, Pathanamthitta.
- 6. The Half Yearly Compliance Report (HYCRs) with name of the project, EC No. and date, the period of submission with its contents, compliance report and environmental monitoring data & covering letter have to be uploaded in the Parivesh Portal as O.M. F.No.IA3-22/1/2022-IA-III(E)-17264 dated 14.06.2022 and the website of the project proponent. Hardcopy of HYCRs shall not be acceptable.

Administrator, SEIAA For member secretary, SEIAA

To.

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- 3. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, 4th Floor, KSRTC Bus Terminal, Thampanoor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695001.
- 4. The District Collector, Pathanamthitta
- 5. The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram -4.
- 6. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board
- 7. The District Geologist, Pathanamthitta
- 8. The Tahsildhar, Konni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District
- 9. The Secretary, Kalanjoor Panchayath, Pathanamthitta
- 10. Chairman, SEIAA.
- 11. Website.
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- 13. O/c