

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 Tripthy Granites Pvt Ltd in Sy. Nos. 274, 275/1A3, Thirumittacode Village II, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala - Extension- Granted - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. 826/ SEIAA/EC1/2609/ 2015

Read:1. Environmental Clearance No. 826/ SEIAA/EC1/2609/ 2015 dated 17.08.2016

2. Judgment in WP (c) No. No. 25111/2020 dated 17.11.2020 filed by Sri.Benny Pathrose, M/s Tripthy Granites Pvt.Ltd

dated: 04.11.2022

- 3. Minutes of the 130th SEAC meeting held on 4th to 06th July, 2022
- 4. Minutes of the 117th SEIAA meeting held on 30th & 31st August 2022
- 5. Letter dated 19.09.2022 from M/s Tripthy Granites
- 6. Minutes of the 118th SEIAA meeting held on 30th September & 01st October 2022
- 7. G.O(Rt.) No.29/2019/Envt dated.12.04.2019

ORDER

Environmental Clearance was issued vide paper read 1st above, to the Quarry Project of M/s Tripthy Granites Pvt Ltd in Sy. Nos. 274, 275/1A3, Thirumittacode Village II, Thirumittacode Panchayath, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala for a period of five years.

2. In the 130th SEAC meeting held on 4th to 06th July, 2022, the Committee examined the proposal, discussed the field inspection report and observed that the proponent has produced satisfactory CCR from MoEF & CC, IRO, Bangalore and the Project is eligible for revalidation of EC with a Project Life of 8 Years from the original date of EC (17.08.2016). The Committee found that the compliance with respect to the points raised by SEAC have not been fully complied with even after giving adequate time. Therefore, the Committee decided to direct the proponent to comply with the following conditions.

- **a.** Provide appropriate benches wherever mining is done without providing benches and submit geo-tagged photographs
- **b.** Wherever mining is done without maintaining 45° slope, such areas should be closed for mining and rehabilitated with immediate effect as per the Mine Closure Plan and submit geo-tagged photographs.
- **c.** Carryout planting and nurturing of avenue trees using suitable indigenous species and submit geo-tagged photographs
- **d.** Provide garland drain, silt traps, siltation tanks, and outflow channel covering the entire project area and submit geo-tagged photographs
- **e.** There is haphazard dumping of overburden in the quarry site and this has to be corrected and geo-tagged photograph should be submitted.
- **f.** Overburden dump should be protected properly with retaining wall/ gabion structure and submit geo-tagged photographs of the same.
- **g.** Segregate 7.5m buffer zone from the quarry pit and develop a green belt all over the buffer zone. If hard rock is exposed in the buffer zone that prevents the development of the green belt, develop compensatory afforestation. The geo-tagged photographs of the afforested area from different angles should be submitted.
- h. Provide rainwater harvesting facility and submit its geo-tagged photographs.
- 3. In the 117th SEIAA meeting held on 30th & 31st August 2022, the Authority verified the item and noted the decisions of various SEAC meetings, the field inspection reports of the Sub-Committee of SEAC and the decision of 130th SEAC meeting. After deliberations, the Authority decided to consider the EC revalidation proposal recommended by SEAC subject to:
 - 1. The proponent shall attend all the observations made by SEAC within 6 months and submit a compliance report to SEAC.
 - 2. On receipt of the compliance report, the SEAC shall conduct a field inspection to confirm the compliance of observations made and give definite recommendation.

SEIAA also decided convey its decision to SEAC and Project Proponent for necessary follow up action.

The decision of the 117th SEIAA Meeting was conveyed to the proponent vide Authority's letter dated 19.09.2022.

4. M/s Tripthy Granites vide letter dated 19.09.2022 informed that EC was issued on 17.08.2016 for a mine lease area of 4.7811 Ha for a validity period of 5 years, though the life of mine was for 8 years. The validity of EC was till 16.08.2021. Further, the Project Proponent has got one year Covid extension and the validity of EC has got expired on 16.08.2022. Therefore, there is no mining activity since 17.08.2022 and hence the Project Proponent is not able to carry out the implementation of the remaining works on the suggestions of SEAC. Also the proponent requested to grant the validity of EC for a period of one year so as to implement the remaining works on the suggestions of SEAC.

- 5. In the 118th SEIAA meeting, considering the request of the Proponent, the Authority deliberated that the validity of EC has got expired on 16.08.2022, and hence it is difficult to carry out the implementation of the remaining works on the suggestions of SEAC. In these circumstances, the Authority decided to extend the validity of the existing EC for 6 months from the date of issue of the extension order subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The proponent should carry out all the corrective measures suggested by SEAC in its 123rd and 130th meeting and submit a detailed compliance report.
 - 2. The Proponent should not carry out any mining activity for commercial purpose.
 - 3. No further extension shall be issued in this regard.
 - 4. If the proponent fails to comply with the directions of SEAC, the SEIAA will take further action for the non-compliance of EC conditions.

The SEAC shall verify the compliance status after getting the report from the Proponent and submit the proposal with specific recommendation.

6. In the above circumstances, extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for 6 months from 16.08.2022 is hereby accorded for the Quarry Project of M/s Tripthy Granites Pvt Ltd in Sy. No. 274, 275/1A3, Thirumittacode Village II, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala subject to the strict compliance of the conditions in the EC already issued and also the additional Specific Conditions mentioned in Para 5 above.

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, Palakkad
- 5. The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram -4.
- 6. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board

- 7. The District Geologist, Palakkad
- 8. The Tahsildhar, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District
- 9. The Secretary, Thirumittacode Panchayath, Chathanur Post, Pattambi, Palakkad- 679535
- 10. Chairman, SEIAA.
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