

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 for the Quarry Project of Sri. Jacob Thomas, Managing Director, M/s Plakkattu Granites Industries Pvt Ltd in Sy. Nos. 571/1A/34-5, 571/1A/34-4, 571/1A/34-4-1, 571/1A/12, 571/1A/12-56, 571/1A/13-137, 571/1A/12/54/127, 571/1A/12/54-1, 571/1A/12/54-2 at Konnithazham Village, Konni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District – Revalidation – Granted - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No. 870/SEIAA/ EC4/3101/2015

Read: 1. Environmental Clearance No. 870/SEIAA/ EC4/3101/2015 dated 30.09.2016

2. Judgment in WP(C) No. 11053/2020 dated 02.09.2020 filed by M/s Plakkattu Granites Industries Pvt Ltd

dated: 27.09.2022

- 3. Judgment in WP(C) No.25993 of 2021 dated 22.11.2021 filed by M/s Plakkattu Granites Industries Pvt Ltd
- 4. Judgment in WP(C) No.12176/2022 dated 26.04.2022 filed by M/s Plakkattu Granites Industries Pvt Ltd
- 5. Minutes of the 130th SEAC meeting held on 4th to 06th July, 2022
- 6. Minutes of the 117th SEIAA meeting held on 30th & 31st August 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 Sri. Jacob Thomas, Managing Director, M/s Plakkattu Granites Industries Pvt Ltd in Sy. Nos. 571/1A/34-5, 571/1A/34-4, 571/1A/34-4-1, 571/1A/12, 571/1A/12-56, 571/1A/13-137, 571/1A/12/54/127, 571/1A/12/54-1, 571/1A/12/54-2 at Konnithazham Village, Konni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District 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.

- 3. After due appraisal in various Committees, the 130th SEAC meeting held on 4th to 06th July, 2022, examined the proposal and discussed the field inspection report and observed that the EC is eligible for revalidation for a project life of 14 years from the date of the original EC i.e 30.09.2016 subject to the following additional specific condition in addition to the specific conditions in the original EC.:
 - 1. Depth of mining should not go beyond general ground level (70MSL) at the site
 - Garland drain, silt traps, siltation tanks and outflow channel should be desilted and cleaned periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the same should be included in the HYCR.
 - 3. Photographs showing plantation growth should be submitted along with the compliance reports.
 - 4. The proponent should ensure that no remnants of quarry waste are reaching the seasonal stream originating from the project site and joining other streams during monsoon. Geotagged photographs taken during monsoon times from the point where the stream joins the seasonal stream near the PWD road should be given along with the compliance reports

The project has obtained 'Satisfactory' CCR from IRO, MoEF & CC, Bangalore dated 29.07.2022.

- 4. In the 117th SEIAA meeting held on 30th & 31st August 2022, the Authority decided to revalidate the EC initially for a period of 5 years and to be extended to cover the project life of 14 years, subject to the review by SEAC at the end of five year, to verify whether the Project Proponent has violated any of the EC conditions and thereby caused any damage to the Environment in the project region by violating EC conditions. 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. Depth of mining should not go beyond general ground level (70MSL) at the site.
 - 2. Garland drain, silt traps, siltation tanks and outflow channel should be desilted and cleaned periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the same should be included in the HYCR.
 - 3. Photographs showing plantation growth should be submitted along with the compliance reports.
 - 4. The proponent should ensure that no remnants of quarry waste are reaching the seasonal stream originating from the project site and joining other streams during monsoon. Geotagged photographs taken during monsoon times from the point where the stream joins the seasonal stream near the PWD road should be given along with the compliance reports
 - 5. Blasting mats should be used during rock blasting to contain the blast, prevent fly rocks and suppress dust.

- 5. In this circumstance, Environmental Clearance issued vide paper 1st above is hereby revalidated, initially for a period of 5 years, and then to be extended to cover Project Life of 14 years, from the date of issuance of original EC (30.09.2016) subject to the review by SEAC at the end of five years, to verify whether the Project Proponent has caused any damage to the Environment in the project region by violating any EC conditions. 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.
- 6. The Half Yearly Compliance Report (HYCRs) with its contents, covering letter, compliance report and environmental monitoring data have to be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal and the website of the proponent. The compliance report with the name of the project, EC No and date, period of submission should be sent to the Regional Office of MoEF & CC by e-mail only at email ID rosz.bng-mefcc@gov.in. Hardcopy of HYCRs shall not be acceptable.

Administrator, SEIAA For member secretary, SEIAA

To,

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 - 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, Konni Grama Panchayath, Konni.P.O., Pathanamthitta- 689691
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