

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

(Present: Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman, Dr.Jayachandran.K, Member, Dr.V.Venu IAS, Member Secretary)

Sub: - SEIAA –Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Laterite (Building Stone) Quarry in Re-Survey No. 7/2 of Koppam Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Shri.Sameer Ali – Granted - Orders issued.

### STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

No.SIA/KL/MIN/46290/2019,1493/EC1/2019/SEIAA dated, Thiruvananthapuram:26.07.2021

- Ref: 1.O.M.No.L-11011/47/2011-1AII (M) dated 24.06.2013 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.
  - 2. Application received on 12.11.2019 through PARIVESH from Shri.Sameer Ali, Chakkingathodi House, Oorakam.P.O., Karathode, Malappuram- 676519
  - 3. Minutes of the  $113^{th}$  SEAC meeting held on  $15^{th} 17^{th}$  September 2020
  - 4. Minutes of the  $116^{th}$  SEAC meeting held on  $15^{th} 17^{th}$  September 2020
  - 5. Minutes of the 121st SEAC meeting held on 22nd, 23rd and 27th of April, 2021.
  - 6. Minutes of the 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.
  - 7. G.O (Rt.)No.29/2019/Envt dated 12.04.2019.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE NO. 31/L/2021

Shri.Sameer Ali, Chakkingathodi House, Oorakam.P.O., Karathode, Malappuram-676519, submitted an application for Environmental Clearance for proposed Laterite (Building Stone) Quarry in Re-Survey No. 7/2 of Koppam Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala for an extent of 0.3500 Ha, as per paper read (2)above.

SL.No.	Description	Details
1	Name of the Project	Laterite (Building Stone) Quarry
2	Proposed Activity	Mining of Laterite stone
3	Name of the Sector & Schedule No. (in the EIA Notification, 2006)	B2 Category of schedule 1(a)
4	Name & Address of the Project Proponent	Shri.Sameer Ali, Chakkingathodi House, Oorakam.P.O., Karathode, Malappuram- 676519
5	Project Location	
	a) Re-Survey Nos:	7/2
	b) Revenue Village	Koppam
	c) Taluk	Pattambi
	d) District	Palakkad
6	Geo Co-ordinates	Latitude: 10°52'44.90"N to 10°52'47.17"N  Longitude: 76°10'36.63"E to 76°10'38.89"E
7	Extent (in Acre/Hectare)	0.3500 На
8	Purpose	The laterite blocks are used as brick stone for construction purposes like buildings, houses and commercial buildings.
9	Project Cost (in Lakh)	Rs.5 lakhs
10	CER Activities	Fund for installing solar street light inclusive of maintenance and

		operation in Koppam village Ward no. 2 (Rs. 20,000)
11	Field Inspection Details	October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
12	Validity of EC	One year from the date of issuance of permit

- 2. The proposal was placed in the 121<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021. The Committee scrutinized the additional details submitted by the proponent. The Committee decided to recommend the issuance of EC for two years subject to the specific condition that excavation will be limited to a depth of 3 meters.
- 3. The proposal was placed in the 110<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Authority decided to issue EC for one year from the date of issue of permit from the Department of Mining & Geology for a quantity mentioned in the approved Mining Plan subject to the following specific conditions in addition to general conditions.
  - The proponent shall carry out quarrying as per the approved Mining Plan and the proponent should strictly follow the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2015 and amendments thereby.
  - ii. Excavation will be limited to a depth of 3 meters.
  - iii. As per OM no F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30<sup>th</sup> September2020, under Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) the project Proponent shall prepare an Environment Management Plan (EMP) as directed by SEAC during appraisal, covering the issues to address the environmental problems in the project region, indicating both physical and financial targets year wise. The EMP shall be implemented in consultation with District Collector. The indicated cost for CER shall be 2% of the project cost depending upon the nature of activities proposed. The follow up action on implementation of CER shall be included in the half yearly compliance report which will be subjected to field inspection at regular intervals. A

- copy of the approved EMP shall be made available to the concerned Panchayat for information and implementation support
- iv. Considering the seriousness of COVID Pandemic in the state, the project Proponent shall carry out certain activities under Corporate Environmental responsibility (CER) leading to creation of temporary Covid care facilities and other related activities connected with managing the Covid pandemic in the state. This will be done in consultation with local self-governments and as per an action plan approved by District Collector and SEAC. The indicated cost for this purpose will be 50% of the CER cost estimated as above. The EMP may be modified to accommodate these activities in consultation with SEAC. The activities so implemented shall be shown in the half yearly completion report. A copy of the approved EMP shall be made available to the concerned Panchayat for information and implementation support.
- v. As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 issued by MoEF&CC, in obedience to the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court the Project Proponent shall, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the half yearly compliance report which will be monitored by SEAC at regular intervals.
- 4. Environmental Clearance, under Notification S.O. No.1533 (E) dated 26.09.2006 read with O.M. as first paper above of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, is hereby accorded to Shri.Sameer Ali, Chakkingathodi House, Oorakam.P.O., Karathode, Malappuram- 676519, for the mining of Laterite stone from an area of 0.3500 Ha of land in Re-Survey No. 7/2 of Koppam Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala as per the approved mining plan for a period of one year from the date of issue of permit from Department of Mining and Geology, subject to the specific conditions suggested by SEIAA in para 3<sup>rd</sup> above in addition to the following general conditions.

#### **General conditions**

- 1. Proponent should obtain all necessary statutory clearances for mining.
- 2. Appropriate fencing all around the burrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any

mishap.

- 3. Proper retaining wall shall be provided for safeguarding the immediately adjacent property, other buildings and civil structures.
- 4. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation or as specified in mining plan.
- 5. Mining shall be done as per mining plan and suggestions by SEAC.
- 6. The mining activity should not involve blasting
- 7. The excavation shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.
- Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent dust pollution caused during laterite cutting.
- 9. Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to burrowing/excavation of laterite building stone.
- 10. Provide 2m x 2m benches for mining depth greater than 3m to prevent slope failures. For soil and soft formation the benches of height 1.5m to 2m are to provided to prevent collapse of wall.
- 11. Maximum depth of removal of laterite building stone should be limited to 1 m above the clay layer (Lithomargic clay layer). The level should be prominently marked before initiating the work.
- 12. Removal of laterite building stone should be restricted to 2m above the ground water table at the site. The decision taken by the expert team of SEAC in this regard, in relation to details provided in the mining plan, after the field inspection shall be final.
- 13. The top soil and overburden shall be stacked in separate demarcated area and shall be used for reclaiming the excavated pit. Proper measures shall be provided to prevent the erosion of the stacked material.
- 14. The burrowed/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s) as specified in the mining plan.
- 15. Measures shall be taken to prevent dust pollution by covering of burrowed/excavated laterite building stone during transportation.
- 16. Applicable labour laws for mining shall be followed. Proper masks and onsite facilities shall be provided to the workers. All safety measures shall be followed while cutting laterite using machines.

- 17. Mine has to be closed as per progressive mine closure plan and final mine closure plan.
- 18. If EC period is more than 6 months, half yearly compliance report shall be submitted to SEIAA.
- 19. The Environmental Clearance shall be liable to be cancelled in case of violation of any of the above conditions.
- 20. The minimum distance norm from the boundary/periphery of other properties buildings/civil structures as prescribed in KMMC Rules and other statutory rules and orders shall be followed.
- 21. Suitable indigenous plants should be planted around the mining area and sides of the haul road as green belt.
- 5. Violation of any of the above specific & general conditions as applicable to the particular case will entail cancellation of the Environmental Clearance, in addition to legal action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Non-compliance, if any shall be reported to the District Collector, Palakkad by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

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Administrator, SEIAA
For Member Secretary, SEIAA

To,

Shri.Sameer Ali, Chakkingathodi House, Oorakam.P.O., Karathode, Malappuram- 676519

### Copy to:

- 1. The District Collector, Palakkad
- 2. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Trivandrum
- 3. The Tahsildhar, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad
- 4. The Director, Mining & Geology, Trivandrum
- 5. The District Geologist, Palakkad
- 6. The Village Officer, Koppam Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad
- 7. The Chairman, SEIAA
- 8. Stock File
- 9. Website
- 10. O/C

