MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 22.08.2014 AT HARITHASREE HALL, DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The following were present:

1.	Dr. K. P. Joy, Former Director, School of	
	Environmental Studies of M.G. University and	Chairman, SEIAA
	Kannur University	
2.	Dr. J. Subhashini, Former Principal, Govt. College,	Member, SEIAA
	Kanjiramkulam	Welliber, SEIAA
3.	Dr. Nivedita P. Haran IAS	
	Addl. Chief Secretary to Government	
	Environment, Home, Vigilance, Personnel and	Member Secretary, SEIAA
	Administrative Reforms Department (Administrative	
	Reforms and Training), Govt. of Kerala	

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Nivedita P. Haran IAS, the new Member Secretary of SEIAA and briefed on the constitution, duties and responsibilities of SEIAA and SEAC, procedure of processing applications for Environmental Clearance (EC), the role and responsibilities of Directorate of Environment and Climate Change as the Secretariat of SEAC/SEIAA in providing administrative and logistical support for the smooth functioning of SEIAA, etc. among others. The Chairman reiterated the urgent requirement of staff exclusively for SEIAA/SEAC in delivering its duties promptly and efficiently and requested the Member Secretary, who is also the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment Department, to take urgent steps to deploy staff for SEAC/SEIAA considering the acute shortage of staff hampering the smooth conduct of its activities. The Member Secretary, in this regard, directed that a proposal to strengthen the staff of SEAC/SEIAA Secretariat should be sent to Government for appropriate decisions.

The Chairman also briefed on the statistics of cases pending in the National Green Tribunal, Supreme Court and High Court wherein SEIAA is the respondent, and stated that the difference in opinion regarding the decisions of SEIAA could only be adjudicated in the NGT and High Court. Considering the same, the Chairman requested that a standing counsel may be exclusively engaged for the cases with respect to SEIAA. The Member Secretary stated that the requirement of standing counsel, who shall work in conjunction with the Government of India and Government of Kerala, shall be looked into. To this end the Chairman stated that the counsel should be engaged exclusively for SEIAA since in rare cases, the opinion of SEIAA with respect to Environmental Clearance may differ from the opinion of the State Government. The Member Secretary stated that the matter may be examined after ascertaining who engages the standing counsel, how the standing counsel is engaged and who is paying them in SEIAAs in other states.

SEIAA observed certain agencies providing services to the public as SEIAA are charging a processing fee and hence SEIAA should also charge a fee for processing of applications for Environmental Clearance, the extent of which shall be based on the extent of potential damage

any project may cause to the environment on implementation. The Chairman, at this point mentioned that a proposal for realising one time processing fee for environmental clearance applications was already submitted to Government of Kerala, which is still pending in Government. The Member Secretary requested to send a fresh proposal in this regard for further course of action.

The Authority also observed that only land tax receipts are taken in consideration while ascertaining the proof of ownership of land. The Member Secretary opined that land tax receipt is not always an authentic document to prove the ownership of land and suggested that possession certificate/extract of thandapper register should be sought from the proponent with respect to the proof claiming ownership of land. The Authority agreed to the suggestions made by the Member Secretary.

 32^{nd} SEIAA meeting considered the proposals one by one and unanimously took the following decisions on the agenda items:

<u>Item No. KLA/32.01</u>

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 81/9-1 at Kallooppara Village & Panchayath, Mallappally Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Mr. Bobby George (File No. 351/SEIAA/KL/2366/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 1200 m³ from an area of 28 m x 24 m.

Item No. KLA/32. 02

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 21/326/10-3 at Pallimon Village, Nedumbana Panchayath, Kollam Taluk, Kollam District, Kerala by Mr. Rajendran (File No. 348/SEIAA/KL/2203/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 500 m³.

Item No. KLA/32. 03

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 442/51 at Nedumangad Village and Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by Smt. Sulaikha Beevi (File No. 349/SEIAA/KL/2205/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding $500~\text{m}^3$.

Item No. KLA/32. 04

Environmental clearance for the Residential Apartment project in Sy. Nos. 193/24A and 24B at Edappally South Village, Kochi Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Elko Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. & ABZ Skyline Properties Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 299/SEIAA/KL/1499/2014)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32. 05

Environmental clearance for the Residential Apartment project in Sy. Nos. 505/1, 506/11 and 506/15 at Cheranalloor Village and Panchayath, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by M/s Skyline Builders & Developers (India) Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 300/SEIAA/KL/1500/2014)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32. 06

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 338/42 at Karipoor Village, Nedumangad Municipality and Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by Mr. Ajayakumar (File No. 332/SEIAA/KL/2089/2014)

Decision:

The Authority observed that the document provided by the applicant to prove the utilization of removed earth is satisfactory. Hence, approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of 190 m³ of ordinary earth.

Item No. KLA/32. 07

Environmental clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy. Nos. 752/p, 753/p, 755/p, 750/p, 751/p and 749/p at Ayyathole Village, Thrissur Panchayath, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Mr. Domi K.A. (File No. 309/SEIAA/KL/1659/2014)

Decision:

Deferred, since the records show that the site proposed for removal of earth is still nilam. Referred to SEAC for detailed examination of the same and report.

Item No. KLA/32. 08

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 342/7 and 341/4 at Pirayiri Village and Grama Panchayath, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Mr. C. G. Unnikannan (File No. 316/SEIAA/KL/1836/2014)

Decision:

The Authority observed that the document provided by the applicant to prove the utilization of removed earth is satisfactory. Hence, approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary

earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 5000 m³.

Item No. KLA/32.09

Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 1323/1, 1253/4, 1322/7, 1322/2 (539/97/2/2), 1323/7, 1323/9 (539/97/3/9), 1322/4, 1322/7, 1323/11(539/97/3/11), 1324/5 (539/97/5/5), 1323/2, 1256/2, 1256/1, 1323/5, 1323/4 (539/97/3/4), 1325/1(539/97/4/1), 1324/1, 1323/10, 1322/3 (539/97/2/3), 1323/8 (539/97/3/8), 1324/6 (539/97/5/6), 1324/7 (539/97/5/7), 1228/3 and 1322/1 (539/97/2/1), at Kadangode Village and Panchayath, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by M/s Verginland Plantations & Farms Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 162/SEIAA/KL/3492/2013)

Decision: Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Environmental Clearance for Housing project in Sy. No. 368 at Kakkanad Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by M/s. Desai Homes Builders & Real Estate Developers (File No. 185/SEIAA/KL/05/2014)

Decision: Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Environmental Clearance for Building Stone Quarry Project in Sy. No. 266/2 (P) at Cherukavu Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by M/s. BETA Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 216/SEIAA/KL/274/2014)

Decision: Returned to SEAC for detailed examination and report on the documents as stated in the site inspection report.

Item No. KLA/32.12 Environmental Clearance for the quarry project in Survey No. 172 (P) at Kodiyathur Village, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala by M/s Palakkal Granite Products Private Limited (File No. 137/SEIAA/KL/2567/2013)

Decision: Deferred directing the proponent to produce the extract of thandapper as proof of ownership of land. Referred to SEAC for field visit, verification of ownership of land, and report.

Item No. KLA/32.13

Environmental clearance for the building stone quarry project in Survey Nos. 78/2A at Kumaranellur Village, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala by M/s Profile Granite (File No. 130/SEIAA/KL/2437/2013)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32.14

Environmental clearance for proposed mining project in Sy. Nos. 229/1, 229/13, 229/9, 229/9-1, 234/10, 234/11, 234/3, 234/4, 234/5, 234/6, 234/8-2, 234/9-1, 238/12, 238/13-2, 238/16-2, 238/17-2, 240/10, 240/11, 240/7, 240/7-1, 240/7-2, 240/8, 240/9, 241/10, 241/1-1, 241/1-2, 241/12-16, 241/12-17, 241/12-2, 241/13-1, 241/18, 241/2, 241/4, 241/5, 241/6, 241/7, 241/8, 241/8-1, 241/9-1, 242/1, 242/2, 242/4-2, 242/4-3, 242/5, 242/6, 242/7, 242/8, 245/4, 245/5, 245/6, 245/6-1, 245/6-2, 245/6-3 and 245/6-4 at Aruvikkara Village and Panchayath, Nedumangad Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by M/s Travancore Blue Metal Industries (P) Ltd. (File No. 152/SEIAA/KL/3072/2013)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32.15

Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 111/3 pt, 110/8, 112/4, 111/4 pt., 111/5 pt., 113/2, 112/5, 112/1-1, 112/1-2, 112/8-1, 112/8-2, 112/8-3, 112/2 and 112/7 at Koodal Village, Kalanjoor Panchayat, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by M/s Aswathy Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 147/SEIAA/KL/2748/2013)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32.16

Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 91/1-7, 91/1-3, 91/1-4 and 91/1-2 at Enanalloor Village, Ayavana Panchayath, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by M/s Mudakkalil Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 154/SEIAA/KL/3074/2013)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32.17

Environmental clearance for the master plan development of an I.T./I.T.E.S SEZ Township by M/s. Smart city (Kochi) Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 184/SEIAA/KL/3792/2013)

Decision:

Deferred for detailed examination of the proposal. The proponent may be informed of the decision of SEIAA.

Item No. KLA/32.18

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 701/01 at Aamballoor Village, Alagappa Nagar Panchayath, Mukundapuram Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Smt. Rugmani Amma (File No. 249/SEIAA/KL/1044/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 250 m³.

Item No. KLA/32.19

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 239/13pt at Kanayannur Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Mr. John (File No. 288/SEIAA/KL/1415/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 3200 m³.

<u>Item No. KLA/32.20</u>

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 532/1, 628/2, 628/3, 628/15, 536/1 and 628/4 at Mulayam Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Mr. Manoj Joseph and Ruby Manoj (File No. 263/SEIAA/KL/1194/2014)

Decision:

The Authority observed that as per the report of Additional Thahsildar, Taluk Office, Thrissur, Sy. No. 532 and Sy. Nos. 536/1 & 628, which are part of the present project site are Purambokke Govt. tharisu and Ambalakkunnu Village Reserve respectively. Hence, deferred directing the proponent to produce the extract of thandapper and possession certificate as proof of ownership of land. Referred to SEAC for verification of ownership of land, and report.

Item No. KLA/32.21

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 4/1 at Enathu Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Mr. P.C. Sam (File No. 292/SEIAA/KL/1480/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-

IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 1000 m³ from Sy. No. B2-18/4/1 of Enathu Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala. The removed earth shall be utilized for renovation of road from Moonammoodu to Maruthoorkulangara church in 35th division of Karunagappally Municipality.

Item No. KLA/32.22

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 70/2 at Vattamkulam Village and Panchayath, Ponnani Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Mr. Alex Abraham (File No. 294/SEIAA/KL/1493/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 5000 m³ to be taken out of the premises. The removed earth shall be utilized for the renovation of nooradithodu, Ponnani taluk and for construction of bund for development of kole paadam.

Item No. KLA/32.23

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 520/3 at Vadakkumkara Village, Vellangallur Panchayath, Mukundapuram Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Mr. Sasindhran. N.P. (File No. 276/SEIAA/KL/1325/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of 1200 m³ of ordinary earth and also stipulating that the conditions suggested by the hydrogeologist, Ground Water Department, Thrissur, vide letter dt. 17.02.2014 may be adhered to. The removed earth shall be utilized for construction of Panchayath roads of Edathuruthi and Vettookkara.

<u>Item No. KLA/32.24</u>

Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 1173/1p at Thrissur Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Mr. Muhammadali (File No. 287/SEIAA/KL/1412/2014)

Decision:

Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of 600 m³ of ordinary earth from Sy. No. 1173/1p.