

**MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 18.12.2013
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 Kannur University	Member, SEIAA
2.	Shri. P.K.Mohanty IAS Addl. Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Parliamentary Affairs and Forest & Wild Life Departments, Govt. of Kerala	Member Secretary, SEIAA
3.	Sri. P. Sreekantan Nair Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala	Secretary, SEAC (Special Invitee)

Since no chairman has been appointed subsequent to the resignation of Chairman SEIAA, the Member Secretary requested Dr. K.P. Joy, Member SEIAA to kindly chair the 25th meeting and Dr. Joy has kindly consented to chair the meeting.

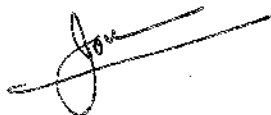
The Authority decided to send a reminder to all concerned departments that obtaining Environmental Clearance for activities mentioned in the Schedule of EIA Notification 2006 is a prior requirement and hence they should ensure the same before issuing necessary approvals/consents. It is also decided to constitute three to four vigilance teams under Environmental Officers to inspect any construction activity having more than 100 residential/commercial units or having an area greater than 20,000 m² and also mining activities in various districts across the state and to submit reports on any violations.

It was further decided that show cause notice shall be issued to those mining projects without Environmental Clearance which comes to the attention of Authority through the press and other media as to why violation proceedings should not be initiated against them. It was also decided to initiate strategies to minimize the pendency of EC proposals and Secretary SEAC was directed to take urgent steps.

25th SEIAA meeting unanimously took the following decisions:

KLA / 25.01	Confirmation of the minutes of 24 th meeting of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Kerala
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Confirmed.



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KLA / 25.02	Action taken report on the decisions of the 24 th SEIAA Meeting
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Noted.

KLA / 25.03	Environmental clearance for the Housing project in Sy. Nos. 92/8-3, 92/8-1 and 92/8-2 at Karumalloor Village and Panchayath, N. Paravoor Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by M/s The Federal House Construction Co-operative Society Ltd. No. E-962 (File No. 148/SEIAA/KL/2938/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. Height of the buildings should be restricted as per AAI specifications.
2. Width of the drive way around the towers should be separately earmarked and should have a minimum width of 7 m as per recommendations of Disaster Management Units.
3. The basement level of the lower floor should not be below the local summer water table.
4. At least double the number of trees removed from the site should be planted as per the landscape plan submitted by the proponent.
5. Minimum 2 percent of the annual profit should be earmarked for specified CSR activities.

In addition to this, General Conditions for non-mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 25.04	Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 178/1, 178/3 and 178/6 at Maneed Village and Panchayath, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam district, Kerala by Mr. C.P. Prathapan (File No. 108/SEIAA/KL/1806/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. A safe buffer distance of 100 m to be provided from the house seen within 100 m from the boundary of site.
2. The steep dangerous cliffs of the abandoned quarries has to be provided with fences and danger warning sign boards.
3. Ultimate depth of quarrying to be limited to the stream bed level near the workers quarters at northern side.
4. Overburden and top soil to be used for reclamation of abandoned pits.
5. Planting of trees should be as per the agreed provisions of green belt development for which an affidavit should also be filed by the proponent.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

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KLA / 25.05	Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 1251/2 pt., 3 pt., 11 pt., 1250/3/2 pt., 3 pt., 1233/3, 1255/1, 2, 3, 4 at Kadangode Village and Panchayath, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by M/s ABA Industries (File No. 117/SEIAA/KL/2183/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. Ultimate depth of the quarry should not be lower than the stream bed seen to the west.
2. Storm water should be managed by providing drains and siltation tanks before being let out.
3. Old pits at the lower elevation should be used for rain water harvesting.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 25.06	Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. No. 266/2 at Cherukavu Village and Panchayath, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram district, Kerala by M/s Malabar Granites (File No. 110/SEIAA/KL/1808/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. Overburden from the upper slopes is heaped on the steep slopes and can lead to slumping. It has to be removed to safer location and used for reclamation of abandoned quarry pits in the lease area.
2. The stream at the gate should be kept undisturbed.
3. Large sized desiltation tanks should be provided on the lower part adjacent to the site office.
4. Since the approach road is narrow, trucks of more than 10 T capacity should not be used.
5. CSR components as agreed in the proposal should be implemented.
6. A buffer distance of 15 m should be left from the village boundary to the project site without conducting quarrying activities as per the provisions of Mining and Geology Department.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 25.07	Environmental clearance for for removal of ordinary earth at Palamel Village, Mavelikkara Taluk, Alappuzha District in Sy. Nos. 582/8 by Mani Suresh, Nooranad (File No. 158/SEIAA/KL/3427/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

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Specific Conditions:

- (i) The activity shall not involve blasting.
- (ii) The maximum depth of removal of sand should not go beyond 2 m from the general ground level of the site, which should be prominently marked before initiating the work.
- (iii) Removal of sand should be restricted to 2 m above to the ground water table at the site.
- (iv) The excavation activity shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.
- (v) The borrowed/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s) as specified in the application.
- (vi) Appropriate fencing all around the borrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap.
- (vii) Measures shall be taken to prevent dust emission by covering of borrowed/excavated earth during transportation.
- (viii) Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to borrowing/excavation of earth.
- (ix) Workers / labourers shall be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation.
- (x) A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation.
- (xi) A minimum distance of 15 m from any civil structure shall be kept from the periphery of the excavation area.
- (xii) The area for ordinary earth should be limited to 6 cents and the quantity is to be limited to 125 m³. An affidavit should be filed to this effect.
- (xiii) The removed ordinary earth should be used only for the road work of Kayamkulam Municipality and a certificate from the Kayamkulam Municipality to be produced within 3 months as to the receipt of it.
- (xiv) The Environmental Clearance shall be liable to be cancelled in any case of violation of above guidelines.

KLA / 25.08	Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 23/2, 23/2-1, 24, 24/1, 24/2 and 24/3 at Moonilavu Village, Moonilavu Panchayath, Meenachil Taluk, Kottayam district, Kerala by M/s P.V. Granites (File No. 73/SEIAA/KL/168/2013)
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Decision : The matter may be referred to Law Department for legal opinion as to whether the matter attracts violation proceedings under EIA Notification 2006 and further the proponent is directed to submit a copy of the judgement as to ascertain whether the case is still under consideration of the Honourable High Court of Kerala.

KLA / 25.09	Any other item with the approval of Chair
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KLA/25.09.01	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Survey Nos. 332/4, 340/5, 340/4pt, 331/4, 331/6p, 340/3, 340/3p and 340/4p at Pananchery Village, Pananchery Panchayath, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by M/s St. Basil Granites (File No. 61/SEIAA/KL/7682/2012)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. A safe buffer distance of 100 m shall be left from nearby settlements of land and within lease area without conducting quarrying activities.
2. Retaining wall should be provided on the western part of garland drain to arrest the run off and clarify the water.
3. Fencing and retaining wall should be provided as safety measure to avoid any untoward incident.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 25.09.02	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. No. 70/1 at Kolayad Village and Panchayath, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala by M/s Malabar Construction Materials (P) Ltd. (File No. 101/SEIAA/KL/1606/2013)
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Decision : The proponent has submitted the affidavit/documents with clarifications, etc. On close scrutiny of the details, it is not sure if the details provided are satisfactory. Hence the same is returned to SEAC for examination of the submitted details for remarks.

KLA / 25.10	Report on the status of processing of the applications for Environmental Clearance by SEIAA Secretariat
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Noted.