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# Proceedings of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Kerala

Present: Prof. (Dr.) K.P. Joy, Chairman; Dr. J. Subhashini, Member; Sri. P.K. Mohanty IAS, Member Secretary

Sub: SEIAA Kerala – Removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 203/5-C-3 at Kaduthuruthy Village, Vaikkom Taluk, Kottayam District, Kerala by Mr. Ramesan – Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification 2006 accorded – Orders issued

## Environmental Clearance

No. 335/SEIAA/KL/2167/2014

dated, Thiruvananthapuram 01.08,2014

Read: - SEIAA Kerala Minutes of the 31st meeting dt. 26-06-2014

#### <u>ORDER</u>

Mr. Ramcsan, Vellilamchuvattil Vecdu, Arunoottimangalam P.O., Kaduthuruthy, Kottayam has applied for Environmental Clearance on 14.05.2014 in simplified format for removal of ordinary earth from an area of 04.05 hectare of land in Sy. No. 203/5-C-3 of Kaduthuruthy Village & Vaikkom Taluk, Kottayam District, Kerala, for construction of house. The removed earth shall be used for the construction of Pattachira-Kodiyanad road in Vayalar Panchayath, Alappuzha. The application has been certified and forwarded by Revenue Divisional Officer, Pala. It is interalia, noted that the project comes under Category B, Activity 1(a), (i) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006.

The proposal has been appraised by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee Kerala constituted by the competent authority, as per prescribed procedure in the lights of provisions under the EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments, in its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014. SEAC Kerala considering the application, documents and clarifications provided by the proponent in person, recommended environmental clearance to the project, on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ordinary earth stipulated in 0.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dt. 24.06-2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, for removal of 470 m<sup>3</sup> of ordinary earth.

The SEIAA, after due consideration of the relevant documents and additional clarifications submitted by the project proponent, and in view of the recommendations of SEAC, approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance for the project mentioned above at its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Accordingly, the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Kerala

Environment and Forests, Govt. of India vide Notification No. S.O. 2484(E) dt. 3-11-2011 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, published as Gazette extraordinary No. 2074 on 3-11-2011 and further amended by Govt. of India vide Notification No. S.O. 546(E) dt.25.02.2014 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, published as Gazette extraordinary No. 466 dated 25-02-2014, hereby accord necessary Environmental Clearance to Mr. Ramesan, Vellilamchuvatti Veedu, Arunoottimangalam P.O., Kaduthuruthy, Kottayam, 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 470 m<sup>3</sup> of ordinary earth, as per powers vested with it under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification – 2006 and subsequent amendments and also under the provisions made in O.M. No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, and further subject to strict compliance of the following specific and General conditions:

- (i) The activity shall not involve blasting.
- (ii) The maximum depth of removal of earth 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 earth 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 burrowed/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s) as specified in the application.
- (vi) Appropriate fencing all around the burrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap:
- (vii) Measures shall be taken to prevent dust emission by covering of burrowed/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 burrowing/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 quantity of earth removed should not exceed 470 m<sup>3</sup>.
- (xiii) The Environmental Clearance shall be liable to be cancelled in any case of violation of above guidelines.

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Compliance of the above conditions will be monitored by the Directorate of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala or its agencies and also by the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India located at Bangalore. Necessary support for entry and inspection should be provided by the project proponent to the staff of the Directorate and Ministry for monitoring purposes. In case of non-compliance of conditions, noted, if any, the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change shall report the matter to the District Collector concerned to take necessary action under Environment Protection Act 1986.

The given address of correspondence of the Authorized Signatory of the project is: Mr. Ramesan, Vellilamchuvattil Veedu, Arunoottimangalam P.O., Kaduthuruthy, Kottayam – 686604; Ph. 9946801961.

The validity of EC is for a period of six months from today.

Sd/-

P. K. Mohanty IAS Member Secretary, SEIAA and Addl. Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Forest & Wildlife Departments

To

Mr. Ramesan Vellilamchuvattil Veedu Arunoottimangalam P.O., Kaduthuruthy Kottayam – 686604.

### Copy to:

- 1. IA-Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi = 110003
- 2. MoEF Regional Office, Southern Zone, Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E&F Wing, II Block Koramangala, Bangalore-560034
- 3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment Dept., Government of Kerala
- 4. The Principal Secretary to Government, Local Self Government Department
- 5. The District Collector concerned
- 6. The Director, Dept. of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala, Tvm 24.
- 7. The Director, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Kerala
- 8. The Secretary, Concerned LSGI
- Chairman and Members of SEIAA Kerala
- 10. Chairman, SEAC Kerala
- 11. Website uploading
- 12. Stock file

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# STATE ENVIRONMENTIMPA CTASSESSMENT AUTHORITY KERALA GENERAL CONDITIONS (for projects other than mining)

- (i) Rain Water Harvesting capacity should be installed as per the prevailing provisions of KMBR / KPBR, unless otherwise specified elsewhere.
- (ii) Environment Monitoring Cell as agreed under the affidavit filed by the proponent should be formed and made functional.
- (iii) Suitable avenue trees should be planted along either side of the tarred road and open parking areas, if any, inclusive of approach road and internal roads.
- (iv) The project shall incorporate devices for solar energy generation and utilization to the maximum possible extent with the possibility of contributing the same to the national grid in future.
- (v) Safety measures should be implemented as per the Fire and Safety Regulations.
- (vi) STP should be installed and made functional as per KSPCB guidelines including that for solid waste management.
- (vii) The conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 should be observed for Corporate Social Responsibility.
- (viii) The proponent should plant trees at least 5 times of the loss that has been occurred while clearing the land for the project.
- (ix) Consent from Kerala State Pollution Control Board under Water and Air Act(s) should be obtained before initiating activity.
- (x) All other statutory clearances should be obtained, as applicable, by project proponents from the respective competent authorities including that for blasting and storage of explosives.
- (xi) In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, the project would require a fresh appraisal by this Authority.
- (xii) The Authority reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary, and to take action including revoking of the environment clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time bound and satisfactory manner.
- (xiii) The stipulations by Statutory Authorities under different Acts and Notifications should be complied with, including the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification, 2006.
- The project proponent should advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which (both the advertisement and the newspaper) shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded Environmental Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Govt of Kera I a and may also be seen on the website of the Authority at www.seiaakerala.org. The advertisement should be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same signed in all pages should be forwarded to the office of this Authority as confirmation.

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- A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Grama Panchayat/District Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation/Urban Local Body and also to the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions / representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The Linvironmental Clearance shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.
- (xvi) The proponent shall submit half yearly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) and upload the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, Govt. of India and also to the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala.
- (xvii) The details of Environmental Clearance should be prominently displayed in a metallic board of 3 ft x 3 ft with green background and yellow letters of Times New Roman font of size of not less than 40.
- (XVIII) The proponent should provide notarized affidavit (indicating the number and date of Environmental Clearance proceedings) that all the conditions stipulated in the EC shall be scrupulously followed.

Sd/-Member Secretary, SEIAA Kerala

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