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Letter No. 362 Ranchi,Date: 07/05/14

To: **M/s APCO Infratech Ltd,**
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Sub.: Environmental Clearance for the proposed **Apco Stone Mine of M/s Apco Infratech Ltd at Khata No.-167, Plot No.- 450(P) & 459(P), Mouza- Jangalpur, Thana- Gobindpur, District- Dhanbad, Jharkhand.(Area- 3.4 Ha).** (File No.- **EC/SEIAA/2013-14/246/2013**).

Sir,

The details of mine capacity as provided in Mining Plan Report are

Mineable Proved Reserve : 13,00,000 t

Year-wise Production as proposed under Mining Plan Report for two years is as follows

1st Year : 6,73,605 t

2nd Year : 6,05,112 t

The daily production as per Form 1 is 2550 tonnes.

PP has provided the desired information / clarifications. Committee was satisfied with the same.

The proposal was appraised by SEAC and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance vide SEAC meeting held on 12th to 15th MARCH 2014.

The proposal along with recommendation made by SEAC was considered in the Authority (SEIAA) in its meeting held on 29.03.2014.

The Authority has decided to grant EC to the proposal with the following conditions:-

A. Specific Conditions

1. The environmental clearance is subject to transfer of mining lease by the Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand to PP and all other Statutory Conditions as imposed by various agencies / District Authorities are complied with.
2. The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
3. At the time of obtaining Consent to establish / Consent to Operate, PP should submit site map duly signed by PP and DMO to JSPCB & SEIAA.
4. At the time of obtaining consent to operate, PP will erect boundary pillars to demarcate boundary of lease. GPS reading, backward – forward bearing & pillar to pillar distance is

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to written on each pillar. Pillar wise list will be submitted to SEIAA and JSPCB before issue of Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate.

5. No mining shall be undertaken in the forest area without obtaining requisite prior forestry clearance. Minimum distance shall be maintained from Reserved / Protected Forest as stipulated in SEIAA Guidelines.

6. Environmental clearance is subject to final order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / MOEF Guidelines applicable to Minor Minerals.

7. Environmental clearance is subject to obtaining clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 from the competent authority, as may be applicable to this project (in case any fauna occurs / is found in the Project area).

8. The mining operations shall be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect the groundwater table. In case of working below the ground water table, prior approval of the Ground Water Directorate, Government of Jharkhand / Central Ground Water Board shall be obtained. Benches height and slope shall be maintained as per approved Mining Plan. The Mining Plan has to be got approved by concerned authorities as per SEIAA guidelines. Safety measures shall be adopted in line with DGMS Guidelines.

9. PP shall maintain minimum distance from Reserved / Protected Forests as stipulated in applicable guidelines.

10. The project proponent shall ensure that no natural watercourse and / or water resources shall be obstructed due to any mining operations. Adequate measures shall be taken for conservation and protection of the first order and the second order streams, if any emanating / passing through the mine lease area during the course of mining operation.

11. The top soil, if any shall temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation.

12. There shall be no external dump(s). Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas shall continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Compliance status shall be submitted to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi and its nearest Regional Office on six monthly basis.

13. Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, sub-grade and mineral dump(s) to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the agricultural fields, and other water bodies. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, haul roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after the monsoon and maintained properly.

14. Dimension of the retaining wall at the toe of the OB benches within the mine to check run-off and siltation shall be based on the rain fall data.

15. Greenbelt shall be developed all along the mine lease area and haul roads. The Project proponent shall do tree plantation in at least 33% of the space, preferably along the periphery and in vacant space. Fast growing and local species will be planted. In case land is not available within the lease area or it is not possible to plant trees due to nature of land then PP will do necessary afforestation at other places / land.

16. Effective safeguard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as loading and unloading point and transfer points. Extensive water sprinkling shall be carried out on haul roads which should be made pucca with suitable water drainage arrangements. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.

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17. The project proponent should implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with the Ground Water Directorate, Government of Jharkhand / Central Ground Water Board.

18. The project proponent shall if required, obtain necessary prior permission/NOC of the competent authorities for drawl of requisite quantity of water required for the project.

19. Suitable rainwater harvesting measures shall be planned and implemented in consultation with the Ground Water Directorate, Government of Jharkhand / Central Ground Water Board.

20. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures shall be taken for maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral. The mineral transportation shall be carried out through the covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded. No transportation of ore outside the mine lease area shall be carried out after the sunset.

21. No blasting shall be carried out after the sunset. Blasting operation shall be carried out only during the daytime. Controlled blasting shall be practiced. The mitigative measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented.

22. Drills shall either be operated with the dust extractors or equipped with water injection system.

23. Effective safeguard measures should be taken to control fugitive emissions so as to ensure that RSPM (PM10 and PM 2.5) levels are within prescribed limits.

24. Pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project shall be carried out and records maintained.

25. The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna.

26. Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, septic tanks, safe drinking water, medical health care, etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.

27. Proper safety measures as per statutory requirement are to be implemented around the mined out Pit prior to closure of site.

28. A final mine closure Plan along with corpus fund duly approved by Competent Authority shall be submitted to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi and to c ncerned DMO in advance of final mine closure for approval.

29. That the proponent shall obtain approval of mining plan within 3 months from the committee constituted by the Deptt. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand from the date of grant of environmental clearance and the proponent shall be bound to comply with the additional conditions framed by the Deptt. of Mines & Geology.

B. General conditions

1. No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Statutory authorities / Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand / Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi during the EC period.

2. No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral and waste should be made.

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3. The Project proponent shall make all internal roads pucca and shall maintain a good housekeeping by regular cleaning and wetting of the haul roads and the premises.
4. The Project proponent shall maintain register for production and dispatch and submit return to the Board.
5. The Project proponent shall not cut trees / carry out tree felling in leased out area without the permission of competent authority.
6. Measures should be taken for control of noise levels below prescribed norms in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs / muffs.
7. Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.
8. Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.
9. Dispensary facilities for First Aid shall be provided at site.
10. A separate environmental management / monitoring cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
11. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi. PP shall carry out CSR activities as per Government Guidelines (%of Profit / turnover) or at least Rs 1 per ton whichever is higher.
12. The Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi directly or through its Regional Office, shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
13. The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi and to its concerned Regional Office.
14. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board and its concerned Regional Office The criteria pollutant levels namely ; SPM ,RSPM,SO_2 ,NOx (ambient levels) or critical sectoral parameters , indicated for the project shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the project shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the company in the public domain.
15. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad / Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the project proponent.

16. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall also to the concerned Regional Office of JSPCB by e-mail.

17. All statutory clearances shall be obtained before start of mining operations.

C. Other points

1. The Authority reserves the right to add any new condition or modify the above conditions or to revoke the clearance if conditions stipulated above are not implemented to the satisfaction of Authority or for that matter for any other Administrative reason.
2. The Environmental Clearance accorded shall be valid for the balance period of lease that is upto 13.03.2015. The PP shall not increase production rate and alter lease area during the validity of Environmental Clearance.
3. In case of any deviation or alteration in the project proposed from those submitted to SEIAA, Jharkhand for clearance, a fresh reference should be made to SEIAA to assess the adequacy of the conditions imposed and to incorporate any new conditions if required.
4. The above stipulations would be enforced among others under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Tran boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Court of Jharkhand and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
5. Any Appeal against this Environmental Clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
State Level Environment Impact
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Memo No. 362. Dated: 07/05/14.

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5. District Mining Officer, District- Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
6. Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi.
7. Secretary, Jharkhand State Expert Appraisal Committee, Ranchi.
8. Guard file.

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