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Ranchi, Date : 08/11/2019

To: **Sri Amrendra Kumar Singh**
M/s A.S.R. Stone Works
Mouza – Ammapali, P.O. – Ammapali,
Thana - Pirpainti, Dist – Bhagalpur,
Bihar - 813209.

Sub: Environmental Clearance for the project “Hathidari Stone Deposit of M/s M/s A.S.R. Stone Works (Partner: Sri Amrendra Kumar Singh), at Plot No. . 2(P), 3(P), 4, 5, 9(P), 19(P) at Mouza- Hathidari, Sub-Division: Rajmahal, District- Sahibganj, Jharkhand. (4.45 Ha)” (Proposal No. SIA/JH/MIN/45037/2019) – regarding.

Ref: Your application no. Nil dated 18.10.2019.

Sir,

It is in reference to “Hathidari Stone Deposit of M/s M/s A.S.R. Stone Works (Partner: Sri Amrendra Kumar Singh), at Plot No. . 2(P), 3(P), 4, 5, 9(P), 19(P) at Mouza- Hathidari, Sub-Division: Rajmahal, District- Sahibganj, Jharkhand. (4.45 Ha)” submitted by you for seeking prior Environmental Clearances (EC).

This is a Stone Mining Project with an area of 4.45 Ha [Plot No. . 2(P), 3(P), 4, 5, 9(P), 19(P)]. The latitude and longitude of the project site is 25°13'19.20"N to 25°13'25.86"N and Longitude 87°34'45.94"E to 87°34'59.92"E. The nearest railway station is Karamtola Railway station is at approx.4.5 km toward NW direction and nearest airport is Malda Airport is at approx. 60 km towards SE direction. Total water requirement is 7.15 KLD. Water will be taken from nearby village.

The details of mine capacity as per Approved Mining Plan are

Mineable Reserve : 14,88,401.46 tonne

Year-wise Production as per Approved Mining Plan Report is as follows

Year	Production of stone (Tonnes)
1 st	1,49,575.73
2 nd	1,49,459.31
3 rd	1,50,186.96
4 th	1,50,377.47
5 th	1,50,377.47
Total	7,49,976.94

The daily production is 501.25 tonne.
The indicated project cost is Rs 40 Lakh and a provision of Rs 5.0 Lakh has been indicated for Environment management.

DFO, wildlife, Hazaribag vide letter no. 1544, dated 03.08.2019 certified that the National Park, Bio-Diversity, Sanctuary& ESZ is not within 10 km from proposed project site.
DFO, Sahibganj vide letter no. 2087, dated 16.11.17 certified that the National Park, Bio-Diversity, Sanctuary& ESZ is not within 10 km from proposed project site.

The CO, Mandro vide letter no. 210, dated 27.02.2019 has mentioned the plot no. of the project is not recorded as "Jangle Jhar" in R.S Khatiyan& Register II.
DMO, Sahibganj vide memo no. 581/M, dated 05.03.2018 certified that there is no other mining lease within 500m periphery of proposed mining lease. Total mining in the area is less than 5 ha in the radius of 500 m.

The proposal was appraised by State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance in its meeting held on 04th, 05th, 06th & 07th November, 2019 in the light of Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi order dated 13.09.18 and MoEF & CC O.M dated 12.12.18.

State Level Environment Level Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Jharkhand in its meeting held on 08th November, 2019 discussed the project proposal along with recommendations made by SEAC and decided to grant EC to the project.

Following the decision of SEIAA, as mentioned above, Environmental Clearance is hereby issued to "Hathidari Stone Deposit of M/s M/s A.S.R. Stone Works (Partner: Sri Amarendra Kumar Singh), at Plot No. 2(P), 3(P), 4, 5, 9(P), 19(P) at Mouza- Hathidari, Sub-Division: Rajmahal, District- Sahibganj, Jharkhand. (4.45 Ha)" alongwith the following conditions -

A. Specific Conditions:

1. This Environmental Clearance is valid subject to the following condition below –
That this project has-
 - a. Obtained all legal rights to operate at concerned place.
 - b. Complied with all existing concerned laws of the land and
 - c. Complied with the decisions of SEIAA on the issue of Environmental Clearance till date.

2. This EC letter is subject to Hon'ble NGT order dated : 13.09.2018 and MoEF & CC O.M. dated : 12.12.2018.

- a. Providing for EIA, EMP and therefore public consultation for all areas from 5 to 25 Ha falling under category B-2 at par with category B-1 by SEIAA/SEAC as well as for cluster situation wherever it is not provided.
- b. Form-1M be made more comprehensive for areas of 0 to 5 Ha by dispensing with the requirement for public consultation to be evaluated by SEAC for recommendation of grant of EC by SEIAA instead of DEIAA/DEAC.
- c. If a cluster or an individual lease size exceeds 5 ha the EIA/EMP be made applicable in the process of grant of prior Environmental Clearance.
- d. EIA and/or EMP be prepared for the entire cluster in terms of recommendations 5 (supra) of the guidelines for the purpose of recommendations 6, 7 and 8 thereof.
- e. Revise the procedure to also incorporate procedure with respect to annual rate of replenishment and time frame for replenishment after mining closure in an area.

- f. The MoEF & CC to prepare guidelines for calculation of the cost of restitution of damage caused to mined- out areas along with the Net present value of Ecological services forgone because of illegal or unscientific mining.
3. No mining/activity shall be undertaken in the forest land or deemed forest without obtaining requisite prior forestry clearance.
 4. This Environmental Clearance is granted subject to final outcome of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT, MoEF & CC and any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.
 5. Environmental clearance is subject to obtaining prior clearance from forestry and Wildlife angle including clearance from standing committee of NBWL, as may be applicable to this project (in case any fauna occurs / is found in the Project area or if the area involves forest land or Wildlife habitat i.e. core zone of elephant/tiger reserve etc. and or located within 10 km. of protected area).
 6. The project proponent may apply simultaneously for forest and NBWL clearance, in order to complete the formalities without undue delay, which till process on their respective merits, no rights will vest in or accrue to them unless all clearance are obtained.
 7. In all Stone Mining projects, depending upon the air pollution estimates based upon fuel use in operations and activities of the respective projects; required monitoring station based air quality monitoring shall be done in the influence area of the project with needed mitigation conditions to ensure sustainable Stone mining as per guidelines, circulars and norms of MOEFCC / Hon'ble NGT or any other directives of regulatory / statutory bodies and competent Courts.

PP to take preventive steps to avoid flash flood conditions arising from mining operations and probable run off in rainy season conditions.
 8. The environmental clearance is subject to period of lease of the mine 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.
 9. 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 endangered fauna occurs / is found in the Project area). No damage is to be done to the fauna in general and endangered species in particular, if found in ML area (as mentioned in various schedules). In such case they should be given protection, capture alive with the help of the subject expert and transfer them or handing over them to the concerned authorities. Conservation Plan, if applicable has to be adhered to.
 10. The mining operations shall be restricted to ground above 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 IBM or equivalent agencies. Safety measures shall be adopted in line with DGMS Guidelines.
 11. PP shall maintain minimum distance from Reserved / Protected Forests as stipulated in applicable guidelines.

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12. The project proponent shall ensure that no natural watercourse and / or water resources shall be obstructed / diverted 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.
13. 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 by spreading on the land reclamation and plantation.
14. 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.
15. Catch drains and siltation ponds of approved size to contain silt & water and its location 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 nearby agricultural fields, and other water bodies. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the haul roads, green belt development etc. A periodical report shall be sent. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after the monsoon and maintained properly.
16. 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.
17. Greenbelt of approved width shall be developed all along the length of mine lease area and haul roads. The Project proponent shall do adequate no at least 50 bamboo gabion plantation each year and maintain it for the life of the mine along the transport road and vacant space, preferably along the periphery of mining lease. Fast growing and local species will be planted.
18. Effective safeguard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in the identified 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 as per approved plan shall be carried out on haul roads which should be made pucca as per approved specification of Govt. of Jharkhand 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.
19. The project proponent shall implement approved conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with the Ground Water Directorate, Government of Jharkhand / Central Ground Water Board.
20. The project proponent shall if required, obtain necessary prior permission/NOC from the competent authorities for drawl of requisite quantity of water required from the source for the project.
21. Suitable rainwater harvesting measures shall be planned and implemented in consultation with the Ground Water Directorate, Government of Jharkhand / Central Ground Water Board.
22. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control by regular repairing of transport road and regular air quality monitoring. 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 stone / sand outside the mine lease area shall be carried out after the sunset.

23. No blasting shall be carried out after sunset. Blasting operation shall be carried out only during daytime. Controlled blasting shall be practiced. The mitigative measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented.
24. Drilling shall either be operated with the dust extractors or equipped with water injection system.
25. Effective safeguard measures shall be taken to control fugitive emissions so as to ensure that RPM (PM10 and PM 2.5) levels are within prescribed limits.
26. Pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project conducted by a Registered Medical Officer shall be carried out and records maintained.
27. The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered flora & fauna.
28. Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour at a suitable place away from 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.
29. Proper Safety measures as per statutory requirement shall be implemented around the mined out Pit prior to closure of site.
30. 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 concerned DMO in advance of final mine closure for approval.
31. 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
32. The Project Proponent shall submit six monthly report on the expenditure incurred on environmental management plan submitted by them.
33. Since blasting and mining on Hillock / Rock out crop may also be carried out, suitable scheme for access / ramp to the highest elevation with gradient shall be submitted for approval from competent authorities.
34. Approved devices for dust suppression shall be installed.

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.
3. The Project proponent shall make all internal roads pucca as per approved specification of Govt. of Jharkhand 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 be provided with 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. Detailed report shall be sent to Pollution Control Board periodically.
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 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, SO₂, 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.
14. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parishad / 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.
15. 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.
16. All statutory clearances shall be obtained before start of mining operations.
17. It shall be mandatory for the project management to submit six (06) monthly compliance report in respect of the stipulated prior environmental clearance terms and conditions in hard copies and soft copies to the regulatory authority concerned Regional Office of MoEF & CC at Ranchi and Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (J.S.P.C.B.), Ranchi/SEIAA/CPCB.
18. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

19. The SEIAA, Jharkhand or any other competent Authority may alter modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of Environment Protection.

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 period of lease of the mine, the PP does 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 and other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 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
Assessment Authority, Jharkhand.

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Dated : 08.11.2019

Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand.
2. Deputy Commissioner, District - Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Sahibganj Forest Division, Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
5. Director IA Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
6. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bunglow No. A-2, Shyamli Colony, Ranchi – 834002.
7. District Mining Officer, Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
8. Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi.
9. Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Expert Appraisal Committee, Ranchi.
10. Website.
11. Guard file.

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