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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
UTTAR PRADESH)



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To,

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Subject: Grant of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Mining Project under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006-regarding Silica Sand Mine” at Khasra/Gata no - part of 1436, part of 1433, part of 1437, part of 1438, part of 1439, part of 1440, part of 1441, part of 1391 (Khand No. 05) at Village - Pardawan, Tehsil- Mau, District- Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh of M/s Maa Kamakhya Minerals, (Leased Area 23.60 ha.)

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/UP/MIN/473751/2024 dated 21/05/2024 for grant of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC24B0108UP5387048N
(ii) File No.	9026-8438
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals Environment clearance of proposed “Silica Sand Mine” at Khasra/Gata no - part of 1436, part of 1433, part of 1437, part of 1438, part of 1439, part of 1440, part of 1441, part of 1391 (Khand No. 05) Area – 23.60 ha at Village - Pardawan, Tehsil- Mau, District- Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh of M/s Maa Kamakhya Minerals.
(vii) Name of Project	
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	CHITRAKOOT, UTTAR PRADESH
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(x) Applicability of General Conditions	No

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-2(Part A, B and C)/ EIA & EMP Reports were submitted to the SEAC for appraisal under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

4. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by SEAC in its meeting held on 17/12/2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed from the PARIVESH portal by scanning the QR Code above.

5. Details of the minerals to be mined along with production capacity and the brief on the salient features of the project as submitted by the project proponent in Form 1 (Part A and B) in the reports and as presented during SEAC meeting are annexed to this EC as Annexure (2).

6. The SEAC, in its meeting held on 17-12-2025 based on information submitted viz: Form 1 (Part A, B and C), EIA/EMP report etc & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on all technical aspects and public hearing issues and compliance thereto furnished by the Project Proponent, recommended the proposal for grant of Environment Clearance under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to stipulation of Specific and Standard EC conditions as given in Annexure (1).

7. The SEIAA in its meeting held on 19-01-2026 has examined the proposal in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the SEIAA hereby accords Environment Clearance for the instant BRAJENDRA CHAWLA under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of the Specific conditions as given in Annexure (1)

8. The SEIAA reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.

9. The Environmental Clearance to the aforementioned project is under provisions of EIA Notification, 2006. It does not tantamount to approvals/consent/permissions etc. required to be obtained under any other Act/Rule/regulation. The Project Proponent is under obligation to obtain approvals /clearances under any other Acts/ Regulations or Statutes, as applicable, to the project.

10. The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan, which forms part of this EC.

11. General Instructions:

a) The project proponent shall prominently advertise it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days indicating that the project has been accorded environment clearance and the details of SEIAA website where it is displayed.

b) The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn must display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.

c) The project proponent shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors (in case of Company) or competent authority, duly prescribing standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions.

d) Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the project proponent (during construction phase) and authorized entity mandated with compliance of conditions (during operational phase) shall be prepared. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Six monthly progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six-Monthly Compliance Report.

e) Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data may result in revocation of this environmental clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

f) The project proponent shall also ensure that the proposed site is not a part of any no-development zone as required/prescribed/identified under law. In case of violation, this permission shall automatically deem to

be cancelled. Also, in the event of any dispute on ownership or land use of the proposed site, this clearance shall automatically deem to be cancelled.

g) Any appeal against this EC 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.

h) The SEIAA reserves the right to revoke the environmental clearance, if conditions stipulated are not implemented to the satisfaction of SEIAA. SEIAA may impose additional environmental conditions or modify the existing ones, if necessary.

12. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)

1. Environmental Attributes

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1.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project proponent shall comply all orders/directions/guidelines/OM of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Hon'ble High Court, Govt. of India and Govt. of UP. The project proponent shall obtain all the necessary permissions/ approvals from the concerned Govt. Departments/ Authorities/Organizations. 2. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the LoI has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void. 3. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent on these should be strictly complied with. 4. Approved explosives and proper technique should only be used for blasting, to avoid loud sound and cracks in nearby buildings. 5. DSR formulation is done by a sub-committee formed at District level and representative of Forest Department is a member in this sub-committee, so it is expected that they examine the issue of distance of forest area from the mining lease as well as distance of protected area from the mining lease. Hence, a certificate signed by an officer not below the rank of ACF shall be submitted before signing lease deed that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route for mineral transportation and does not lie with-in any Protected area, National Park, Sanctuary and ESZ. If forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam,2023 and submit before the start of work. 6. The mining lease holders shall ensure to comply with mine reclamation plan as submitted. 7. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University. 8. Mine reclamation plan should be prepared for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat. 9. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate legally valid water sources and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it. 10. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. Also, the coordinates of area earmarked for plantation should be clearly spelt out. Survival of plants should be as per GoUP norms. 11. Plantation of saplings shall be carried out in earmarked area as part of tree plantation campaign "Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam" and the details of the same shall be uploaded in the Meri LiFE Portal (

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	<p>https://merilife.nic.in) as per OM no. F.No.IA3-22/3/2024-IA.III (E-241594) dated 24.07.2024.</p> <p>12. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.</p> <p>13. The project proponent shall ensure that water bodies do not get polluted due to mining activity. Water conservation, ground water recharging shall be undertaken as part of CER activities.</p> <p>14. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and/or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.</p> <p>15. The project proponent shall install rooftop solar plant in one school in the vicinity of project area and construct toilets especially in girls' school as part of CER activity.</p> <p>16. Since large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district, CAAQMS shall be installed in consultation with UPPCB.</p> <p>17. Project Proponent shall submit the Six-monthly Compliance on the Environment Clearance condition prescribed in the Prior Environment Clearance letter as per MoEF&CC OM F.no- IAS-22/01/2022-IA-III (E-172624) Dated 14-06-2022.</p> <p>18. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.</p> <p>19. In case of violation of any EC conditions, this EC is liable to be cancelled based on report/recommendation of DM/IRO/UPPCB.</p>
1.2	<p>1. The environmental clearance will be co-terminus with the validity of the lease period mentioned in the LoI or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan whichever is earlier, after this period the EC will automatically become null and void.</p> <p>2. The quantity mentioned in LoI or quantity mentioned in replenishment study, whichever is less, would be maximum quantity which project proponent may extract. It will be ensured by District Administration and Geology and Mining Department. Directorate of Geology and Mining will ensure conduct of replenishment study from reputed institution for subsequent years in compliance of Hon'ble NGT orders.</p> <p>3. NOC from Irrigation Department/ Concerning Authority regarding river bed mining to be obtained before start of mining activity.</p> <p>4. No mining activity should be carried out in-stream channel as per SSMMG, 2016.</p> <p>5. The mining work will be open-cast and manual/semi mechanized (subject to orders). Heavy machine such as excavator, scooper etc. should not be employed for mining purpose. No drilling/blasting should be involved at any stage.</p> <p>6. An Environmental Audit should be annually carried out during the operational phase and submitted to the SEIAA.</p> <p>7. Project Proponent should submit working plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or District plantation committee, for planting at least (as per the project) plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provisions for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.</p> <p>8. The project proponent shall install solar lights in their project area to minimise the consumption of electricity.</p> <p>9. During the submission of 6 monthly compliance reports, the project proponent should make sure that the periodically taken site photographs should also be annexed along with the compliance report.</p>

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	<p>10. Preference should be given to indigenous local species as per the consultation of the local district Forest Officer Expert Agency in this field</p> <p>11. Link Road from the quarry site to the main road shall be constructed as an all-weather road with blacktopping and maintained by the project proponent.</p> <p>12. Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Suitable measures shall be taken for proper maintenance of vehicles used in a quarry operation and transportation.</p> <p>13. The project proponent should explore the possibilities of rainwater harvesting in the premises of project area</p> <p>14. Agreement/ Consent between project proponent and competent authority/ landowner for haulage road from lease site to link road.</p> <p>15. Latest technology (water sprinklers/ tankers) to be adopted for mitigating dust at source points in lease area and haulage road during operational activity/vehicular movement.</p> <p>16. As per the proposed plan, plantation with area specific plant species, number of plants to be planted and report of green belt development to be submitted to the concerning department. Selection of plants for green belt should be on the basis of pollution removal index. Project proponent should ensure survival of tree saplings. Mortality should be replaced from time to time.</p> <p>17. Water requirement details along with source of water and the permission/ agreement with the concerning authority/ water supplying agencies to be submitted.</p> <p>18. Submit the Hydrological study report of lease area that the quantity given in LoI will be mined without affecting the geo-hydrology of the River.</p> <p>19. Environment management in according to environmental status and impact of the project.</p> <p>20. During the school opening and closing time transportation of minerals will be restricted.</p> <p>21. Pakkamotorable haul road to be maintained by the project proponent.</p> <p>22. A separate Environmental Management Cell with suitable qualified personnel shall be setup under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.</p> <p>23. The capacity of trucks/tractor for loading purpose will be in tonnes as per Transport Department applicable norms and standard fixed by the Government.</p> <p>24. Provision for two toilets and hand pumps should be made at mining site.</p> <p>25. Mining should be done by Bar scalping methods extraction (typically 0.3 -0.6 m or 1 - 2 ft) as per sustainable sand mining management guidelines 2016.</p> <p>26. If in future this lease area becomes part of cluster of equal to or more than 05 ha. then additional conditions based on the EIA shall be imposed. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow cluster conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate.</p> <p>27. In case it has been found that the E.C. obtained by providing incorrect information, submitting that the distance between the two adjoining mines is greater than 500mt. and area is less than 05 ha, but factually the distance is less than 500 mt and the mine is located in cluster of area equal or more than 05 ha, the E.C issued will stand revoked.</p> <p>28. The MoEF&CC/SEIAA or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.</p> <p>29. A width of not less than 50 meter or 10% width of river can be restricted for mining activities from river bank. A condition can be imposed that mining will be done from river activities from river bank.</p> <p>30. 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 11 of the National Environment Appellate Authority Act, 1997.</p>

Standard EC Conditions for (Mining of minerals)

1. Statutory Compliance

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1.1	This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/ judgment of Honble Supreme Court of India, Honble High Court, Honble NGT and any other Court of Law, Common Cause Conditions as may be applicable.
1.2	The Project Proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in MoEFCC's Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IA.II (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area."
1.3	The State Government concerned shall ensure that mining operation shall not be commenced till the entire compensation levied, if any, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology in strict compliance of Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors.
1.4	The Project Authorities should widely advertise about the grant of this EC letter by printing the same in at least two local newspapers, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the concerned area. The advertisement shall be done within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter mentioning that the instant project has been accorded EC and copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board/Committee and web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (www.parivesh.nic.in). A copy of the advertisement may be forwarded to the concerned MoEFCC Regional Office for compliance and record.
1.5	The Project Proponent shall inform the MoEF&CC for any change in ownership of the mining lease. In case there is any change in ownership or mining lease is transferred. PP needs to apply for transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.
1.6	A copy of EC letter will be marked to concerned Panchayat / local NGO etc. if any, from whom suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.
1.7	State Pollution Control Board/Committee shall be responsible for display of this EC letter at its Regional office, District Industries Centre and Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
1.8	The Project proponent complies with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors before commencing the mining operations.

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2.1	The Project Proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements for livestock feed by developing grazing land with a view to compensate those areas which are coming within the mine lease. The development of such grazing land shall be done in consultation with the State Government. In this regard, Project Proponent should essentially implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquisition of grazing land. The sparse trees on such grazing ground, which provide mid-day shelter from the scorching sun, should be scrupulously guarded/ protected against felling and plantation of such trees should be promoted.

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2.2	The Project Proponent shall carryout plantation/ afforestation in backfilled and reclaimed area of mining lease, around water body, along the roadsides, in community areas etc. by planting the native species in consultation with the State Forest Department/ Agriculture Department/ Rural development department/ Tribal Welfare Department/ Gram Panchayat such that only those species be selected which are of use to the local people. The CPCB guidelines in this respect shall also be adhered. The density of the trees should be around 2500 saplings per Hectare. Adequate budgetary provision shall be made for protection and care of trees.

3. Air Quality Monitoring And Preservation

S. No	EC Conditions
3.1	Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression (like regular water sprinkling, metalled road construction etc.) shall be carried out in areas prone to air pollution wherein high levels of PM10 and PM2.5 are evident such as haul road, loading and unloading point and transfer points. The Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be regularly controlled by installation of required equipments/ machineries and preventive maintenance. Use of suitable water-soluble chemical dust suppressing agents may be explored for better effectiveness of dust control system. It shall be ensured that air pollution level conform to the standards prescribed by the MoEFCC/ Central Pollution Control Board.
3.2	The Project Proponent shall install a minimum of 3 (three) online Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations with 1 (one) in upwind and 2 (two) in downwind direction based on long term climatological data about wind direction such that an angle of 120° is made between the monitoring locations to monitor critical parameters, relevant for mining operations, of air pollution viz. PM10, PM2.5, NO2, CO and SO2 etc. as per the methodology mentioned in NAAQS Notification No. B-29016/20/90/PCI/I, dated 18.11.2009 covering the aspects of transportation and use of heavy machinery in the impact zone. The ambient air quality shall also be monitored at prominent places like office building, canteen etc. as per the site condition to ascertain the exposure characteristics at specific places. The above data shall be digitally displayed within 03 months in front of the main Gate of the mine site.

4. Water Quality Monitoring And Preservation

S. No	EC Conditions
4.1	Project Proponent shall plan, develop and implement rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with Central Ground Water Board/ State Groundwater Department. A report on amount of water recharged needs to be submitted to Regional Office MoEFCC annually.
4.2	The water balance/water auditing shall be carried out and measure for reducing the consumption of water shall be taken up and reported to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC and State Pollution Control Board/Committee.
4.3	Quality of polluted water generated from mining operations which include Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) in mines run-off; acid mine drainage and metal contamination in runoff shall be monitored along with Total Suspended Solids (TDS), Dissolved Oxygen (DO), pH and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The monitored data shall be uploaded on the website of the company as

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	well as displayed at the project site in public domain, on a display board, at a suitable location near the main gate of the Company. The circular No. J- 20012/1/2006-IA.II (M) dated 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may also be referred in this regard.
4.4	The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of natural water course/ water resources/ springs and perennial nallahs existing/ flowing in and around the mine lease including upstream and downstream. Sufficient number of gullies shall be provided at appropriate places within the lease for management of water. The parameters to be monitored shall include their water quality vis-à-vis suitability for usage as per CPCB criteria and flow rate. It shall be ensured that no obstruction and/ or alteration be made to water bodies during mining operations without justification and prior approval of MoEFCC. The monitoring of water courses/ bodies existing in lease area shall be carried out four times in a year viz. pre- monsoon (April May), monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the record of monitored data may be sent regularly to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office, Central Ground Water Authority and Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board. Clearly showing the trend analysis on six-monthly basis.
4.5	In case, immediate mining scheme envisages intersection of ground water table, then Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal clearance from CGWA. In case, mining operation involves intersection of ground water table at a later stage, then PP shall ensure that prior approval from CGWA and MoEFCC is in place before such mining operations. The permission for intersection of ground water table shall essentially be based on detailed hydro-geological study of the area.
4.6	Project Proponent shall regularly monitor and maintain records w.r.t. ground water level and quality in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells as well as new piezo-meter installations during the mining operation in consultation with Central Ground Water Authority/ State Ground Water Department. The Report on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted on six-monthly basis to the Regional Office of the Ministry, CGWA and State Groundwater Department / State Pollution Control Board.
4.7	Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected and treated so as to conform to the notified standards prescribed from time to time. The standards shall be prescribed through Consent to Operate (CTO) issued by concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). The workshop effluent shall be treated after its initial passage through Oil and grease trap.

5. Noise And Vibration Monitoring And Prevention

S. No	EC Conditions
5.1	The Project Proponent shall take measures for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. The workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs /muffs. All personnel including laborers working in dusty areas shall be provided with protective respiratory devices along with adequate training, awareness and information on safety and health aspects. The PP shall be held responsible in case it has been found that workers/ personals/ laborers are working without personal protective equipment.
5.2	The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages

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	located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day /night hours.
5.3	The peak particle velocity at 500m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer shall be monitored periodically as per applicable DGMS guidelines.

6. Mining Plan

S. No	EC Conditions
6.1	The Project Proponent shall adhere to approved mining plan, inter alia, including, total excavation (quantum of mineral, waste, over burden, inter burden and top soil etc.); mining technology; lease area; scope of working (method of mining, overburden & dump management, O.B& dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining, concurrent reclamation and reclamation at mine closure; land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life; etc.).
6.2	The land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan. The excavation vis-à-vis backfilling in the mine lease area and corresponding afforestation to be raised in the reclaimed area shall be governed as per approved mining plan. PP shall ensure the monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. The compliance status shall be submitted half-yearly to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.

7. Land Reclamation

S. No	EC Conditions
7.1	Check dams of appropriate size, gradient and length shall be constructed around mine pit and OB dumps to prevent storm run-off and sediment flow into adjoining water bodies. A safety margin of 50% shall be kept for designing of sump structures over and above peak rainfall (based on 50 years data) and maximum discharge in the mine and its adjoining area which shall also help in providing adequate retention time period thereby allowing proper settling of sediments/ silt material. The sedimentation pits/ sumps shall be constructed at the corners of the garland drains.
7.2	Catch drains, settling tanks and siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, mineral yards and Top Soil/OB/Waste dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the water bodies (Nallah/ River/ Pond etc.). The collected water should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, plantation etc. The drains/ sedimentation sumps etc. shall be de-silted regularly, particularly after monsoon season, and maintained properly.
7.3	The Overburden (O.B.), waste and topsoil generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked OB dump site(s) only and it should not be kept active for a long period of time. The physical parameters of the OB / waste dumps / topsoil dump like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan and the guidelines/circulars issued by D.G.M.S. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation.

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7.4	The slope of dumps shall be vegetated in scientific manner with suitable native species to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion and surface run off. The selection of local species regulates local climatic parameters and help in adaptation of plant species to the microclimate. The gullies formed on slopes should be adequately taken care of as it impacts the overall stability of dumps. The dump mass should be consolidated with the help of dozer/ compactors thereby ensuring proper filling/ leveling of dump mass. In critical areas, use of geo textiles/ geo-membranes / clay liners / Bentonite etc. shall be undertaken for stabilization of the dump.

8. Transportation

S. No	EC Conditions
8.1	No Transportation of the minerals shall be allowed in case of roads passing through villages/ habitations. In such cases, PP shall construct a 'bypass' road for the purpose of transportation of the minerals leaving an adequate gap (say at least 200 meters) so that the adverse impact of sound and dust along with chances of accidents could be mitigated. All costs resulting from widening and strengthening of existing public road network shall be borne by the PP in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department. Transportation of minerals through road movement in case of existing village/ rural roads shall be allowed in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department only after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of roads is increased to handle the traffic load. The pollution due to transportation load on the environment will be effectively controlled and water sprinkling will also be done regularly. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Project should obtain Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate for all the vehicles from authorized pollution testing centers. [If applicable in case of road transport].
8.2	The Main haulage road within the mine lease should be provided with a permanent water sprinkling arrangement for dust suppression. Other roads within the mine lease should be wetted regularly with tanker-mounted water sprinkling system. The other areas of dust generation like crushing zone, material transfer points, material yards etc. should invariably be provided with dust suppression arrangements. The air pollution control equipments like bag filters, vacuum suction hoods, dry fogging system etc. shall be installed at Crushers, belt-conveyors and other areas prone to air pollution. The belt conveyor should be fully covered to avoid generation of dust while transportation. PP shall take necessary measures to avoid generation of fugitive dust emissions.

9. Green Belt

S. No	EC Conditions
9.1	The Project Proponent shall develop greenbelt in 7.5m wide safety zone all along the mine lease boundary as per the guidelines of CPCB in order to arrest pollution emanating from mining operations within the lease. The whole Green belt shall be developed within first 5 years starting from windward side of the active mining area. The development of greenbelt shall be governed as per the EC granted by the Ministry irrespective of the stipulation made in approved mine plan.

10. Public Hearing And Human Health Issues

S. No	EC Conditions
10.1	Project Proponent shall make provision for the housing for workers/labors or shall construct labor

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	camps within/outside (company owned land) with necessary basic infrastructure/ facilities like fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche for kids etc. The housing may be provided in the form of temporary structures which can be removed after the completion of the project related infrastructure. The domestic waste water should be treated with STP in order to avoid contamination of underground water.

11. Corporate Environment Responsibility (Cer)

S. No	EC Conditions
11.1	The Project Proponent shall submit the time- bound action plan to the concerned regional office of the Ministry within 6 months from the date of issuance of environmental clearance for undertaking the activities committed during public consultation by the project proponent and as discussed by the EAC, in terms of the provisions of the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30 September, 2020. The action plan shall be implemented within three years of commencement of the project.

12. Miscellaneous

S. No	EC Conditions
12.1	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.
12.2	The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
12.3	The Project Proponent shall submit six monthly compliance reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the MOEFCC & its concerned Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board.
12.4	The Project Authorities should inform to the Regional Office regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
12.5	The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 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 and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
12.6	In pursuant to Ministrys O.M No 22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16.01.2020 to comply with the direction made by Honble Supreme Court on 8.01.2020 in W.P. (Civil) No 114/2014 in the matter Common Cause vs Union of India, the mining lease holder shall after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to other mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
12.7	The Project Proponent shall prepare digital map (land use & land cover) of the entire lease area

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	once in five years purpose of monitoring land use pattern and submit a report to concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC.
12.8	A separate 'Environmental Management Cell' with suitable qualified manpower should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive. The Senior Executive shall directly report to Head of the Organization. Adequate number of qualified Environmental Scientists and Mining Engineers shall be appointed and submit a report to RO, MoEF&CC.
12.9	The concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC shall randomly monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEF&CC officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
12.10	Concealing factual data failure to comply with any or submission of false/ fabricated data and of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.



A presentation was made by the project proponent along with their consultant M/s Paramarsh Servicing Environment and development to SEAC on 17-12-2025.

Project Details Informed by the Project Proponent and their Consultant

The project proponent, through the documents and presentation gave following details about their project –

1. The environmental clearance is sought for “Silica Sand Mine” at Khasra/Gata no - part of 1436, part of 1433, part of 1437, part of 1438, part of 1439, part of 1440, part of 1441, part of 1391 (Khand No. 05) at Village - Pardawan, Tehsil- Mau, District- Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh of M/s Maa Kamakhya Minerals, (Leased Area 23.60 ha.)
2. The Terms of Reference in the matter were issued by SEIAA, U.P vide Letter No. 396/Parya/SEIAA/8438/2023 dated 23/01/2024.
3. The Public Hearing was organized on 12/04/2024 at Tehsil- Mau (Sabhagaar), District- Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh. Final EIA report submitted by the project proponent on 21/05/2024.
4. Salient features of the project as submitted by the project proponent:

1.	On-line proposal No.	New Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/473751/2024 Old Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/451204/2023						
2.	File No. allotted by SEIAA, UP	9026/8438						
3.	Date of Letter of Intent (LoI) issued by DGM	28-03-2023						
4.	Date of approval of Mining Plan	01-11-2023						
5.	Name of Proponent	M/s Maa Kamakhya Minerals Shri Brijendra Kumar Chawla (Partner)						
6.	Full correspondence address of proponent and mobile no.	R/o-D-377, Lohia Marg, Civil Lines, Tehsil-Sadar, District-Prayagraj, U.P. 211001 Mobile no. – E mail ID - silicachitrakoot@gmail.com						
7.	Name of Project	Environment clearance of proposed “Silica Sand Mine” at Khasra/Gata no - part of 1436, part of 1433, part of 1437, part of 1438, part of 1439, part of 1440, part of 1441, part of 1391 (Khand No. 05) Area – 23.60 ha at Village - Pardawan, Tehsil- Mau, District- Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh of M/s Maa Kamakhya Minerals.						
8.	Project Location (Plot. Khasra/Gata No.)	Khasra/Gata no - part of 1436, part of 1433, part of 1437, part of 1438, part of 1439, part of 1440, part of 1441, part of 1391 (Khand No. 05)						
9.	Name of Village	Village – Pardawan						
10.	Tehsil	Mau						
11.	District	Chitrakoot						
12.	Name of Minor Mineral	Silica Sand Mine						
13.	Sanctioned Lease Area (in Ha.)	23.60 ha						
14.	Max. & Min mRL within lease area	Highest mRL-174.50 mRL Lowest mRL-160.0 mRL						
15.	Pillar Coordinates (Verified by DMO)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Point</th> <th>Latitude</th> <th>Longitude</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>25° 14.235'N</td> <td>81° 33.475'E</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Point	Latitude	Longitude	A	25° 14.235'N	81° 33.475'E
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		C	25° 14.550'N	81° 33.560'E
		D	25° 14.273'N	81° 33.210'E
		E	25° 14.198'N	81° 33.360'E
		F	25° 14.253'N	81° 33.393'E
16.	Total Geological Reserves	22,38,390 m ³		
17.	Total Mineable Reserve	16,14,672 m ³		
18.	Total Proposed Production (in Five Year)	5,90,000 m ³ (5 years)		
19.	Proposed Production /year (as per Lol)	1,18,000 m ³ per annum		
20.	Sanctioned Period of Mine lease	Lease Period – 30 years Mine plan Period – 5 Years		
21.	No. of worker	112		
22.	Type of Land	Govt./Non Forest Land		
23.	Depth of Mining	12.0 m		
24.	Nearest metalled road from site	0.30 km		
25.	Water Requirement	PURPOSE		
		Drinking	- 1.12 KLD	
		Suppression of dust	- 3.60 KLD	
		Plantation	- 12.0 KLD	
		Others (if any)	- 0.00 KLD	
		Total	- 16.50 KLD	
26.	Name of QCI Accredited Consultant with QCI No and period of validity.	Paramarsh Servicing Environment and development NABET/EIA/24-27/ RA 0372, Valid till –30/11/2027		
27.	Any litigation pending against the project or land in any court	No		
28.	Details of 500 m Cluster Certificate verified by Mining Officer	Letter No- 2017/Khanij/2023-24 Dated: 27/07/2023		
29.	Details (Page no.) of mining lease area, Geo-coordinates & Mineable quantity mentioned in approved DSR	Page No. 40, Serial no. 04, in Village-Pardawan		
30.	Proposed EMP cost	Proposed EMP cost- 22.16 Lacs Project Cost -1.50 Crore Proposed Extended EMP (CER) cost- 3.00 Lacs		
31.	Length and breadth of Haul Road	Length – 0.30 km, Breadth – 6.00 m		
32.	No. of Trees to be Planted	24,000 (Proposed)		
33.	Monitoring Period	Post -Monsoon Seasons (October 2023 to December 2023)		

5. Action Plan as per Ministry's O.M. dated 30/09/2020:

S. N.	CER Activity	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
1	Skill Development (Carpentry, Welding, Masonry works, plumbing, Tailoring etc.) for the local comm-unity will be conducted.	Rs.25,000				Rs.25,000
2	1 Water cooler in			Rs.1,00,000		

	primary/secondary school of village Pardawan).					
3	Renovation of primary school of village – Pardawan.		50,000			
4	Health check-up camp in pardawan village	20,000		20,000		20,000
5	Renovation of primary school of Pardawan.				50,000	

6. The mining would be restricted to unsaturated zone only above the phreatic water table and will not intersect the ground water table at any point of time.
7. This project does not attract any of the general conditions applicable on mining projects specified in EIA Notification 14/09/2006.
8. The mining operation will not be carried out in safety zone of any bridge or embankment or in eco-fragile zone such as habitat of any wild fauna.
9. There is no litigation pending in any court regarding this project.
10. The project proposal falls under category–1(a) of EIA Notification, 2006 (as amended).

Copy, through email, for information and necessary action to –

1. **Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow (email – psforest2015@gmail.com)**
2. **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 3rd Floor, Prithvi-Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003 (email – sudheer.ch@gov.in)**
3. **Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kendriya Bhawan, 5th Floor, Sector “H”, Aliganj, Lucknow – 226020 (email – rocz.lko-mef@nic.in)**
4. **District Magistrate, Chitrakoot.**
5. **Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, TC-12V, Paryavaran Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 (email – ms@uppcb.in)**
6. **Copy for Guard File.**

**(Manish Mittal (IFS))
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