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



Dated 10/09/2025



To,

Mr. Gaurav Bandhi
M/s Bhadha Dolomite (Beneficiable Grade) Quarry
Village - Bhadha, Tehsil - Masturi, District - Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
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Subject: Grant of Terms of Reference with Public Hearing for mining of Dolomite (Beneficiable Grade) (Minor Minerals) - 15,001.99 TPA, Kharsa No. 40, area 3.80 Ha. At Village - Bhadha, Tehsil - Masturi, District - Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Grant of Terms of Reference under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding in respect of project BHADHA DOLOMITE (BENEFICIABLE GRADE) QUARRY, AREA - 3.80 HA., LESSEE- SHRI GAURAV BANDHI submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/CG/MIN/447236/2023 dated 14/12/2024.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) TOR Identification No.	TO23B0108CG5470675N
(ii) File No.	OL/EC/MIN/BILASPUR/4088(2690)
(iii) Clearance Type	TOR
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals BHADHA DOLOMITE (BENEFICIABLE GRADE) QUARRY, AREA - 3.80 HA., LESSEE- SHRI GAURAV BANDHI
(vii) Name of Project	GAURAV BANDHI
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	SEIAA
(x) Issuing Authority	no
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	no
(xii) Applicability of Specific Conditions	no

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1 (Part A and B) were submitted to the Ministry for an appraisal by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in the Ministry under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
4. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in the meeting held on 22/07/2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.
5. The brief about configuration of plant/equipment, products and byproducts and salient features of the project along with environment settings, as submitted by the Project proponent in Form-1 presented are annexed to this EC as Annexure (1).
6. The SEAC, in its meeting held on 12/03/2025, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of Terms of Reference under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to stipulation of specific and general conditions as detailed in Annexure (2).
7. The SEIAA has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and after accepting the recommendations of the SEAC and hereby decided to grant Terms of Reference for instant proposal under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.
8. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.
9. The Terms of Reference 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. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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S.No.	Address
1	Director, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 100003
2	Integrated Regional Office RAIPUR, MoEF&CC , Govt. of India , Ground Floor, Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector- 19,Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh – 492002
3	Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Chhattisgarh, Indravati Bhavan, Block-4, Second Floor, Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh India
4	Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Paryavas Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District-Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
5	Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Board, West Block-2, Wing-3, Ground Floor, Sector-1, R.K.Puram, New Delhi - 110066
6	Collector, Office of the Collector, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur(C.G.) for information and necessary action.
7	Regional Officer, Regional Office, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Bilaspur for information and necessary action.

Annexure 1

Standard Terms of Reference for (Mining of minerals)

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1.1	Additional Terms of References: 1. Project proponent shall submit the Individual Environment Management Plan and Common Environment Management Plan. 2. The project proponent shall obtain and submit a certificate from the Mining Department whether the excavation has been carried out by the project proponent outside the mining lease area or not. 3. Project proponent shall submit the lease deed of the firm. 4. Project Proponent shall submit an undertaking that the top soil & over burden would be stacked at the earmarked place and shall use the same in plantation and backfilling of the mined out area. 5. The PP shall install the measuring instrument for consumption of water and maintain logbook for it. 6. The PP shall complete the Chain Link fencing & Green Belt all around the applied lease area, Construction of Boundary Pillars and submit the Geo tag Photograph of it. 7. Project proponent shall submit the details of monitoring equipments along with its specification. 8. Project proponent shall monitor as per the Methodology issued by MoEF&CC. 9. Project proponent shall submit Information about plantation including numbering and Geotag photographs mentioning their name and species in the plants to be planted. 10. Project proponent shall submit the information regarding the quantity of top soil and fly ash in the backfill after certified by the Mining Department. 11. Project Proponent should be submitted an affidavit regarding the submission of information about the works scheduled under Geotag along with photographs in the half-yearly report. 12. Project proponent shall submit an affidavit for commitment of assurance to the public (Objections/suggestions raised by public) during Public Hearing. 13. Project proponent shall ensure that mining lease area to be demarcated by erection of boundary pillars at all corner and area to be fenced with Chain Link. 14. EIA study shall be done at minimum 08 no. of stations for data collection considering the pre-dominant wind direction. 15. Project proponent shall submit the copy of panchnama and photographs of every monitoring station. 16. Project proponent shall submit a Cumulative Environment Impact Assessment Study (Air, Water, Noise, Soil, Traffic etc) of the mines located in the nearby area and Ecology of the buffer zone of study area and shall incorporate the same in the EIA report. 17. Project proponent shall submit an affidavit stating that no harm, no damage and no contamination shall be committed to nearby water bodies. Nearby water tanks, rivers & nalla shall be protected. 18. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking that there is no court case pending relating to this project before any Court of Law in India. 19. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking in the form of an affidavit stating that

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	there is no violation of Notification S.O. 804(E) dated 14/03/2017 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and the direction given by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Common Cause vs Union of India order dated 02.08.2017. 20. Project proponent shall submit the DPR (Detailed Project Report) and undertake plantation & incorporate in the EIA report. 21. Project proponent shall submit layout map earmarking 7.5 meter of mine lease periphery & previously mined out area in safety zone, calculation of mined out area submit DPR of restoration plan and do remedial measures for development of greenbelt in 7.5 meter wide all along the mine lease boundary as per the guidelines of CPCB in order to arrest pollution emanating from mining operations within the lease. Project proponent shall incorporate the remedial measures for mining activity carried out in the past in safety zone. 22. Project proponent shall submit the DPR (Detailed Project Report) & complete the restoration of 7.5 meter width of mine lease periphery & do plantation during the current year incorporating the plant cost, fertilizer cost, irrigation cost, maintenance cost for atleast 5 years and the details alongwith photographs in the EIA report. 23. Project proponent shall submit the DPR (Detailed Project Report) of 5 years & undertake plantation (as far as possible tree species) within the mining lease area as per guidelines issued from time to time and particularly in the 7.5 meter safety zone area of minimum 05 feet height healthy plants and shall maintain minimum 90% survival rate. The plantation shall be maintained by project proponent for atleast 5 years. Project proponent shall submit half yearly reports regarding compliance to the Authority. The details to be submitted alongwith Geotag photographs in the EIA report. 24. Project proponent shall submit DPR (Detailed Project Report) of CER proposals with details of works along with their estimates including land cost and incorporating the plant cost, fertilizer cost, irrigation cost and maintenance cost for atleast 5 years & incorporate in the EIA report. 25. Project proponent shall obtain the permission from DGMS (Explosive License Holder) for controlled blasting & incorporate the permission in the EIA report. Standard Term of References: 1. An EIA-EMP Report shall be prepared for peak capacity (15000 TPA) operation in an ML/project area of 3.8 Ha. based on the generic structure specified in Appendix III of the EIA Notification, 2006. 2. An EIA-EMP Report would be prepared for peak capacity operation to cover the impacts and environment management plan for the project specific activities on the environment of the region, and the environmental quality encompassing air, water, land, biotic community, etc. through collection of data and information, generation of data on impacts including prediction modeling for 15000 TPA of production based on approved Mining Plan. Baseline data collection can be for any season (three months) except monsoon. 3. Proper KML file with pin drop and coordinate of mine at 500-1000 m interval be provided. 4. A Study area map of the core zone (project area) and 10 km area of the buffer zone (1: 50,000 scale) clearly delineating the major topographical features such as the land use, surface drainage pattern including rivers/ streams/ nallas/ canals, locations of human habitations and other polluting sources. In case of ecologically sensitive areas such as

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	Biosphere Reserves/National Parks/WL Sanctuaries/ Elephant Reserves, forests (Reserved/ Protected), migratory corridors of fauna, and areas where endangered fauna and plants of medicinal and economic importance found in the 10 km study area should be given. The above details to be furnished in tabular form also. 5. Map showing the core zone delineating the agricultural land (irrigated and un-irrigated, uncultivable land as defined in the revenue records, forest areas (as per records), along with other physical features such as water bodies, etc should be furnished. 6. A contour map showing the area drainage of the core zone and 10 km of the study area (where the water courses of the core zone ultimately join the major rivers/streams outside the lease/project area) should also be clearly indicated in the separate map. 7. Catchment area with its drainage map of 10 km area within and outside the mine shall be provided with names, details of rivers/ riverlet system and its respective order. The map should clearly indicate drainage pattern of the catchment area with basin of major rivers. Diversion of drains/ river needs elaboration in form of length, quantity and quality of water to be diverted. 8. Details of mineral reserves, geological status of the study area and the seams to be worked, ultimate working depth and progressive stage-wise working scheme until the end of mine life should be provided on the basis of the approved rated capacity and calendar plans of production from the approved Mining Plan. Geological maps and sections should be included. The Progressive mine development and Conceptual Final Mine Closure Plan should also be shown in figures. Details of mine plan and mine closure plan approval of Competent Authority should be furnished for green field and expansion projects. 9. Details of mining methods, technology, equipment to be used, etc., rationale for selection of specified technology and equipment proposed to be used vis-à-vis the potential impacts should be provided. 10. Impact of mining on hydrology, modification of natural drainage, diversion and channeling of the existing rivers/water courses flowing through the ML and adjoining the lease/project and the impact on the existing users and impacts of mining operations thereon. 11. A detailed Site plan of the mine showing the proposed break-up of the land for mining operations such as the quarry area, OB dumps, green belt, safety zone, undisturbed area -if any, and landscape features such as existing roads, drains/natural water bodies to be left undisturbed along with any natural drainage adjoining the lease/project areas, and modification of thereof in terms of construction of embankments/bunds, proposed diversion/ rechanneling of the water courses, etc., approach roads, major haul roads, etc should be indicated. 12. Study on the existing flora and fauna in the study area (10km) should be carried out by an institution of relevant discipline. The list of flora and fauna duly authenticated separately for the core and study area and a statement clearly specifying whether the study area forms a part of the migratory corridor of any endangered fauna should be given. If the study area has endangered flora and fauna, or if the area is occasionally visited or used as a habitat by Schedule-I species, or if the project falls within 10 km of an ecologically sensitive area, or used as a migratory corridor then a Comprehensive Conservation Plan along with the appropriate budgetary provision should be prepared and submitted with EIA-EMP Report; and comments/observation from the CWLW of the State Govt. should also be obtained and furnished.

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	13. One-season (other than monsoon) primary baseline data on environmental quality - air (PM10, PM2.5, SO_x, NO_x and heavy metals such as Hg, Pb, Cr, As, etc), noise, water (surface and groundwater), soil - along with one-season met data coinciding with the same season for AAQ collection period should be provided. The detail of NABL/ MoEF&CC certification of the respective laboratory and NABET accreditation of the consultant to be provided. 14. Map (1: 50, 000 scale) of the study area (core and buffer zone) showing the location of various sampling stations superimposed with location of habitats, other industries/mines, polluting sources, should be provided. The number and location of the sampling stations in both core and buffer zones should be selected on the basis of size of lease/project area, the proposed impacts in the downwind (air)/downstream (surface water)/groundwater regime (based on flow). One station should be in the upwind/upstream/non-impact/non-polluting area as a control station. The monitoring should be as per CPCB guidelines and parameters for water testing for both ground water and surface water as per ISI standards and CPCB classification wherever applicable. Observed values should be provided along with the specified standards. 15. For proper baseline air quality assessment, Wind rose pattern in the area should be reviewed and accordingly location of AAMSQ shall be planned by the collection of air quality data by adequate monitoring stations in the downwind areas. Monitoring location for collecting baseline data should cover overall the 10 km buffer zone i.e. dispersed in 10 km buffer area. In case of expansion, the displayed data of CAAQMS and its comparison with the monitoring data to be provided. 16. A detailed traffic study along with presence of habitation in 100 mts distance from both side of road, the impact on the air quality with its proper measures and plan of action with timeline for widening of road. The project will increase the no. of vehicle along the road which will indirectly contribute to carbon emission so what will be the compensatory action plan should be clearly spell out in EIA/ EMP report. 17. The socio-economic study to conducted with actual survey report and a comparative assessment to be provided from the census data should be provided in EIA/ EMP report also occupational status & economic status of the study area and what economically project will contribute should be clearly mention. 18. The Ecology and biodiversity study should also indicate the likely impact of change in forest area for surface infrastructural development or mining activity in relation to the climate change of that area and what will be the compensatory measure to be adopted by PP to minimize the impact of forest diversion. 19. Baseline data on the health of the population in the impact zone and measures for occupational health and safety of the personnel and manpower for the mine should be submitted. 20. Impact of proposed project/activity on hydrological regime of the area shall be assessed and report be submitted. 21. Impact of mining and water abstraction from the mine on the hydrogeology and groundwater regime within the core zone and 10 km buffer zone including long-term monitoring measures should be provided. Details of rainwater harvesting and measures for recharge of groundwater should be reflected in case there is a declining trend of groundwater availability and/or if the area falls within dark/grey zone.

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	22. Study on land subsidence including modeling for prediction, mitigation/prevention of subsidence, continuous monitoring measures, and safety issues should be carried out. 23. PP shall submit design details of all Air Pollution control equipment (APCEs) to be implemented as part of Environment Management Plan vis-à-vis reduction in concentration of emission for each APCEs 24. Site specific Impact assessment with its mitigation measures, Risk Assessment and Disaster Preparedness and Management Plan should be provided. 25. Impact of choice of mining method, technology, selected use of machinery and impact on air quality, mineral transportation, etc, Impact of blasting, noise and vibrations should be provided. 26. Impacts of mineral transportation within the mining area and outside the lease/ project along with flow-chart indicating the specific areas generating fugitive emissions should be provided. Impacts of transportation, handling, transfer of mineral and waste on air quality etc, management plan for maintenance of HEMM and other machinery/equipment should be given. Details of various facilities such as rest areas for workers should also be provided. 27. The number and efficiency of mobile/static water sprinkling system along the main mineral transportation road inside the mine, approach roads to the mine and also the frequency of their use in impacting air quality should be provided. 28. Conceptual Final Mine Closure Plan and post mining land use and restoration of land/habitat to the pre- mining status should be provided. A Plan for the ecological restoration of the mined out area and post mining land use should be prepared with detailed cost provisions. Impact and management of wastes and issues of re-handling (wherever applicable) and backfilling and progressive mine closure and reclamation should be furnished. 29. Cost of EMP (capital and recurring) should be included in the project cost and for progressive and final mine closure plan. 30. Corporate Environment Responsibility: 31. a) The Company must have a well laid down Environment Policy approved by the Board of Directors. 32. b) Environment Management Cell and its responsibilities to be clearly spell out in EIA/ EMP report 33. Status of any litigations/ court cases filed/pending on the project should be provided. 34. PP shall submit clarification from PCCF that mine does not falls under corridors of any National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary with certified map showing distance of nearest sanctuary. 35. In case of expansion of the proposal, the status of the work done as per mining plan and approved mine closure plan shall be detailed in EIA/ EMP report 36. Details on Public Hearing should cover the information relating to notices issued in the newspaper, proceedings/minutes of Public Hearing, the points raised by the general public and commitments made by the proponent and the time bound action proposed with budgets in suitable time frame. These details should be presented in a tabular form. If the Public Hearing is in the regional language, an authenticated English Translation of the same should be provided.

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	37. PP shall carry out survey through drone highlighting the ground reality for atleast 10 minutes 38. Detailed Chronology of the project starting from the first lease deed allotted/Block allotment/ Land acquired to its No. of renewals, CTO /CTE with details of no. renewals, previous EC(s) granted details and its compliance details, NOC details from various Govt. bodies like Forest NOC(s), CGWA permissions, Power permissions, etc as per the requisites respectively to be furnished in tabular form. 39. The first page of the EIA/ EMP report must mention the peak capacity production, area, detail of PP, Consultant (NABET accreditation) and Laboratory (NABL / MoEF & CC certification) 40. The compliances of ToR must be properly cited with respective chapter section and page no in tabular form and also mention sequence of the respective ToR complied within the EIA-EMP report in all the chapter's section.

Additional Terms of Reference

N/A

Annexure 2

Details of Products & By-products

Name of the product /By-product	Product / By-product	Quantity	Unit	Mode of Transport / Transmission	Remarks (eg. CAS number)
DOLOMITE (BENEFICIABLE GRADE)	DOLOMITE (BENEFICIABLE GRADE)	15001.99	Tons per Annum (TPA)	Road	NA

M/s Bhadha Dolomite (Beneficiable Grade) Quarry
(Partner - Mr. Gaurav Bandhi),
Village - Bhadha, Tehsil - Masturi,
District - Bilaspur
(File No. – 4088/2690)

Subject	Details related to the applied case	
Online Application	ToR Proposal no. - 447236 Applied Date – 14/12/2024	
Nature of Project	Existing (Reappraisal)	
Type of Mine	Dolomite (Beneficiable Grade) (Minor Minerals)	
Applied Area (Ha.) & Capacity	3.80 Ha. & 15,001.99 TPA	
Khasra no.	40	
Land	Private	
	Applied land is in the name of Mr. Gaurav bandhi Consent of land owner - Submitted	
Details of Meeting	Intimation Email for Presentation Date : 10/03/2025 594th Meeting of SEAC-1 Dated 12/03/2025	
Representatives present for presentation	Mr. Gaurav Bandhi, Partner	
Details of Old EC	Name- Mr. Gaurav Bandhi Type of Mine – Dolomite (Beneficiable Grade) (Minor Minerals) Khasra number – 40 Area – 3.800 Ha. Capacity – 15,001.99 TPA Date – 15/10/2018 Validity period – Up to lease period (07/03/2049) Issued by DEIAA District – Bilaspur	
Compliance Report of Old EC	Submitted : Yes	
Past Production certified by the Mineral Department (Year wise)	Dated : 21.02.2024	
	Year	Actual Production (In Tonnes)
	2019-20	Nil
	2020-21	3305

	2021-22	14630
	2022-23	8215
	2023-24 (till Sep 2023)	3960
Gram Panchayat NOC	Village - Railaha Date: 04.04.2015	
Approved Mining Plan	Date : 28/03/2023	
500 meter	Date : 05/01/2024 No. of other mines – 01, Area – 4.00 Ha. Total No. of mines in cluster – 02, Area – 7.80 Ha.	
200 meter	Date : 05/01/2024 Restricted Area – No	
Lease deed	Name of Lease holder - Mr. Gaurav Bandhi Date - 08/03/2019 to 07/03/2049 Validity Period – 30 Years	
Forest Department NOC	Date : 12/03/2024 Issued by Divisional Forest Officer Bilaspur, Forest Division - Bilaspur (C.G.) Distance from Nearest Forest – 10.20 km Tiger reserve Eco-sensitive zone - 73.67 km National park / wildlife sanctuary / Bio diversity zone – more than 10 km	
Nearest Habitation/Structure	Village- Bhadha 350 meter School - Bhadha 550 meter Hospital – Masturi 19.5 km National Highway – 14.9 km State Highway – 20.3 km Nalla - 500 meter River – 6.75 km Pond – 500 meter Canal - 300 meter	
Ecology/Biodiversity Area	No Inter-state border, national park, sanctuary, critically polluted area declared by the Central Pollution Control Board, ecologically sensitive area or declared biodiversity area located within its 5 km perimeter.	
Mining Details	Mining Method - Opencast Mechanized Drilling and Blasting – Yes According to mining Plan Reserves Geological Reserves – 17,40,298 Tonne Minal Reserves – 10,04,621.25 Tonne Recoverable Reserves – 9,80,568 Tonne Balance Reserves Geological Reserves – 17,36,338 Tonne Minal Reserves – 10,00,661 Tonne Recoverable Reserves – 9,84,528 Tonne Proposed Depth – 20 Meter	

	Bench Height – 3 Meter Bench width - 3 Meter Life of Mine – 65.63 Years Crusher – Not Proposed Year Wise Proposed Production Detail – 1st Year – 15,000 Tonne 2nd Year – 15000 Tonne 3rd Year – 15000 Tonne 4th Year – 15000 Tonne 5th Year – 14,999 Tonne 6th Year – 15,000 Tonne 7th Year – 15,000 Tonne 8th Year – 15,000 Tonne
Restricted Area for Mine (Mine Safety Area)	Area of 7.5 m wide safety zone - 5,938 Sqm Excavated – No
Non mining zone	Yes, For Stone Storage Area - 3,002 Sqm
Top Soil / Over Burden Management Plan	Top Soil Depth – 0.75 Meter Quantity – 14,110 Cum Over burden Depth – 0.75 meter Quantity – 28,220 cum Management detail - 2443 cum Top soil will be stacked over mine safety zone and plantation will be done. Rest 11667 cum Top soil will be preserved over unused part of lease area. Overburden will be used for development and maintenance of ramp of mine, haul road and development of bund around lease area.
Water Requirement	Quantity - 7 KLD Source - Bore well & mine pit NOC from the concerned Department / Branch - CGWA
Plantation Work	Plantation of trees around 7.5 meters of lease area - Proposed Plantation – 1386 Nos.
Category	B1 The total area including the applied mine is 7.80 Ha.
Total Project Cost	Rs. 40.50 Lakh
Intimation Letter for Data Collection	Mines of Mr. Gaurav Bandhi is also located in the 500 meter cluster area of the mine applied for by me. Baseline data has been collected by all the leaseholders present in the cluster area by giving information to your office through Gaurav Bandhi. The work of base line data collection has been started from 10 Dec 2024. Therefore, on the basis of the data collected as above, joint EIA was conducted for my case along with other applicants present in the cluster. It will be prepared and submitted for public hearing. Please accept the above fact and issue appropriate guidelines in the Terms of Reference. Intimation Letter to SEAC for Base Line Data Collection submitted on – dated 13.12.2024