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File No: OL/EC/STONE/JANJGIR_CHAMPA(SAKTI)/2951

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
CHHATTISGARH)



Dated 19/12/2024



To,

LOKESH CHANDRA
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Subject: Grant of EC under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Grant of EC under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding in respect of projector mining of Lime Stone (Minor Minerals) capacity - 17,212.5 Tons (6,885 cum) per year, Khasra no. 164 (part), M/s Nagjhar Limestone Mine (Proprietor - Lokesh Chandra), Village - Nagjhar, Tehsil - Malkharoda, District - Janjgir-Champa submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/CG/MIN/455377/2023 dated 09/03/2024.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC23C0108CG5401632N
(ii) File No.	OL/EC/STONE/JANJGIR_CHAMPA(SAKTI)/2951
(iii) Clearance Type	EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Lokesh Chandra
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	LOKESH CHANDRA
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	JANJGIR-CHAMPA, CHHATTISGARH
(x) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(xii) Applicability of General Conditions	no
(xiii) Applicability of Specific Conditions	yes

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 Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA) Appraisal

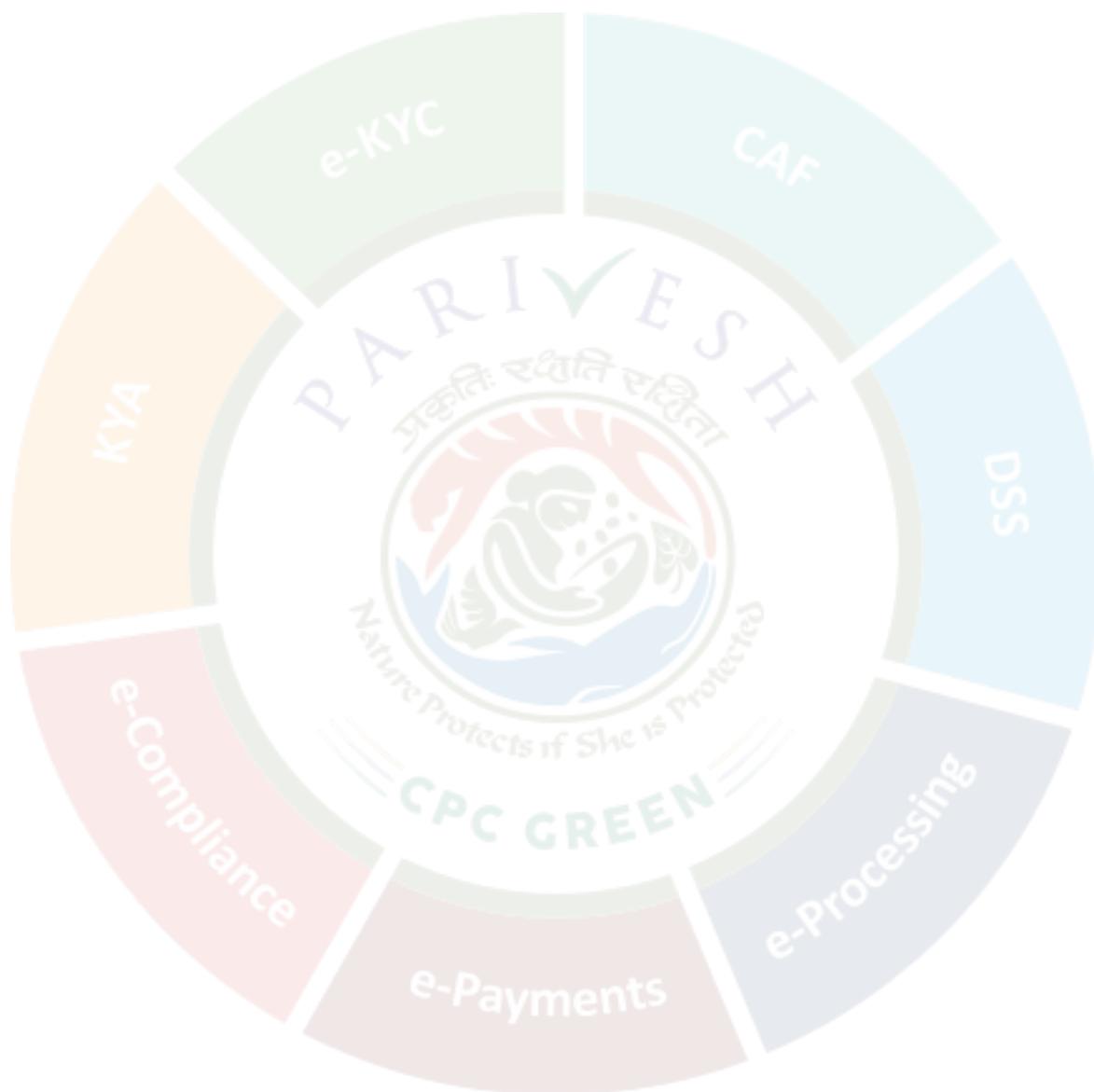
Committee (SEIAA) in the Ministry under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

4. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA) Appraisal Committee of SEIAA in the meeting held on 23/09/2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-1 Part A, Part B, Part C EIA, EMP)] 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 (Part A, B and C)/EIA & EMP Reports/presented during SEIAA are annexed to this EC as Annexure (1).
6. The SEIAA, in its meeting held on 23/09/2024, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of EC 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 State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA) Appraisal Committee hereby decided to grant EC for instant proposal of M/s. LOKESH CHANDRA 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 EC 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. **Asper the recommendation of 531st minutes of meeting of SEAC, Chhattisgarh held on 28/05/2024. all conditions laid down by SEAC during their deliberations and in their final recommendation and 179th minutes of meeting of SEIAA, Chhattisgarh held on 28/05/2024. Environmental Clearance letter is issue if there is no violation found as per the old mining plan and all conditions laid down by SEAC during their deliberations and in their final recommendation are to be strictly followed in letter and spirit by all concerned.**
11. **Further, it has been observed that sometimes the placement of text/content is changed in the PARIVESH-generated minutes. Considering this limitation of PARIVESH, it may be noted that in case any discrepancy occurs due to displacement of text/content in the minutes, the pdf copy enclosed at the end of portal-generated minutes shall be considered as the final one and be referred to as the Minutes of the Meeting. Typo errors, if any, noticed during the processing of these cases may be corrected appropriately in the light of relevant facts and figures.**
12. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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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 Protection 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, JANJGIR-CHAMPA, District-JANJGIR-CHAMPA(C.G.) for information and necessary action.
7	Forwarded to Regional Officer, Regional Office, Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board, Bilaspur for information and necessary action.



Additional Conditions

1. No excavation work will be done in the future around the mine area (area restricted for excavation).
2. Top soil will be kept in the restricted area for excavation of the lease area and PP shall ensure to conserve the top soil for reclamation of mine and for plantation.
3. Dense plantation of trees around the 7.5 meter mine lease area (area restricted for excavation) and ensuring a 90 percent survival rate of the planted plants.
4. Regular water sprinkling arrangements in the mine lease area and also in haul road to control the fugitive dust emissions.
5. Employment provided to the local people under the Chhattisgarh Model Rehabilitation Policy.
6. Project proponent shall ensure that any kind of contaminated water (if generated) shall not flow into the natural water source, pond, river, drain under any circumstances.
7. Project proponent shall ensure that fulfillment of the assurance given to the local villagers regarding resolution of various issues raised during public hearing.
8. There should be regular monitoring of the mining activities in the State to ensure effective compliance of stipulated EC conditions and of the provisions under the Minor Mineral Concessions Rules framed by the State Government.
9. Project proponent shall ensure that mining operation shall be carried out in day time.
10. The pollution load due to transportation on the environment shall be effectively controlled and water sprinkling shall also be done regularly.
11. Project proponent shall ensure that control blasting and this shall be done by DGMS authorized license holder.
12. Project proponent shall ensure that the construction of boundary pillars as per Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 (as amended).
13. The mineral transportation shall be carried out through covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded.
14. Project proponent shall submit Completion certificate of proposed plantation under CER activities, 7.5 meter safety barrier plantation along with Geotag photographs in six monthly compliance report.

Corporate Environment Responsibility

CER Details (Corporate Environment Responsibility) :

Capital Investment (in Lakh Rupees)	Percentage of Capital Investment to be Spent	Amount Required for CER Activities (in Lakh Rupees)	Amount Proposed & Details for CER Activities (in Lakh Rupees)	
			Particulars	CER Fund Allocation (in Lakh Rupees)
42.99	2%	0.85	Following activities Nearby, at Village- Nagjhar	
			Plantation at Village Muktidham	0.97
			Total	0.97

Plantation shall be done under the provisions of Corporate Environment Responsibility. Plantation shall be developed around the Muktidham at Village - Nagjhar in which a total of 47 nos trees (Mango, Jamun, Kathal, etc.) will be planted incurring an amount of Rs 97,000. The total amount of expenses in the first year will be Rs. 34,625. (Plantation cost - Rs. 4,700, fencing cost - Rs. 9,400, fertilizer cost - Rs. 2,350, maintenance & irrigation Rs. 13,175 and Misc. - Rs 5,000). Remaining amount of Rs. 62,100 will be spent in the next 4 years. After the consent of Gram Panchayat Nagjhar, information regarding the suitable location (Khasra number 1/1/ka) has been presented by the project proponent.

3.11.6.2. Standard

1(a)	Mining of minerals
Statutory compliance	
1.	The Environmental clearance shall be subject to orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Courts, NGT and any other Court of Law, from time to time, and as applicable to the project
2.	The project proponent shall obtain forest clearance under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1986, in case of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose involved in the project.
3.	The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.
4.	The project proponent shall prepare a Site-Specific Conservation Plan & Wildlife Management Plan and approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden (if required). The recommendations of the approved Site-Specific Conservation Plan / Wildlife Management Plan shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest Department. The implementation report shall be furnished along with the six-monthly compliance report (in case of the presence of schedule-I species in the study area).
5.	The project proponent shall obtain Consent to Establish / Operate under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 from the concerned State pollution Control Board/ Committee.
6.	The project proponent shall obtain the necessary permission from the Central Ground Water Authority or competent authority for usage of water.
7.	Solid/hazardous waste generated in the mines needs to addressed in accordance to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016/Hazardous & Other Waste Management Rules, 2016.
8.	Permission of power supply to be taken from the concerned authority for meeting power demand of the project site.
9.	The maximum production or peak production at any given time shall not exceed the limit as prescribed in the EC.
10.	Validity of EC is as per life of the mine mentioned in EC letter or 30 years as per EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments therein
Air quality monitoring and mitigation measure	
1.	Ambient air quality monitoring shall be conducted once in a year in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for monitoring of pollutants, namely particulates, SO ₂ and NO _x . Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive receptors. The report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, C.G./ SEAC, C.G.
2.	Transportation of mineral, to the extent if permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks/conveyors. Effective control measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out. Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be controlled regularly. It shall be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central/State Pollution Control Board.
3.	Major approach roads shall be properly maintained.
4.	PP to install solar lights along the road used for transportation to avoid the accidents at night and also seek its maintenance.

5.	The transportation of mineral shall be carried out as per the provisions and route proposed in the approved mining plan. Road passing through any village shall be avoided. In case, it is proposed to construct a 'bypass' road, it should be so constructed that the impact of sound, dust and accidents could be appropriately mitigated.
6.	Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. All the vehicles engaged in mining and allied activities shall operate only after obtaining 'PUC' certificate from the authorized pollution testing centres.
7.	Water sprinkling arrangement shall be provided to reduce the impact of air pollution.
8.	Post environmental closure third party monitoring by reputed instituted in air quality, water, land & soil etc shall be carried out and analysed with EMP measures at regular interval. A suitable recommendation in this regard, shall be furnished to IRO, MoEF&CC for compliance.
9.	The Ambient Air Quality monitoring in the core zone shall be carried out. Data on ambient air quality and heavy metals such as Hg, As, Ni, Cd, Cr and other monitoring data shall be regularly reported to the Ministry/Regional Office and to the CPCB/SPCB.

Water quality monitoring and mitigation measures

1.	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out in and around the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operations. The monitoring of ground water levels shall be carried out four times a year i.e. pre-monsoon, monsoon, post-monsoon and winter. The ground water quality shall be monitored once a year, and the data thus collected shall be sent regularly to MOEFCC/RO.
2.	If any river, ponds and lakes close to the mine lease area, monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of river including ponds, lakes shall be carried out once in six months and record of monitoring data shall be maintained and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office.
3.	Ground water, excluding mine water, shall not be used for mining operations. Rainwater harvesting shall be implemented for conservation and augmentation of ground water resources.
4.	The project proponent shall not alter major water channels around the site. Appropriate embankment shall be provided along the side of the river/nallah flowing near or adjacent to the mine. The embankment constructed along the river/nallah boundary shall be of suitable dimensions and critical patches shall be strengthened by stone pitching on the river front side, stabilized with plantation so as to withstand the peak water pressure preventing any chance of mine inundation.
5.	Garland drains (of suitable size, gradient and length) around the critical areas i.e. mine shaft and low lying areas, shall be designed keeping at least 50% safety margin over and above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine sites. The sump capacity shall also provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material of the surface runoff
6.	The water pumped out from the mine, after siltation, shall be utilized for industrial purpose viz. watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly
7.	Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for augmentation of ground water. The project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.
8.	The surface drainage plan including surface water conservation plan for the area of influence affected by the said mining operations shall be prepared, considering the presence of any river/rivulet/pond/lake etc., with impact of mining activities on it, and implemented by the project proponent. The surface drainage plan and/or any diversion of natural water courses shall be as per the provisions of the approved Mining Plan/ EIA-EMP submitted to this Ministry and the same should be done with due approval of the concerned State/GoI Authority. The construction of embankment to prevent any danger against inrush of surface water into the mine should be as per the approved mining plan and as per the permission of DGMS.

9.	Domestic water shall be providing to the residents/villages which are coming under the zone of influence of the project due to ground water extraction by installing a RO plant.
10.	No obsolete technologies for sewage treatment shall be implemented. Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant with latest technology should be completed within 2 years and treated water shall be reused for plantation. CTE and CTO of STP shall be obtained as per the norms.
Noise and Vibration monitoring and prevention	
1.	Adequate measures shall be taken for control of noise levels as per Noise Pollution Rules, 2016 in the work environment. Workers engaged in blasting and drilling operations, operation of HEMM, etc shall be provided with personal protective equipments (PPE) like ear plugs/muffs in conformity with the prescribed norms and guidelines in this regard. Adequate awareness programme for users to be conducted. Progress in usage of such accessories to be monitored.
2.	The noise level survey shall be carried out as per the prescribed guidelines to assess noise exposure of the workmen at vulnerable points in the mine premises, and report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry/RO on six-monthly basis.
Mining Plan	
1.	Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.
2.	Mining shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan (including Mine Closure Plan) and the relevant circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS).
3.	No mining shall be carried out in forest land without obtaining Forestry Clearance as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also adhering to The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 read with provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927.
4.	Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy.
Land Recalvation	
1.	Regular monitoring of subsidence movement on the surface over and around the working areas and its impact on natural drainage pattern, water bodies, vegetation, structure, roads and surroundings shall be continued till movement ceases completely. In case of observation of any high rate of subsidence beyond the limit prescribed, appropriate effective mitigation measures shall be taken to avoid loss of life and materials. Cracks should be effectively plugged in with ballast and clay soil/suitable material.
2.	A separate team for subsidence monitoring and surface mitigation measures shall be constituted and continuous monitoring & implementation of mitigation measures be carried out.
3.	Thorough inspection of the mine lease area for any cracks developed at the surface due to mining activities below ground shall be carried out to prevent inrush of water in the mine.
4.	Native tree species shall be selected and planted over areas affected by subsidence.
5.	The project proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements, if grazing land is involved in core zone, in consultation with the State government to provide alternate areas for livestock grazing, if any. In this context, the project proponent shall implement the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquiring grazing land.
6.	Post-mining land be rendered usable for agricultural/forestry purposes and shall be handed over to the respective State Government, as specified in the Guidelines for Preparation of Mine Closure Plan.

Public hearing and Human health issues	
1.	Adequate illumination shall be ensured in all mine locations (as per DGMS standards) and monitored.
2.	The project proponent shall undertake occupational health survey for initial and periodical medical examination of the personnel engaged in the project and maintain records accordingly as per the provisions of the Mines Rules, 1955 and DGMS circulars. Besides regular periodic health check-up, 20% of the personnel identified from workforce engaged in active mining operations shall be subjected to health check-up for occupational diseases and hearing impairment, if any, as amended time to time.
3.	Personnel (including outsourced employees) working in core zone shall wear protective respiratory devices and shall also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
4.	Skill training as per safety norms specified by DGMS shall be provided to all workmen including the outsourcing employees to ensure high safety standards in mines.
5.	Effective arrangement shall be made to provide and maintain at suitable points conveniently situated, a sufficient supply of drinking water for all the persons employed.
6.	Project proponent shall conduct health checkup facilities twice in a year for the villagers.
7.	PP must ensure an emergency action plan during pandemic in order to provide assistance to the nearby villages.
Corporate Environment Responsibility	
1.	The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approve by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for 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. The company shall have defined system of reporting infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental/forest/wildlife norms/conditions and/or shareholders/stake holders.
2.	A separate Environmental Cell both at the project and company head quarter level, with qualified personnel shall be set up under the control of senior Executive, who will directly to the head of the organization.
3.	Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six Monthly Compliance Report.
4.	Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
5.	The project proponent shall form a tripartite committee (Mine owner, Representative of District administration/CECB and Member of Gram panchayat) which will monitor the compliance of mine safety zone plantation and Corporate Environmental Responsibility activities.
Miscellaneous	
1.	The project proponent shall make public the environmental clearance granted for their project along with the environmental conditions and safeguards at their cost by prominently advertising it at least in two local newspapers of the District or State, of which one shall be in the vernacular language within seven days and in addition this shall also be displayed in the project proponent's website permanently.
2.	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 has to

	display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
3.	The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and update the same on half-yearly basis.
4.	The project proponent shall submit six-monthly reports on the status of the compliance of the stipulated environmental conditions on the website of the ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at environment clearance portal.
5.	The project proponent shall submit the environmental statement for each financial year in Form-V to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.
6.	The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office of the MOEFCC regarding commencement of mining operations.
7.	The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
8.	The project proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report, commitment made during Public Hearing and also that during their presentation to the Expert Appraisal Committee.
9.	No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
10.	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.
11.	The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
12.	The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
13.	The Regional Office of this Ministry shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information/monitoring reports.
14.	The above conditions shall 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, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and Rules and any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / High Courts and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
15.	The proponent shall abide by all the commitments and recommendations made in the EIA/EMP report and also that during presentation to the EAC. All the commitments made on the issues raised during public hearing shall also be implemented in letter and spirit.
16.	Persons of nearby villages shall be given training on livelihood and skill development to make them employable with its proper records.
17.	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 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 light/night hours