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File No.: OL/RE_EC/MIN/SURGUJA/3804
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),
CHHATTISGARH)



Dated 20/12/2025



To,

Mr. Poonam Rai
M/s. Kepi Ordinary Stone Mine
Village - Kepi, Tehsil - Lundra, District – Surguja, Chhattisgarh
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Subject: Grant of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) for mining of Lime Stone (Minor Minerals) capacity – 4,346.85 TPA in khasra no. 472 & 474/2, Area – 0.465 Hectare at Village - Kepi, Tehsil - Lundra, District – Sarguja, Chhattisgarh under the provision provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/CG/MIN/501913/2024 dated 19/10/2024 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.	EC24C0108CG5716538N
(ii) File No.	OL/RE_EC/MIN/SURGUJA/3804
(iii) Clearance Type	Mining EC Under 5 Ha
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	M/s. Kepi Ordinary Stone Mine, Proprietor – Mr. Poonam Rai
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	SURGUJA, CHHATTISGARH
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(x) Applicability of General Conditions	No

SEIAA in its 208th Meeting held on 17/10/2025 perused the case and minutes of the 643rd Meeting of SEAC-1 held on 30/05/2025.

It is noted that original application is for mining of Lime Stone (Minor Minerals) capacity – 4,346.85 TPA. After deliberation, SEIAA unanimously accepted the recommendation of SEAC-1 and decided to grant Environmental Clearance for mining of Lime Stone (Minor Minerals) capacity – 4,346.85 TPA in khasra no. 472 & 474/2, Area – 0.465 Hectare at Village - Kepi, Tehsil - Lundra, District – Sarguja, Chhattisgarh under the EIA Notification, 2006 (as amended)

listed in Schedule 1(a) Mining of minerals under Category “B2”.

3. This Environment Clearance is for mining of Lime Stone (Minor Minerals) capacity – 4,346.85 TPA in khasra no. 472 & 474/2, Area – 0.465 Hectare at Village - Kepi, Tehsil - Lundra, District – Sarguja, Chhattisgarh.
4. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-2 were submitted to the SEIAA under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
5. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in the meeting held on 17/10/2025. 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.
6. 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 2 presented are annexed to this EC as Annexure (1).
7. The SEAC, in its meeting held on 30/05/2025, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on all technical aspects 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 detailed in the point below.
8. 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 Environment Clearance for the instant proposal under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of the Specific and Standard EC conditions as given in Annexure (2).
9. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.
10. 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.
11. The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan, which forms part of this EC.
12. General Instructions:
 1. 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.
 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 must display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. 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.

6. The Regional Office of this SEIAA 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.

7. 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.

13. This issue with an approval of the Competent Authority.

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- 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, Surguja, District- Surguja (C.G.) for information and necessary action.
- 7 Regional Officer, Regional Office, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Ambikapur for information and necessary action.

Annexure 1

Standard EC Conditions for (Mining of minerals)

1. Statutory Compliance

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1.1	<p>Specific Condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PP shall complete the restoration of the excavated 7.5 meter wide safety area of the mine as per the revised mining plan. 2. Compliance of the completion of the above conditions is mandatory. If these conditions are not complied within 3 months, the concerned RO, CECB shall take necessary steps to stop the mining operations and resumption of the mining operations will be subject to the fulfilling of above conditions. 3. PP shall submit the compliance report for plantation over entire safety zone area along with geotag photography and drone survey photography within one year of grant of EC date. <p>Additional Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project proponent shall ensure the erection of boundary pillars as per provisions of Minor minerals Rules 2015, and shall also do fencing all along the mining boundary.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Project proponent shall do plantation over entire safety zone for developing green belt with healthy species which has fast growth and has good canopy cover to serve as barrier for propagation of pollutants from mine area. 3. The Project proponent shall ensure minimum 90% survival rate of plantation after 5 years. 4. The six-monthly report regarding compliance of plantation over entire safety zone area should be submitted along with geotag photographs and drone survey photography. 5. The Top soil and overburden generated should be kept within mining lease area and shall be used only for plantation / spreading over backfilled area. The Top soil and overburden generated should be kept within mining lease area, and shall be used only for plantation/ spreading over backfilled area. 6. In case the safety zone area has been already mined out then, The Project proponent shall submit the restoration plan for mined out portion of safety zone along with estimate (including plantation) and should complete within six months from grant of EC. 7. The mining should be carried out in accordance to approved mine plan and as per provisions of applicable Minor minerals Rules 2015. 8. The PP shall take necessary permission from DGMS for carrying out blasting. 9. The PP shall adopt the Control Blasting technique for keeping ground vibration within DGMS permissible limit, and should obtain necessary permission from DGMS. 10. The PP shall arrange water sprinkling at required interval over dust generating points and haul roads to minimize the fugitive dust generation. 11. If the mineral transport route passes through or nearby to residential area, then the road should be wetted to minimize the dust emission, and arrangement for water sprinkling at required interval should be made. 12. The mineral transportation shall be carried out through covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded. 13. The maximum depth of mining should be kept to above the ground water table level. 14. Retaining wall of appropriate height should be made all around the overburden dumping site. 15. The PP shall ensure that the mine's contaminated water should not go directly to nearby water body, make garland drain and silting ponds at required places for arresting the silt before mine water go to nearby nallah. The desilting of silting ponds should be done regularly. 16. Adequate sanitation, waste management system should be developed including construction of soak pits and safety tanks. 17. The PP shall submit the permission from competent authority for use of water and should install the measuring instrument for consumption of water and maintain logbook for it. 18. The PP shall make arrangement for energy conservation and promote the use of non-conventional energy like solar lights. 19. Personal protective equipment like dust mask, ear plug should be issued to workers who are exposed to dust and noise pollution beyond it's permissible limit. 20. In case of part of cluster mines, The PP shall contribute his share in executing the common

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	<p>EMP.</p> <p>21. The CER Plan should be implemented within one year and it should be operated and maintained till the mine closure plan is implemented.</p> <p>22. Employment to the local people should be provided under the Chhattisgarh Model Rehabilitation Policy.</p> <p>23. The Starter panel of crusher be integrated with water spray system to ensure the start of water spraying system before start of crusher.</p> <p>24. At the crusher yard the material transfer point should enclosed to minimize the spreading of dust, and where it is open then it should be wetted before handling.</p> <p>Mine closure plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the end of mine life, the mined out area should be restored as given in the approved mine plan. 2. The land use pattern of mined out land should be restored to it's original use, i.e., if it was agriculture then into agriculture purpose and if it was grazing land then into grazing land. 3. If the mined out area is deep and sufficient backfilling material are not available (to be certified by Mine Officer) then the mined out area could be utilized for rain water storage. For developing rain water storage place --- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mined out area should be made safe by building at least 5 feet x 3 feet stone wall. The stepped approach path should be made for entry of persons. Arrangement should be made for preventing inadvertent entry of animals. • The district administrative authority should explore the possible use of stored water, i.e, for day to day needs or for irrigation. • Necessary arrangement for use of water, like pumping station, pipe lines should be made by mines owner but it's operation and maintenance should be taken over by local authority. <p>Statutory compliance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, 1980, 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. 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

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	<p>(Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 from the concerned State pollution Control Board/ Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 be 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. 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. 11. Validity of EC will be till life of mine or 30 years (i.e 10/12/2010 to 09/12/2040) from the grant of mining lease, whichever is earlier as per EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendment therein. <p>Air quality monitoring and mitigation measure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, SO₂ 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. 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. 3. Transportation of minerals, to the extent if permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks. Effective control measures such as regular water sprinkling etc., shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution with higher level of particulate matter all through the transport roads, loading/unloading and transfer points. 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. 4. Major approach roads shall be properly maintained. 5. PP to install solar lights along the road used for transportation to avoid the accidents at night and also seek its maintenance. 6. 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. 7. 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 centers.

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	<p>8. Water sprinkling arrangement shall be provided to reduce the impact of air pollution.</p> <p>9. Post environmental closure third party monitoring by reputed instituted in air quality, water, land & soil etc shall be carried out and analyses with EMP measures at regular interval. A suitable recommendation in this regard, shall be furnished to IRO, MoEF&CC for compliance.</p> <p>Water quality monitoring and mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 The water pumped out from the mine, after siltation, shall be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains shall be regularly desilted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly. 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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Noise and Vibration monitoring and prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Mining Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Land Reclamation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Regular monitoring of slope failure of bench and movement of surface over/around lease area 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 slope failure beyond the limit prescribed, appropriate effective mitigation measures shall be taken to avoid loss of life and materials. 3. A separate team for Slope failure and surface mitigation measures shall be constituted and continuous monitoring & implementation of mitigation measures be carried out. 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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>Corporate Environment Responsibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out. <p>CER Details :</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Capital Investment Lakh Rupees)</th> <th>Percentage (inCapital Investment Spent</th> <th>ofAmount Required to be CER Act ivities (in Lakh Rupees)</th> <th>Amount Proposed & Details for CER Activities Particulars</th> <th>CER Fund Allocation (in Lakh Rupees)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>55.69</td> <td>2%</td> <td>1.114</td> <td>Following activities at Nearby Village - Amakhokhara Installation of Rain water Harvesting System</td> <td>1.126</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>1.126</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System shall be done under the provisions of Corporate Environment Responsibility at Shashkiya Prathmik Shala, Chandanpur Village- Amakhokhara. The total amount of expenses in the five years will be Rs. 1,12,605. (Construction of circular recharge well 2 nos. cost - Rs. 60,000, Water intake drain - Rs. 35,850, Pipe, accessories & maintenance cost & miscellaneous - Rs. 16,745). The consent of the headmaster of school has been submitted by the project proponent.</p> <p>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 Green Belt within the premises, plantation and Corporate Environmental Responsibility activities.</p> <p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Capital Investment Lakh Rupees)	Percentage (inCapital Investment Spent	ofAmount Required to be CER Act ivities (in Lakh Rupees)	Amount Proposed & Details for CER Activities Particulars	CER Fund Allocation (in Lakh Rupees)	55.69	2%	1.114	Following activities at Nearby Village - Amakhokhara Installation of Rain water Harvesting System	1.126				Total	1.126
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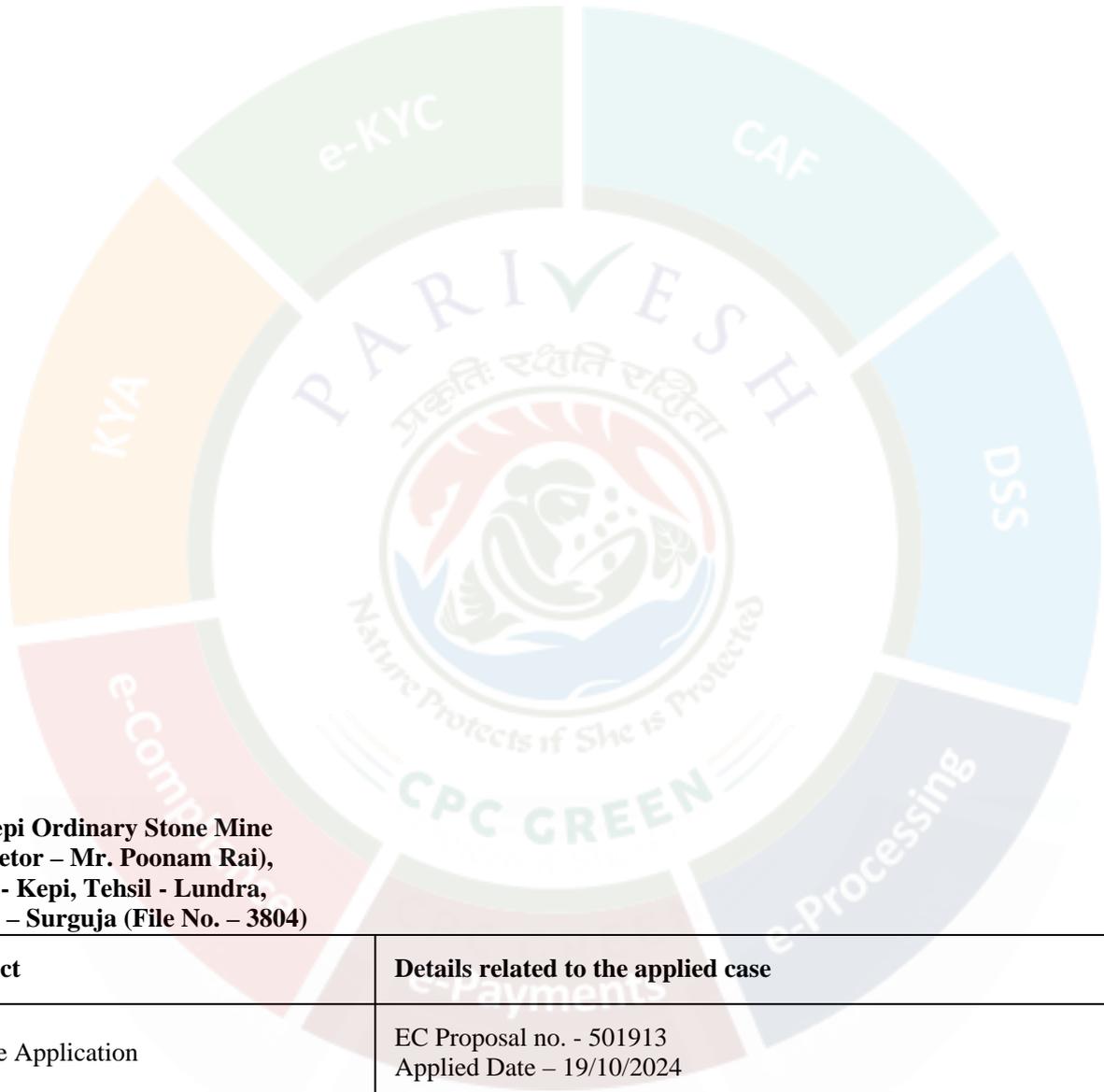
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	<p>the project proponent's website permanently.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition 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) Act, 1986. 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. 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). 9. 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. 10. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. 11. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions. 12. 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. 13. 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, 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. 14. 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.

Details of the Project

S. No.	Particulars	Details	
a.	Details of the Project	M/s. Kepi Ordinary Stone Mine, Proprietor – Mr. Poonam Rai	
b.	Latitude and Longitude of the project site	23.18160428754956,83.29348591177622 23.18273172291719,83.2942380716466	
c.	Land Requirement (in Ha) of the project or activity	Nature of Land involved	Area in Ha
		Non-Forest Land (A)	0.465
		Forest Land (B)	0
		Total Land (A+B)	0.465
d.	Date of Public Consultation	Public consultation for the project was held on	
e.	Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) involvement	NO	
f.	Project Cost (in lacs)	36.50	
g.	EMP Cost (in lacs)	17.098	
h.	Employment Details		

Details of Minerals Products & By-products

Name of the Mineral to be mined	Classification of mineral [Major/Minor]	Production capacity in MTPA	Remarks
Limestone	Minor	4346.85	Production capacity is given in tonn per year i.e. 4346.85 TPY. Capacity in million tonn format may seem negligible, therefore please consider tonn per year unit capacity for issuing EC so that controversy of royalty calculation can be avoided in future.



**M/s. Kepi Ordinary Stone Mine
(Proprietor – Mr. Poonam Rai),
Village - Kepi, Tehsil - Lundra,
District – Surguja (File No. – 3804)**

Subject	Details related to the applied case
Online Application	EC Proposal no. - 501913 Applied Date – 19/10/2024
Nature of Project	Existing Reappraisal
Type Of Mine	Ordinary Stone (Minor Minerals)
Applied Area (Ha.) & Capacity (TPA)	0.465 Ha. & 4,346.85 TPA
Khasra no.	472 & 474/2
Land	Private
SIA/CG/MIN/501913/2024 (If Private) & Consent	Applied land is in the name of Mrs. Poonam Rai (owner)

Details of Meeting	Intimation Email for Presentation Date : 30/01/2025 561st Meeting of SEAC 1, Dated 04/02/2025			
Representatives present for presentation	Mr. Prakash Chand Rai, Authorized Representatives Consent of Authorized Representatives- Submitted			
Details of Old EC	Type of Mine – Ordinary Stone (Minor Minerals) Khasra number – 472 & 474/2 Area – 0.465 hectares Capacity – 4,346.85 TPA Date – 24/03/2017 Validity period – up to lease period (09/12/2040) Issued by DEIAA District – Surguja			
Compliance Report of Old EC	Submitted : Yes			
Past Production certified by the Mineral Department (Year wise)	Financial Year	Production in Mining Plan (Tonnes)	Production in Old EC (Tonnes)	Actual Production (Tonnes)
	2017-18			
	2018-19	1671.86	2651.57	
	2019-20	1671.86	2651.57	
	2020-21	1671.86	2651.57	
	2021-22	1671.86	2651.57	
	2022-23	1671.86	2651.57	
	2023-24 (Till September 2023)		2651.57	
	Gram Panchayat NOC	Village - Surguja Date : 02/10/2010		
Approved Mining Plan	Date : 16/05/2023, by Mining Officer, District- Raigarh			
500 meter	Date : 29/08/2024, by Mining Officer, District- Surguja No. of mines – 05, Area – 7.362 Ha. Total no. of mines in cluster - 06, Area - 7.827 Ha. Applied lease is granted on 07.01.2009. The lease is granted before 09/09/2013 and by evoking MOEF notification dated S.O. 2269 (E) dated 01/07/2016 this case is not falling under cluster situation and the applied lease area is 0.465 hectare which is less than 5 hectare and therefore applied lease is classified under category B2 project.			
200 meter	Date : 29/08/2024 Nalla is Located at a distance of 120 meter and Paved Road located			

	at a distance of 40 Meter from the lease area Other restricted Area – No
Lease deed	Name of present Lease deed holder – Mrs. Poonam Rai Date - 10/12/2010 to 09/12/2040 Validity Period – 30 Years
Forest Department NOC	Date : 29/11/2010 Issued by Divisional Forest Officer, East Surguja Forest Division, Ambikapur Distance from Nearest Forest – Not Mentioned
Nearest Habitation/Structure	Village - Kepi 760 Meter School - Kepi 1 km Hospital - Ambikapur 11.50 km National Highway - 2.80 km State Highway - 9.05 km Public Road - 40 Meter River - Gagar 5.70 km Seasonal Nalla - 120 Meter Pond - 1 km Canal - 3.30 km
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 semi-Mechanized Drilling and Blasting – Yes According to mining Plan Reserves Geological Reserves – 54,405 Tonnes Minal Reserves – 21,099 Tonnes Recoverable Reserves – 20,044.05 Tonnes Current Status of Reserves- Geological Reserves - 54,405.00 Tonnes Minal Reserves - 21,099.00 Tonnes Recoverable Reserves - 20,044.05 Tonnes Proposed Depth – 6 Meter Bench Height – 3 Meter Bench width - 3 Meter Life of Mine – 30 Years Crusher – Proposed Crusher area – 350 Sqm Year Wise Production Detail – 1st Year – 4,250 Tonnes 2nd Year – 3,853 Tonnes 3rd Year – 3,816 Tonnes 4th Year – 3,868 Tonnes
Restricted Area for Mine (Mine Safety Area)	Area of 7.5 m wide safety zone - 2,691.675 Sqm Excavated – Yes Mentioned in Mining Plan – Yes
	The excavated safety zone boundary area will be backfilled with approximately 2,352 cubic meter of murum, overburden and waste stone. Along with this, 0.50 meter thick pitching will be done on the boundary

	<p>undary slope using 260 cubic meter of stone to strengthen the bound ary slope. Total estimation cost for restoration is 2,27,000/-.</p>
Non mining zone	Yes, Details -
Top Soil / Over Burden Management Plan	<p>Topsoil Depth - 0.20 Meter Quantity - 24.60 Cum Overburden Depth - 1.30 Meter Quantity - 159.90 Cum Management detail – All topsoil will be stacked over safety zone (Mine boundary) and pl antation will be done. Overburden will be used for development and maintenance of ramp of mine & haul road within lease area. Overburden will be used for development of bund around the lease area.</p>
Water Requirement	<p>Quantity – 4 KLD Source – Bore well and mine pit NOC from the concerned Department / Branch - CGWA</p>
Plantation Work	<p>Plantation of trees around 7.5 meters of lease area – 354 nos. Current Plantation – 100 nos. Proposed Plantation – 254 nos. Total amount proposed for plantation and 5 year maintenance Rs. 14,12,850/-</p>
CEMP	<p>Proportionate budget under common EMP of cluster for 5 years for the proposed work – Rs. 49,94,000 /- Participation of Project Proponent: Amount for 5 years for the prop osed work – Rs. 2,97,000 /-</p>
Affidavit	<p>Submitted regarding:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To Contribute his share in CEMP work and its maintenance 2. Water meter will be installed for water drawn from bore well as per CGWA norms and its information will be submitted along with the six month compliance report. 3. CER work will be completed in the next six months 4. Transportation of minerals will be done as per the SOP/guide lines issued by CPCB regarding transportation. 5. The deficiencies found in the compliance report of the previo usly issued environmental clearance will be rectified and co mpleted in the next six months and information will be subm itted. 6. To Contribute his share in CEMP work and its maintenance 7. 90% survival rate of plantation, 8. Top soil storage and preservation, 9. Completion certificate of proposed plantation under CER act ivities, 10. Water sprinkling arrangements for fugitive dust emission, 11. Contaminated water will not discharge into natural water sou rces, 12. For stone excavation, blasting will be done by DGMS author ized and registered blasting expert as per the parameters con

		<p>rolled by scientific method with low intensity.</p> <p>13. Employment is given to the local people as per the rules of the State Government,</p> <p>14. No court case pending relating to this project before any Court of Law in India,</p> <p>15. No violation of Notification S.O. 804(E) dated 14/03/2017 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.</p> <p>16. The direction given by the Honorable Supreme Court on 02/08/2017 in common cause vs Union of India writ petition (C) 114 of 2014 will be followed.</p> <p>17. The direction given by the Honorable Supreme Court on 08/01/2020 in writ petition (S) Civil No.114 /2014 common cause vs. Union of India & Ors will be followed.</p> <p>18. Demarcation will be done by boundary pillars as per Mineral Concession Rules,</p> <p>19. The directions given in the office memorandum issued on 28/04/2023 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate, Government of India, New Delhi will be followed.</p>		
Category		<p>B2 The total area including the applied mine is 7.827 Ha. Applied lease is granted on 10.12.2010. The lease is granted before 09/09/2013 and by evoking MOEF notification dated S.O. 2269 (E) dated 01/07/2016 this case is not falling under cluster situation and the applied lease area is 0.465 hectare which is less than 5 hectare and therefore applied lease is classified under category B2 project.</p>		
Total Project Cost		Rs.36.50 Lakhs		
CER Details :				
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)
36.50	2%	0.73	Following activities at Shaskiya Madhyamik Shala at Village - Kepi	
			Installation of Rain water Harvesting System	0.767
			Total	0.767
<p>Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System shall be done under the provisions of Corporate Environment Responsibility at Shaskiya madhyamik Shala, Village - Kepi. The total amount of expenses in the five years will be Rs. 76,705. (Construction of circular recharge well 1 nos. cost - Rs. 30,000, Water intake drain - Rs. 20,080, Pipe & miscellaneous cost - Rs. 15,625). The consent of the headmaster of school has been submitted by the project proponent.</p>				