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File No: 467175/130-MIN/03-2024

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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

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To,

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**Subject:** Rejection of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project under the EIA Notification 2006- and as amended thereof -regarding.

**Sir/Madam,**

This is in reference to your application submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/OR/MIN/467175/2024 dated null for Rejection 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 :

<b>(i) EC Identification No.</b>	EC24C0107OR5158754A
<b>(ii) File No.</b>	467175/130-MIN/03-2024
<b>(iii) Clearance Type</b>	Amendment in EC
<b>(iv) Category</b>	B2
<b>(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.</b>	1(a) Mining of minerals
<b>(vii) Name of Project</b>	Proposal for Amendment of Environmental Clearance of Budhipadar Sand Bed over an Area of 12.355 Acres or 5.00 Hectares in Village Budhipadar Under Junagarh Tahasil of Kalahandi District
<b>(viii) Name of Company/Organization</b>	RUPESH SINGAL
<b>(ix) Location of Project (District, State)</b>	KALAHANDI, , ODISHA,
<b>(x) Issuing Authority</b>	SEIAA
<b>(xi) Applicability of General Conditions as per EIA Notification, 2006</b>	No

1. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Application for Amendment in EC- Form-4 were submitted to the SEAC, Odisha for an appraisal by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Odisha

(SEIAA, Odisha) in 171st meeting held on 11/07/2024 to 12/07/2024. Based on the recommendations of the State Expert Appraisal Committee, Odisha (SEAC, Odisha), information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations the Authority decided "The Authority agreed with the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the amendment of EC proposal as replenishment study report submitted by the PP is not accepted by SEAC due to the following reasons:

i) The surface area of the riverbed sand in the ML area is stated to be 3188.99 m<sup>2</sup> and 16070.4 m<sup>2</sup> in the photos posted under the pre and post monsoon surface geological map respectively. The replenished sand volume has been worked out based on assumed workable area of 16070.4 m<sup>2</sup> stating the reason that the entire ML area is reported to be waterlogged during the post monsoon survey. If the entire area was waterlogged, then the reported post monsoon surface elevations in Table No. 07 of the replenishment study report will be those of water surface elevations and it is not correct to use them for calculating the deposited height of the sand on the riverbed. In view of the above the replenishment study is fabricated and not conducted properly. The replenishment study report is rejected.

ii) The RLs of the river water surface and the riverbanks need to be reported as corroboration of the reported height of the replenished sand in the replenishment study report. Government of Odisha, Revenue and disaster management Department issued Resolution No 26372/R & DM Bhubaneswar dated 02.09.2021 on Odisha Sand Policy, Para 8. Quarrying operation (iv) mentions that a benchmark (BM) with respect to mean sea level (MSL) should be made essential to in mining channel reaches (MCR), below which no mining shall be allowed".

Therefore, the proposal for Amendment in EC is Rejected as per provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

3. 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.

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

#### **Copy To**

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept., Government of Odisha for information.
2. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar for information.
3. Member Secretary, SEAC, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit- VIII, Bhubaneswar for information.
4. Deputy D.G.Forest., Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information.
5. Director of Mines, Steel & Mines Dept., Govt. of Odisha
6. Collector & DM, Kalahandi /Sub Collector, Kalahandi/, DFO, Kalahandi, Mining Officer, Kalahandi for Information and necessary action.
7. Guard file for record/Website/Parivesh Portal.

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