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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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



Dated 04/07/2024



To,

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Subject: Grant of Terms of Reference 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 Podagatlapalli-A-Ravulapalem/2024-4 Sand Reach submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/AP/MIN/467220/2024 dated 27/03/2024.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) TOR Identification No.	TO24B0107AP5979115N
(ii) File No.	AP MIN TOR KN 03 2024 251
(iii) Clearance Type	TOR
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Podagatlapalli-A-Ravulapalem/2024-4 Sand Reach
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	SAIRAM SRIRAM
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	KONASEEMA, ANDHRA PRADESH
(x) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(xii) Applicability of General Conditions	no
(xiii) Applicability of Specific Conditions	no

N/A

 <p>सत्यमेव जयते</p>	<p>State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Andhra Pradesh Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Government of India Dr.YSR Paryavaran Bhavan, APIIC Colony Road, Gurunanak Colony, Auto Nagar, Vijayawada-520007.</p>
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By Speed Post

Lr.No. SEIAA/AP/MIN/TOR/KN/03/2024/251

To

**District Mines & Geology Officer,
O/o District Mines & Geology Office,
Dr. B.R. AmbedhkarKonaseema District,
Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh - 533201.**

Sir,

Sub:SEIAA, A.P.– 24.965 Ha Ordinary Sand Mine proposed in the name of Podagatlapalli-A-Ravulapalem/2024-4 Sand Reach, Podagatlapalli Village, Ravulapalem Mandal, Dr. B.R Ambedhkar Konaseema District by District Mines & Geology Officer, DM&GO, Dr. B.R Ambedhkar Konaseema District, Amalapuram– Standard TOR issued –Reg.

Ref: 1. Your application received through online vide Proposal No. **SIA/AP/MIN/467220/2024.**
2. Recommendation of SEAC on 22.04.2024.
3. 243rd SEIAA meeting held on 09.05.2024.

With reference to the above, it is to inform that your application was examined by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), A.P in its 243rd meeting held on 22.04.2024 and committee noted that:

1. The project proposal is for mining Ordinary Sand in an area of 24.965 Ha with a proposed production quantity of Ordinary Sand Mine – 2,49,650 m³/Annum with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme plan.
2. The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof Mining of minerals (≤ 250 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease).
3. The District of Mines and Geology officer and their consultant M/s. SV Enviro Labs & Consultants have attended the meeting and presented their proposal. The SEAC Committee noted that:
 - a. The Department of Mines and Geology submitted DSR of Dr. B.R Ambedhkar Konaseema District. The District Collector and Chairman, DLSC Dr. B.R Ambedhkar Konaseema District has identified the subject mine through Joint inspection Committee of the District. The Joint inspection was conducted and report was submitted on 09.01.2024 & 10.01.2024.
 - b. The District Mines and Geology Officer, Dr. B.R Ambedhkar Konaseema District vide order dt.12.03.2024 issued Proceedings to the DM&G Officer for obtaining Environmental clearance to the subject mine.
 - c. As per the cluster letter dated: 27.03.2024 issued by the Mines Department, the total

applicable cluster area is > 5.0 Ha. Hence, the subject mine falls in B2 at par with B1 category.

- d. As per the approved mining plan dt. 23.03.2024, the total available mineral reserves are 2,49,650 m³ (As per WALTA Act only 1m sand excavation is permitted) and the entire quantity is proposed to be excavated within the period of 1 year.
 - e. The proponent proposed semi mechanized mining.
 - f. Hon'ble NGT in its order dated 23.03.2023 in O.A. No. 152 of 2021 (SZ) directed SEIAA, Andhra Pradesh to verify all the Environmental Clearances granted for sand mining under 'B2' Category if permission has been granted for semi-mechanized or mechanized mining and re-examine the proposal either under 'B2' category (manual mining) or 'B1' Category (if semi mechanized or mechanized mining is sought) following the prescribed procedures.
 - g. The present application is made for semi mechanized mining. Hence, it is considered under B1 category for issue of TOR as per the Environmental Clearance procedure stipulated for B1 category units.
 - h. The SEAC is made recommendation without any prejudice to the Hon'ble NGT/ any other court orders. The applicant shall abide by the Hon'ble NGT / Other court orders, if any, in future also.
4. The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC Notifications & OMs, report of the pre-scrutiny sub-committee of SEAC and detailed deliberations, recommended to SEIAA **to issue Standard TOR with Public Hearing** for the mining of Ordinary Sand with the production quantity of 2,49,650 m³/Annum with semi mechanized (preference shall be manual) method of mining with the following conditions:
- i. The proponent shall include the annual replenishment of sand in the mining lease area in the approved mining plan.
 - ii. The project proponent shall submit cluster EIA & EMP.
 - iii. The project proponent shall submit mine closure plan details along with proposed budget.
 - iv. Sand shall not be allowed to be extracted where erosion may occur, such as identification of concave bank and maintain buffer.
 - v. Demarcation of sand quarrying lease area on the ground with pucca stone or concrete pillars to show the present natural bed level and the depth of mining allowed.
 - vi. Measures to avoid pollution of river water leading to water quality deterioration.
 - vii. Identification of proper entry and exit point for the movement of loading vehicles in and out of the sand quarry site taking into consideration of the habitations/settlements in the area.
 - viii. The project proponent shall submit details of Environmental clearance if any granted in the proposed reach along with production details.
 - ix. The project proponent shall submit the details availability of sand in the subject mine from the Dy. Director of Mines & Geology Department or above as the resource availability is not clearly mentioned in the DSR.
 - x. All documents related to the mining project, including the approved mine plan, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and records of public hearings, should be compatible with each other.
 - xi. Not uniform thickness contours observed. Thickness study plan along with Geo-coordinates to be included in EIA.
 - xii. The proponent shall maintain 7.5 meters buffer between two mines.

5. The issue was placed before the SEIAA, A.P., in its 243rd SEIAA day-1 meeting held on 09.05.2024 and SEIAA Agreed with the recommendations of SEAC to issue **Standard TOR with Public Hearing**.

In view of the above, it is requested to prepare EIA report accordingly based on the **Standard TOR with Public Hearing** with the above additional TORs and submit to the SEAC, A.P., accordingly for appraisal. The Terms of the reference are valid for a period of four years.

