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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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

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Dated 22/01/2026



To,

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**Subject:** Amendment in Environmental Clearance (EC) letter no. 428/SEIAA dated 08.02.2021 granted to the project of Singuri Sand Bed under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 -regarding.

**Sir/Madam,**

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA, Odisha vide proposal number SIA/OR/MIN/504012/2024 dated 05/11/2024 for grant of an amendment in prior Environmental Clearance (EC) dated 08.02.2021 granted to the project of Singuri Sand Bed is located in Village Singuri over an area of 5.00 Ac/ 2.023 ha. under Barkote Tahasil in Deogarh District of Odisha in favour of Sri Smita Ranjan Kar, the successful bidder/lessee 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.	EC24C0107OR5466433A
(ii) File No.	504012/357-MIN/11-2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Amendment in EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals Proposal for Amendment of EC for Singuri Sand Bed is located in Village Singuri over an area of 5.00 Ac/ 2.023 ha. under Barkote Tahasil in Deogarh District of Odisha.
(vii) Name of Project	
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	DEOGARH, ODISHA
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA, Odisha
(x) EC Date	05/11/2024
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	NO
(xii) Status of implementation of the project	

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para-1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-4 (Part A, B & C) were submitted to the SEIAA, Odisha for an appraisal by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments thereto.

4. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by SEAC in its meeting held on 06.09.2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on Parivesh portal which can be accessed from the Parivesh portal by scanning the QR Code above.

5. The brief about the reasons for an amendment requested along with the brief on the salient features of the project as submitted by the project proponent in Form- 4 (Part A, B & C) and as presented before SEAC and the details of the amendment of EC are annexed as **Annexure- 2**.

6. The proposal was placed in the SEAC meeting held on 06.09.2025 under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments and after detailed deliberations in the matter and the SEAC recommend the proposal for Sand mining may be allowed for 768.43 cum of replenished sand as per the replenishment study report.

7. The SEIAA, Odisha has examined the proposal in **267<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20.01.2026** in accordance with the extant provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the SEAC and hereby accords amendment in Environment Clearance letter no./Identification No.428/SEIAA dated 08.02.2021 for the instant proposal of Singuri Sand Bed is located in Village Singuri over an area of 5.00 Ac/ 2.023 ha. under Barkote Tahasil in Deogarh District of Odisha in favour of Sri Smita Ranjan Kar, the successful bidder/lessee is allowed for replenished extraction quantity of sand **768.43247 cum** with average depth of **0.5 meter** upto 30.06.2026 **valid from** the date of issue of this letter and the method of mining shall be as per the approved Mining Plan under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of EC conditions, general instructions issued vide EC letter dated 08.02.2021 and following additional specific conditions as mentioned in Annexure-1. The other stipulated terms and conditions of the original EC letter initially granted remain the same.

<b>Stipulations</b>		
<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Stipulation</b>
(i)	Lease Area:	5.00 acres or 2.023 ha
(ii)	No Mining Zone:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The PP shall maintain safety and stability of Riverbanks i.e. 3 meter or 10% of river width whichever is more for protection of river bank and</li> <li>2. 7.5-meter safety zone from all sides of lease boundary.</li> <li>3. No stream should be diverted for the purpose of sand mining. No natural water course and/ or water resources are obstructed due to mining operations.</li> <li>4. The PP shall maintain 50 meters as no mining zone from the</li> </ol>

		embankment as stipulated in the sustainable sand mining guideline, 2016. The Mining Officer shall ensure the compliance of the condition during mining operation
(iii)	Maximum Depth of Mining:	0.5 meter as per Annual Rate of Replenishment Study (ARRS) report.
(iv)	Method of Mining:	The method of mining shall be as per approved Mining Plan
(v)	Permitted Quantity:	<b>768.43</b> cum with average depth of 0.5 meters upto 30.06.2026 <b>valid from</b> the date of issue of this letter and the method of mining shall be as per the approved Mining Plan
(vi)	Validity Period of EC:	The EC is valid upto 30.06.2026
(vii)	ARRS report	The Annual Rate of Replenishment Study (ARRS) is to be conducted through ORSAC empanel agency or NABET Consultant as per the prescribed guidelines in subsequent years.

**8. No Working Zone:** - The lessee shall ensure that no sand mining is carried out in the areas as specified below: -

- During the rainy season;
- Within the water channel or stream flow area throughout the year;
- Mining shall not be undertaken in a mining lease located in 200-500 meter of bridge, 200 meter upstream and downstream of water supply/irrigation scheme, 100 meter from the edge of National Highway and railway line, 50 meters from a reservoir, canal or building, 25 meters from the edge of State Highway and 10 meters from the edge of other roads except on special exemption by the Sub-Divisional level Joint Inspection Committee.
- The mining or any ancillary activity shall not in any way disturb the flow pattern of the river water during the non-monsoon period.
- No stream shall be diverted for the purpose of sand mining and no natural water course shall be obstructed.
- Sand mining operations shall not affect the existing sources for irrigation / drinking water / industrial purposes.
- The natural sand dunes, if any, near or surrounding the lease area shall not be disturbed.
- Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of OMMC Rules, 2016, Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining (EMGSM), 2020. Sand Policy of Govt. Of Odisha dated 02.09.2021 are made there-under as applicable

### **9. Transport Safeguards:**

- No transportation of the minerals shall be allowed on any road passing through villages/habitations without prior explicit permission.

- Transportation of minerals through existing rural roads can be allowed only by the concerned Govt. Department/ Gram Panchayat/BDO after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of the road is increased to handle the mineral carrying truck traffic. The project proponent shall bear the cost towards the widening and strengthening of existing public roads in case the same is proposed to be used for the project.
- Project proponents shall ensure that the transport of minerals will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and traffic density.
- Vehicles hired for transportation of minor minerals from the site should be in good condition and should have pollution check certificates and should conform to applicable air and noise emission standards and should be operated only during non-peak hours. Speed of vehicle be regulated and in no case >30 Kms / hr be allowed.
- The vehicles shall not be overloaded and shall be covered with Tarpaulin. The Tahasildar/ Mining Officer may collect an appropriate additional road maintenance levy from the lessee as part of the lease conditions on the basis of quantum of mineral transported, and utilize the proceeds of the levy for proper maintenance of the extraction paths and roads to prevent their degradation on account of plying of mineral carrying trucks.
- Water spraying should be made on the village road to control particulate matter (dust particles) pollution in surrounding air during transportation from the quarry. Garland drain shall be constructed on the hill slope to arrest downward flow of particulate matter with rainwater.

**10. Other Environmental Conditions:** -The Project Proponent shall follow all the provisions of Sand Policy of Govt. Of Odisha dated 02.09.2021 for this sand mining project.

- The Tahasildar/ Mining Officer shall take adequate measures to prevent unauthorized mining;
- The project proponent should carry out river bed sand mining manually by engaging local laborers to check over exploitation of sand at the source;
- The lessee shall ensure safety of human life and livestock from accidents in case the village / any habitation is very near the mining lease area.
- At the end of mine closure, the proponent shall immediately remove all the sheds put up in the quarry and all the equipment in the area before closure of the quarry.

**11. Half-yearly Compliance Report:** -As per the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India Office Memorandum (OM) dated **14.06.2024** and in accordance with EIA Notification 2006 and as amended, all the Project Proponents (PP) are **required to upload** their Half Yearly compliances in PARIVESH 2.0 on the environmental conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance (EC) letter in a timely manner on or before 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year. No hard copy and soft copy required to submit to SEIAA, Odisha, failing which EC is liable to be revoked.

**12. Concomitant Monitoring:** - The conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance will be closely monitored on the ground by the lease granting authority, i.e. the Tahasildar/mining officer, who shall ensure compliance of the stipulated conditions and take corrective measures promptly in case of any non-compliance and also ensure that the project proponent submits half yearly

compliance reports.

**13. Independent Monitoring:** -The concerned Regional Office of the MoEF & CC/ SPCB, Odisha shall periodically monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions as applicable for this project. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEF & CC officer(s)/SPCB officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.

**14. Revocation of EC:** - The SEIAA, Odisha may revoke or suspend the EC, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to alter /modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.

**15. Change in Ownership of Lease:** - This EC shall not be transferred without the permission of SEIAA, Odisha. The Tahasildar/ Mining Officer shall inform the SEIAA of any change in ownership of the mining lease. No mining is allowed without transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time.

16. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.

17. 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.

18. The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan (EMP) which forms part of this EC.

19. The EC is valid upto 30.06.2026

**20. 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. An action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with a 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 a separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Six monthly progress of implementation of the 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 MoEF & CC, Bhubaneswar, SPCB, Odisha and the lease granting Authority 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
21. 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. The Director of Mines, Steel & Mines Dept, Govt. of Odisha Bhubaneswar for information.
4. Additional Principal Conservator of Forests, Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information.
5. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110032 for information.
6. Chairman/Member/Member Secretary, SEIAA for information.
7. Member Secretary, SEAC, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar for information.
8. Collector & DM, Deogarh, Sub-Collector, Deogarh, Deputy Director of Mines, Balangir, DFO, Deogarh, RO, SPCB, Balangir, Tahasildar, Barkote / Mining Officer, Deogarh for Information and necessary action.
9. Guard file for record/Website/Parivesh Portal

### Additional EC Conditions

1. The replenished extraction quantity of sand limited to **768.43 cum** with average depth of 0.5 meters upto **30.06.2026 valid from** the date of issue of this letter and the method of mining shall be as per the approved Mining Plan.
2. The PP shall maintain 50 meters as no mining zone from the embankment. The Mining Officer shall ensure that no sand shall be extracted from the river embankment within 50 meters distance during mining operation.
3. The EC is valid upto 30.06.2026
4. The Annual Rate of Replenishment Study (ARRS) is to be conducted through ORSAC empanel agency or NABET Consultant as per the prescribed guidelines in subsequent year.
5. The PP shall implement the EMP with a budgetary allocation as proposed in the EMP report during EC application.
6. The PP shall plant **200 nos. of tree species** like Banyan (*Ficus benghalensis*), Peepal (*Ficus religiosa*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Jamun(*Syzygium cumini*), Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Karanj(*Pongamia pinnata*), Arjun(*Terminalia Arjuna*), Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*), Siris (*Albizia lebbek*), etc.. as part of tree plantation campaign "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" and the details of the same shall be uploaded in the MeriLiFE Portal (<https://merilife.nic.in>).The PP shall submit the status of plantation during every six-months (06) compliance of EC conditions with geo-coordinating photographs.
7. The compliance of EC conditions of said quarry shall be monitored by DEIAA, concerned lease granting Authority either Mining Officer or Tahasildar, RO, SPCB, Odisha and Integrated Regional Office of MoEFCC, Bhubaneswar as per MoEF & CC, Govt. of India S.O. 141(E) in EIA Notification dated 15.01.2016.
8. As per the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India Office Memorandum (OM) dated **14.06.2024** and in accordance with EIA Notification 2006 and as amended, all the Project Proponents (PP) are **required to upload** their Half Yearly compliances in PARIVESH 2.0 on the environmental conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance (EC) letter in a timely manner on or before 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year. No hard copy and soft copy required to submit to SEIAA, Odisha.

**1. Proposal in brief:**

The highlights of the proposal as ascertained from the application and as revealed from proceedings/discussion held during the meeting of SEIAA, are given as under.

- (i) This is a proposal for amendment of EC of Singuri Sand Bed is located in Village Singuri over an area of 5.00 Ac/ 2.023 ha. under Barkote Tahasil in Deogarh District of Odisha.
- (ii) The project proponent has obtained EC from SEIAA, Odisha vide EC letter no. /EC Identification No. 428/SEIAA dated 08.02.2021 for Singuri Sand Bed is located in Village Singuri over an area of 5.00 Ac/ 2.023 ha. under Barkote Tahasil in Deogarh District of Odisha.
- (iii) During EC application the PP has submitted approved mining plan with mentioned that the mineable reserve is 12826 cum with depth of sand deposition 1.0 meter and proposed production per annum was 2000 cum.
- (iv) The SEIAA allowed 2000 cum of sand for 1<sup>st</sup> year production with depth of mining 1.0 meter subject to submission of ARRS report by 15.03.2022.
- (v) EC was transfer in favour of Sri Smita Ranjan Kar, the successful bidder on 03.06.2023 with allowing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year production quantity of sand 500 cum subject to submission of ARRS report by 31.03.2024.
- (vi) The PP has submitted EC compliance report but not mentioned the year-wise production details.
- (vii) The PP has submitted ARRS report done by M/s. Areal Constructions & Geo-India Services. with mentioned that the pre-monsoon survey was done on 23.06.2023 with RL point 139.89 meters and the post-monsoon was done on 28.11.2023 with RL point 140.39 meter and quantity of sand replenished **768.43 cum** with depth **0.5 meter**.
- (viii) Any deficiencies/omission have been noticed in the above documents- Nil

2. **Deliberation in SEAC Meeting** - The proposal was placed in the SEAC meeting held on 06.09.2025 and the SEAC recommended the following:

- i) The lease area is predominantly covered with a rock bed, over which a thin layer of approximately 0.5 meters of sand is naturally replenished during the monsoon. Mining activities are generally feasible between March and May, when the backwater recedes following the opening of the Rengali Dam gates.
- ii) To extract 768.43247 cum of replenished sand as per the replenishment study report.
- iii) The village is situated in close proximity to the sand deposit. The project proponent shall take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the villagers during sand transportation.
- iv) Mining activities must be restricted to day time hours and conducted in a manner that does not disrupt the daily lives or well-being of the local residents.
- v) The project proponent shall implement appropriate dust control measures to minimize air pollution and ensure environmental safety.

The project proponent shall implement adequate protective measures to prevent erosion of the riverbanks. This may include the construction of retaining structures, maintenance of vegetative buffers, and regulation of mining activities to avoid destabilization of the riverbed and adjacent banks.

3. The proposal was placed in the 238<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 12.09.2025 and after detailed deliberation, the authority decided to seek clarification / document on the following: -

- (i) Copy of Lease Agreement.
- (ii) ARSS report duly authenticated by the Mining Officer
- (iii) To upload the copy of DSR of Deogarh district in respect of sand mining,
- (iv) Year wise past production figures duly authenticated by the Mining Officer.

3. The PP has submitted reply on ADS raised by SEIAA, Odisha