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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),**  
**TAMIL NADU)**

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Dated 12/01/2025



To,

M/s. Sekhar Mines  
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**Subject:** Grant of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Mining Project under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006-as amended regarding.

**Sir/Madam,**

**Sub: SEIAA-TN** – Existing Limestone Mine lease over an extent of 1.90.5 Ha at S. F. Nos. 833/4B, 836 (P) & 843/2 of Varavanai Village, Kulithalai Taluk (Presently Kadavur Taluk), Karur District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Sekhar Mines - under project category - “B1” and Schedule S.No. 1(a) ‘Mining of Minerals’ projects under EIA Notification, 2006 as amended – **Issue of Environmental Clearance under violation category – Regarding.**

- Ref:** 1. MoEF&CC Notification vide S.O. 804 (E) Dt. 14.03.2017.  
2. MoEF & CC Notification S.O.1030 (E) dated 08.03.2018.  
3. MoEF&CC’s O.M F.No. Z-11013/22/2017-IA. II (M) dated 15.03.2018.  
4. MOEF & CC’s OM vide F. No. 22- 10/2019-IA.III dated 09.09.2019.  
5. ToR under violation issued by SEIAA-TN vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6557/SEAC/ToR-1168/2018, Dated:30.05.2022.  
6. Public Hearing conducted on 23.01.2024.  
7. Online Proposal No SIA/TN/MIN/438560/2023 dated:29.07.2023.  
8. Project proponent submitted EIA Report to SEIAA-TN on 30.07.2023.  
9. Minutes of the 410th SEAC meeting held on 22.09.2023.  
10. Minutes of the 471st meeting of SEAC held on 30.05.2024.  
11. Minutes of the 730th Meeting of SEIAA held on 14.06.2024 & 15.06.2024.  
12. Proponent’s Reply dated on 07.01.2024.  
13. Minutes of the 787th Authority meeting held on 08.01.2025.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

<b>(i) EC Identification No.</b>	EC24B0108TN5325086N
<b>(ii) File No.</b>	6557
<b>(iii) Clearance Type</b>	Fresh EC

<b>(iv) Category</b>	B1
<b>(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.</b>	1(a) Mining of minerals M/s. Sekhar Mines, Varavanai Limestone Quarry over an extend of 1.90.5 ha in S.F.No. 833/4B, 836 (P), 843/2, Varavanai Village, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu
<b>(vii) Name of Project</b>	
<b>(ix) Location of Project (District, State)</b>	KARUR, TAMIL NADU
<b>(x) Issuing Authority</b>	SEIAA
<b>(xii) Applicability of General Conditions</b>	No

1.In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1(Part A,B and C)/EMP Reports were submitted to the SEIAA for an appraisal by the SEAC under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

2.The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by SEIAA in the meeting held on 08.01.2025. 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.

3.The SEAC, based on information submitted viz: Form1(Part A,B and C)/EMP report etc., & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on all technical aspects and public hearing 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.

4.The SEIAA has examined the proposal in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the SEAC hereby accords Environment Clearance for the instant proposal to M/s. Sekhar Mines 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)

5.The Ministry/SEIAA-TN reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.

6.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.

7.The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan, which forms part of this EC.

**8.Salient features of the proposal are as follows:**

Sl. No	Details of the Proposal	Data Furnished
1	Name of the Owner/Firm	M/s. Sekhar Mines, No.73, Raja Colony, Collector Office Road, Cantonment, Trichy District – 620 001.
2	Type of quarrying	Lime Stone Quarry
3	S.F No. of the quarry site	833/4B, 836(P) & 843/2
4	Village in which situated	Varavanai
5	Taluk in which situated	Kulithalai (Presently Kadavur Taluk
6	District in which situated	Karur
7	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	1.90.5 Ha
8	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of the quarry site	11°45'10.63"N 78°13'49.84"E
9	Topo Sheet No.	58 - J/2
10	Type of mining	Open cast Manual Method of Mining
11	Details of Environmental settings	· Nearest Reserve Forest – Vaiyamalaippalaiyam – 8.36km – SE · Slender Loris Sanctuary – 11.75 km – SW

		· Nearest Highway – SH 199: Vaiyampatty – Karur Road – 0.60 Km, SW.
12	Details of previous history	As stated above
13	Period of current mine plan	3 years (2016 -2019) (as mentioned in PPT)
14	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	<b>56363.01Ts of RoM which includes Production of 33,817.80T (@60%) &amp; rejects of 22,545.20Ts (@40%)</b>
15	Depth of mining	<b>22m below ground level</b>
16	Depth of water table	50m BGL
17	Man Power requirement	15 Nos.
18	Water requirement: 1. Domestic & Flushing 2. Dust suppression 3. Green Belt	1.7 KLD 0.7 KLD 0.5 KLD 0.5 KLD
19	Power requirement	-
20	Precise area communication approved by the Industries (MME.2) Department, Secretariat with date	G.O.Ms.No.162 Industries (MMA-2) Department, dated: 14.06.1994.
21	Revised Mining Plan approved by the Commissioner, Department of Geology and Mining with date	No.TN/DGL/LST/MS-1371.MDS dated.13.06.2016.
22	500m cluster letter issued by the Deputy Director, Department of Geology and Mining with date	Rc.No.141/Mines/2017-2, Dated:06.02.2017.
23	VAO certificate regarding habitations in 300m radius	Letter Dated: 30.01.2017.
24	Project Cost (excluding EMP)	Rs. 10,35,080/-
25	EMP cost	Capital Cost – Rs. 17,01,850/- Recurring Cost – Rs. 2,72,460/-
26	ToR details	ToR under violation issued by SEIAA-TN vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6557/SEAC/ToR-1168/2018, Dated:30.05.2022.
27	Public hearing details	23.01.2024
28	EIA report submitted on	21.09.2023.
29	CER Cost	Rs. 2,50,000/-
30	<b>Validity:</b> <b>This Environmental Clearance is accorded for the quantity 56363.01Ts of RoM which includes Production of 33,817.80T (@60%) &amp; rejects of 22,545.20Ts (@40%) with an ultimate depth of 22m below ground level and the annual peak production not exceeding 11,386.80Ts of limestone production.</b> <b>The Environmental Clearance issued is valid as per the approved mine plan period and as per MoEF&amp;CC's notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14.09.2006 and S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022.</b>	

### 9.General Instructions:

- (i)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.
- (ii)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.
- (iii)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.
- (iv)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.

(v) 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.

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.

(vi) 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.

**10.** This issue with an approval of the Competent Authority. For information on deliberations, refer to the minutes of SEAC and SEIAA available in the PARIVESH Portal.

**Copy To**

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Tamil Nadu.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Natural Resources Department, Tamil Nadu.
4. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110 032.
5. The Chairperson, TNPC Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai-32
6. The District Collector, Karur District.
7. The Commissioner of Geology and Mines, Guindy, Chennai-32
8. Assistant Director, Department of Geology & Mining, Karur District.
9. EI Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Integrated Regional office of MoEF&CC, Sasthri Bhawan, Nungambakkam, Chennai.
11. File Copy.

**Annexure 1**

**Specific EC Conditions for (Mining Of Minerals)**

**1. Seiaa Specific Conditions:**

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<b>1.1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping in view of MoEF&amp;CC's notification S.O.1533(E) dated.14.09.2006 and S.O. 1807(E) dated 12.04.2022, this Environmental Clearance is valid as per the approved mine plan period.</li> <li>2. The Environmental Clearance issued is only for the Limestone Production of 80% as per the approved mining plan.</li> <li>3. The project proponent shall carry out the works assigned under ecological damage, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation within a period of 1 year from the date of issue of this EC. If not, the bank guarantee will be forfeited to TNPCB without further notice.</li> </ol>

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	<p>4. The proponent shall complete the CER activities as committed before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.</p> <p>5. The EC granted is subject to review by District Collector, Mines Dept. and TNPCB on completion of every 5 years and also during the mine plan period, till the project life so as to review the EC conditions and to ensure that they have all been adhered to and implemented.</p> <p>6. The project proponent shall submit a Certified Compliance Report obtained from IRO of MoEF&amp;CC to the monitoring, regulatory and other concerned authorities including SEIAA, while seeking a renewal of the mining plan to cover the project life.</p> <p>7. There should be regular monitoring of air quality, water quality, ground water level and noise quality and reports regarding the same should be submitted to TNPCB, SEIAA &amp; IRO of MoEF&amp;CC once in every 6 months.</p> <p>8. The proponent shall strictly adhere to the mining plan and half yearly and annual returns shall be submitted to the Director of Geology and Mining Department with copy marked to TNPCB, SEIAA &amp; IRO of MoEF&amp;CC.</p> <p>9. Biodiversity in and around the project area should be monitored frequently and detailed biodiversity report should be submitted every year to SEIAA &amp; IRO of MoEF&amp;CC.</p> <p>10. The progressive and final mine closure plan including the green belt implementation and environmental norms should be strictly followed as per the EMP and as per the amount committed and approved in EC for EMP. Status of progressive mine closure and green belt implementation should be included in the half yearly compliance report submitted to TNPCB, SEIAA &amp; IRO of MoEF&amp;CC.</p> <p>11. As per the OM vide F. No. IA3-22/1/2022-IA-III [E- 172624] Dated: 14.06.2022, the Project Proponents are directed to submit the six-monthly compliance on the environmental conditions prescribed in the prior environmental clearance letter(s) through newly developed compliance module in the PARIVESH Portal from the respective login.</p> <p>12. The amount allocated for EMP should be kept in a separate account and both the capital and recurring expenditures should be done year wise for the works identified, approved and as committed. The work &amp; expenditure made under EMP should be elaborated in the bi-annual compliance report submitted and also should be brought to the notice of concerned authorities during inspections.</p> <p>13. The project proponent shall utilize rejects, OB / SB / IB, top soil for final mine closure plan.</p>

## 2. Seac Conditions - Site Specific

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2.1	<p>1) As the amount prescribed for Ecological remediation (Rs. 0.88 lakhs), natural resource augmentation (Rs. 0.20 lakhs), community resource augmentation (Rs. 0.20 lakhs) &amp; community welfare plan (Rs.0.02 Lakhs) <b>totaling Rs. 1.30 Lakhs</b>, the SEAC decided to direct the project proponent to remit the aforesaid amount of Rs.1.30 Lakhs in the form of bank guarantee to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and submit the acknowledgement of the same to SEIAA-TN. The funds shall be utilized for the remediation plan, Natural resource augmentation plan, Community resource augmentation plan &amp; Community Welfare Plan as indicated in the EIA/EMP report.</p> <p>2) The project proponent shall withdraw the earlier submitted application for Environmental Clearance vide SIA/TN/MIN/438560/2023, Dated: 29.07.2023 before the issue of Environmental</p>

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	<p>Clearance.</p> <p>3) The project proponent shall carry out the works assigned under ecological damage, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation within a period of one year from the date of lease execution. If not, the bank guarantee will be forfeited to TNPCB without further notice.</p> <p>4) The amount committed by the Project proponent for CER (Rs.2.5 Lakhs) shall be remitted in the form of DD to the beneficiary for the activities committed by the proponent before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.</p> <p>6) Tree plantation &amp; fencing and installation of garland drainage with siltation tank around the mine lease area shall be completed before execution of the mine lease.</p> <p>7) The PP shall mark the DGPS reference pillars painted with blue &amp; white colour indicating the safety barrier of 7.5 m to be left under the Rule 13 (1) of MCDR, 1988 within the lease boundary and protective bunds, before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.</p> <p>8) The PP shall <b>register promptly through online in the Shram Suvidha Portal</b> which is the official portal of Ministry of Labour &amp; Employment, Govt of India to obtain <b>Labour Identification Number (LIN) before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.</b></p> <p>9) For ensuring the safe and systematic mining operations, the PP shall send the 'Notice of Opening' indicating the appointment of <b>First Class/Second Class Mine Manager</b> for managing the mining operations and the proposed usage of HEMM shall be sent to the Director of Mines Safety, Chennai Region of the Mine under the provisions of MMR 1961 atleast 30 days before the commencement of the mining operation immediately after the execution of lease with district authority.</p> <p>10) <b>The PP shall not carry out the drilling and blasting operations as committed in the Mining Plan and however, the PP shall adopt the blast-free technologies including rock breakers, ripper-dozers, etc for carrying out the rock breakage such that the eco-friendly mining operation is ensured during the life period of the mining.</b></p> <p>11) The proponent shall maintain the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.</p> <p>12) The PP shall ensure that the loaded trucks are covered with a tarpaulin cover to avoid the spillage &amp; dust pollution during the transportation through the village roads.</p> <p>13) The PP shall ensure that the benches &amp; haul road are properly designed and formed in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1991.</p> <p>14) To ensure the conditions of occupational safety, health &amp; welfare status of persons working in the mine, the PP shall annually conduct occupational health survey to determine prevalence of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) due to the operation of Diamond Wire Saw cutting &amp; other HEMMs deployed in the mine and to prepare a plan for hearing conservation programme by involving anyone of the reputed institutes - Regional Occupational Health Centre (Southern) of ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health, Bengaluru, National Institute of Miners' Health, Nagpur and Anna University, Chennai.</p> <p>15) The PP shall carry out the simultaneous backfilling as a part of progressive mine closure plan after obtaining the necessary approval obtained from the Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Chennai.</p> <p>16) The PP shall install the Environmental Management Cell headed by the statutory Mines Manager of the concerned mine under violation category and the cell shall include a dedicated full-time Environmental Engineer exclusively to look into the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan besides the reviewing the compliance reports with the regulatory authorities.</p> <p>17) The project proponent shall allocate a separate area for waste dumping and proper protective structure may be made to contain the fugitive emissions from the same.</p> <p>18) The project proponent should install cautionary boards at the entry and important locations of</p>

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	<p>the mining site displaying caution notice to the public about the danger of entering the mining areas.</p> <p>19) The PP shall properly provide all the required welfare amenities near quarry such as Drinking water, Rest Shelter, Canteen, Toilets, etc., for the persons to be employed in the proposed quarry before the execution of lease, in accordance with the provisions of the Mines Rules, 1955.</p> <p>20) The Project Proponent shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year-wise expenditure should be reported to the MoEF&amp; CC Ministry and its Integrated Regional Office (IRO) located in Chennai.</p> <p>21) The PP shall strictly satisfy the requirements of the provisions of Mines Act 1952, the regulations of MMR 1961 and the DGMS Circulars, the Environment Act &amp; Rules, 1986, Explosives Act 1884, Explosive rules 1983 and other laws, orders pertaining to the quarry operation without any deviation.</p> <p>22) As per the MoEF&amp;CC Office Memorandum F. No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020, the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.</p>

### 3. Seiaa Standard Conditions:

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3.1	<p><b>a) EC Compliance:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Environmental Clearance is accorded based on the assurance from the project proponent that there will be full and effective implementation of all the undertakings given in the Application Form, Pre-feasibility Report, mitigation measures as assured in the Environmental Impact Assessment/ Environment Management Plan and the mining features including Progressive Mine Closure Plan as submitted with the application.</li> <li>2. All the conditions as presented by the proponent in the PPT during SEAC appraisal should be addressed in Full.</li> <li>3. The proponent shall submit Compliance Reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions including results of monitored data. It shall be sent to the respective Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India and also to the Office of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).</li> <li>4. Concealing the factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.</li> </ol> <p><b>b) Applicable Regulatory Frameworks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The project proponent shall strictly adhere to the provisions of Water (Prevention &amp; Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention &amp; Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, along with their amendments, Minor Mineral Conservation &amp; Development Rules, 2010 framed under MMDR Act 1957, National Commission for protection of Child Right Rules, 2006, Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016, the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Biological diversity Rules, 2004 &amp; TN Forest Act, 1882 and Rules made there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/Hon'ble High Court of Madras and any other Courts of Law relating to the subject matter.</li> </ol> <p><b>c) Safe mining Practices:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. The AD/DD, Dept. of Geology &amp; Mining shall ensure operation of the proposed quarry after the submission of slope stability study conducted through the reputed research &amp; Academic Institutions such as NIRM, IITs, NITS Anna University, and any CSIR Laboratories etc and ensure strict compliance and implementation of bench wise recommendations/action plans as recommended in the scientific slope stability study.</li> <li>7. A minimum buffer distance specified as per existing rules and statutory orders shall be</li> </ol>

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	<p>maintained from the boundary of the quarry to the nearest dwelling unit or other structures, and from forest boundaries or any other ecologically sensitive and archeologically important areas or the specific distance specified by SEIAA in EC as per the recommendations of SEAC depending on specific local conditions.</p> <p><b>d) Water Environment – Protection and mitigation measures:</b></p> <p>8. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the water bodies, neighboring open wells, bore wells and natural flow of surface and groundwater, nor cause any pollution, to water sources in the area nor effect the water quality and water quantity in the water sources.</p> <p>9. Water level in the nearest dug well in the downstream side of the quarry should be monitored regularly and included in the Compliance Report.</p> <p>10. Quality of water discharged from the quarry should be monitored regularly as per the norms of State Pollution Control Board and included in the Compliance Report.</p> <p>11. Rain Water Harvesting facility should be installed as per the prevailing provisions of TNMBR/TNCDBR, unless otherwise specified. Maximum possible solar energy generation and utilization shall be ensured as an essential part of the project.</p> <p>12. Regular monitoring of flow rates and water quality upstream and downstream of the springs and perennial nallahs flowing in and around the mine lease area shall be carried out and reported in the compliance reports to SEIAA. At any stage, if it is observed that ground water table is getting depleted due to the mining activity; necessary corrective measures shall be carried out.</p> <p>13. Garland drains and silt traps are to be provided in the slopes around the core area to channelize storm water. De-silting of Garland canal and silt traps have to be attended on a daily basis. A labour has to be specifically assigned for the purpose. The proponent shall ensure the quality of the discharging storm water as per the General Effluent Discharge Standards of CPCB.</p> <p><b>e) Air Environment – Protection and mitigation measures:</b></p> <p>14. The activity should not result in CO<sub>2</sub> release and temperature rise and add to micro climate alternations.</p> <p>15. The proponent shall ensure that Monitoring is carried out with reference to the quantum of particulate matter during excavation; blasting; material transport and also from cutting waste dumps and haul roads.</p> <p><b>f) Soil Environment – Protection and mitigation measures:</b></p> <p>16. The proponent shall ensure that the operations neither result in loss of soil biological properties and nutrients nor deplete the indigenous soil seed bank and disturb the mycorrhizal fungi, soil organism, soil community and result in eutrophication of soil and water. Further, the activities should not disturb the soil properties and seed and plant growth. Soil amendments as required to be carried out, to improve soil health.</p> <p>17. Bio remediation using microorganisms should be carried out to restore the soil environment to enable carbon sequestration.</p> <p>18. The proponent shall ensure that the mine restoration is done using mycorrhizal VAM, vermincomposting, Biofertilizers and the topsoil is protected and used in planting activities, site restoration and establishment of green belt in the area to ensure soil health and biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>19. The top soil shall be temporarily stored at earmarked place (s) and used for land reclamation and plantation. The over burden (OB) generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only. The OB dumps should be scientifically vegetated with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. At critical points, use of geotextile shall be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. Protective wall or gabions should be made around the dump to prevent erosion / flow of sediments during rains. The entire excavated area shall be backfilled.</p> <p>20. Activities should not result in invasion of site by exotic and alien plant and animal species and disturb the native biodiversity and soil micro flora and fauna.</p> <p><b>g) Noise Environment – Protection and mitigation measures:</b></p> <p>21. The peak particle velocity at 500m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer</p>

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	<p>shall be monitored periodically as per applicable DGMS guidelines. The activity of the proponent should not effect the biological clock of the villages resulting in stress, sleeping disorders affecting health.</p> <p><b>h) Biodiversity - Protection and mitigation measures:</b></p> <p>22. The proponent should ensure that there is no disturbance to the agriculture plantations, social forestry plantations, waste lands, forests, sanctuary or national parks. There should be no impact on the land, water, soil and biological environment and other natural resources due to the mining activities.</p> <p>23. No trees in the area should be removed and all the trees numbered and protected. In case trees fall within the proposed quarry site the trees may be transplanted in the Greenbelt zone. The proponent shall ensure that the activities in no way result in disturbance to forest and trees in vicinity. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the movement of grazing animals and free ranging wildlife. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the biodiversity, the flora &amp; fauna in the ecosystem. The proponent shall ensure that the activities do not disturb the resident and migratory birds. The proponent shall ensure that the activities do not disturb the vegetation and wildlife in the adjoining reserve forests and areas around. Also, the activities should not disturb the agro biodiversity, agro farms, green lands and grazing fields of all types. Actions to be taken to promote agroforestry, mixed plants to support biodiversity conservation in the mine restoration effort.</p> <p>24. The proponent shall ensure that all mitigation measures listed in the EIA/EMP are taken to protect the biodiversity and natural resources in the area.</p> <p><b>i) Climate Change:</b></p> <p>25. There should be least disturbance to landscape resulting in land use change, contamination and alteration of soil profiles leading to Climate Change.</p> <p>26. Operations should not result in GHG releases and extra power consumption leading to Climate Change.</p> <p>27. Mining through operational efficiency, better electrification, energy use, solar usage, use of renewable energy should try to decarbonize the operations.</p> <p>28. Mining should not result in water loss from evaporation, leaks and wastage and should support to improve the ground water.</p> <p>29. Mining activity should be flood proof with designs and the drainage, pumping techniques shall ensure climate-proofing and socio-economic wellbeing in the area and vicinity.</p> <p><b>j) Reserve Forests &amp; Protected Areas:</b></p> <p>30. The activities should provide nature based support and solutions for forest protection and wildlife conservation.</p> <p>31. The project activities should neither result in forest fires, encroachments nor create forest fragmentation and disruption of forest corridors and alter the geodiversity and geological heritage of the area.</p> <p>32. There should be no disturbance to the freshwater flow from the forest impacting the water table and wetlands.</p> <p>33. The project proponent should support all activities of the forest department in creating awareness to local communities on forest conservation.</p> <p>34. The activities should not result in temperature rise due to increased fossil fuels usage disrupting the behaviour of wildlife and flora.</p> <p>35. The activities should support and recognise the rights and roles of indigenous people and local communities and also support sustainable development.</p> <p>36. The project activities should support the use of renewables for carbon capture and carbon storage in the project site and forest surrounds.</p> <p>37. The project activities should not result in changes in forest structure, habitats and genetic diversity within forests.</p> <p><b>k) Green Belt Development:</b></p> <p>38. The proponent shall ensure that in the green belt development more indigenous trees species as</p>

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	<p>suggested in Appendix of SEAC Minutes are planted and that the area is restored and rehabilitated with native trees .</p> <p><b>l) Workers and their protection:</b></p> <p>39. The project proponent is responsible for implementing all the provisions of labour laws applicable from time to time to quarrying /Mining operations. The workers on the site should be provided with on-site accommodation or facilities at a suitable boarding place, protective equipment such as ear muffs, helmet, etc.</p> <p>40. The proponent has to provide insurance protection to the workers and the working hours and wages shall be implemented/enforced as per the Mines Act, 1952 in the case of existing mining or provide the affidavit in case of fresh lease before execution of mining lease.</p> <p><b>m) Transportation:</b></p> <p>41. No Transportation of the minerals shall be allowed in case of roads passing through villages/ habitations. In such cases, PP shall construct a bypass road for the purpose of transportation of the minerals leaving an adequate gap (say at least 200 meters) so that the adverse impact of sound and dust along with chances of accidents could be mitigated. All costs resulting from widening and strengthening of existing public road network shall be borne by the PP in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department. Transportation of minerals through road movement in case of existing village/ rural roads shall be allowed in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department only after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of roads is increased to handle the traffic load. The pollution due to transportation load on the environment will be effectively controlled and water sprinkling will also be done regularly. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Project should obtain Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate for all the vehicles from authorized pollution testing centres.</p> <p>42. The Main haulage road within the mine lease should be provided with a permanent water sprinkling arrangement for dust suppression. Other roads within the mine lease should be wetted regularly with tanker-mounted water sprinkling system. The other areas of dust generation like crushing zone, material transfer points, material yards etc. should invariably be provided with dust suppression arrangements. The air pollution control equipments like bag filters, vacuum suction hoods, dry fogging system etc. shall be installed at Crushers, belt-conveyors and other areas prone to air pollution. The belt conveyor should be fully covered to avoid generation of dust while transportation. PP shall take necessary measures to avoid generation of fugitive dust emissions.</p> <p><b>n) Storage of wastes</b></p> <p>43. The project proponent shall store/dump the waste generated within the earmarked area of the project site for mine closure as per the approved mining plan.</p> <p><b>o) CER/EMP:</b></p> <p>44. The CER should be fully Implemented and fact reflected in the Half-yearly compliance report.</p> <p>45. The EMP shall also be implemented in consultation with local self-government institutions &amp; Govt. departments as indicated in SEAC meeting.</p> <p><b>p) Directions for Reclamation of mine sites:</b></p> <p>46. The mining closure plan should strictly adhere to appropriate soil rehabilitation measures to ensure ecological stability of the area. Reclamation/Restoration of the mine site should ensure that the Geotechnical, physical, chemical properties are sustainable that the soil structure composition is buildup, during the process of restoration. The proponent shall ensure that the mine closure plan is followed as per the mining plan and the mine restoration should be done with native species, and site restored to near original status. The proponent shall ensure that the area is ecologically restored to conserve the ecosystems and ensure flow of goods and services.</p> <p>47. A crucial factor for success of reclamation site is to select sustainable species to enable develop a self-sustaining eco system. Species selected should easily establish, grow rapidly, and possess good crown and preferably be native species. Species to be planted in the boundary of project site should be un palatable for cattle's/ goats and should have proven capacity to add leaf-litter to soil and decompose. The species planted should be adaptable to the site conditions. Should be preferably pioneer species, deciduous in nature to allow maximum leaf-litter, have deep root system, fix</p>

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	<p>atmospheric nitrogen and improve soil productivity. Species selected should have the ability to tolerate altered pit and toxicity of and site. They should be capable of meeting requirement of local people in regard to fuel fodder and should be able to attract bird, bees and butterflies. The species should be planted in mixed association.</p> <p>48. Top soil with a mix of beneficial microbes (Bacteria/Fungi) to be used for reclamation of mine spoils. AM Fungi (Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi), plant growth promoting Rhizo Bacteria and nitrogen fixing bacteria to be utilized. Soil and moisture conservation and water harvesting structures to be used where ever possible for early amelioration and restoration of site. Top soil is most important for successful rehabilitation of mined sites. Topsoil contains majority of seeds and plant propagation, soil microorganism, Organic matter and plant nutrients. Wherever possible the topsoil should be immediately used in the area of the for land form reconstruction, to pre mining conditions.</p> <p>49. Over burdens may be analyzed and tested for soil characteristics and used in the site for revegetation. Wherever possible seeds, rhizome, bulbs, etc., of pioneering spices should be collected, preserved and used in restoring the site. Native grasses seeds may be used as colonizers and soil binders, to prevent erosion and allow diverse self- sustaining plant communities to establish. Grasses may offer superior tolerance to drought, and climatic stresses.</p> <p>50. Reclamation involves planned topographical reconstruction of site. Care to be taken to minimize erosion and runoff. Topsoil should have necessary physical, chemicals, ecological, properties and therefore should be stored with precautions and utilized for reclamation process. Stocked topsoil should be stabilized using grasses to protect from wind. Seeds of various indigenous and local species may be broad casted after topsoil and treated overburden are spread. Alkaline soils, acidic soils, Saline soils should be suitably treated/amended using green manure, mulches, farmyard manure to increase organic carbon. The efforts should be taken to landscape and use the land post mining. The EMP and mine closure plan should provide adequate budget for re-establishing the site to pre-mining conditions. Effective steps should be taken for utilization of over burden. Mine waste to be used for backfilling, reclamation, restoration, and rehabilitation of the terrain without affecting the drainage and water regimes. The rate of rehabilitation should be similar to rate of mining. Efforts should to taken to aesthetically improve the mine site. Action taken for restoration of the site should be specifically mentioned in the EC compliances.</p>

**Standard EC Conditions for (Mining of minerals)**

**1. Statutory Compliance**

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1.1	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
1.2	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.
1.3	The project proponent shall obtain clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, if applicable.
1.4	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. TThe 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).

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1.5	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.
1.6	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.
1.7	Permission of power supply to be taken from the concerned authority for meeting power demand of the project site.
1.8	The maximum production or peak production at any given time shall not exceed the limit as prescribed in the EC.
1.9	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

## 2. Air Quality Monitoring And Mitigation Measure

S. No	EC Conditions
2.1	Adequate ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for monitoring of pollutants, namely particulates, SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> . Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive receptors in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Online ambient air quality monitoring station/stations may also be installed in addition to the regular air monitoring stations as per the requirement and/or in consultation with the SPCB
2.2	Transportation of coal, to the extent if permitted by road, shall be carried out by covered trucks/conveyors. Effective control measures such as regular water sprinkling/rain gun/ Fog cannon /mist sprinkling etc., shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution with higher level of particulate matter all through the coal 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.
2.3	Major approach roads shall be black topped and properly maintained.
2.4	PP to install solar lights along the road used for transportation of coal to avoid the accidents at night and also seek its maintenance.
2.5	The transportation of coal shall be carried out as per the provisions and route proposed in the approved mining plan. Transportation of the coal through the existing 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.
2.6	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.

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2.7	Adequate number of Fog canon (mist sprayer) shall be installed to reduce the impact of air pollution at dust generating sources with time bound action plan.
2.8	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. The data used for analysis shall be obtained from continuos AQMS, site specific water regime. Also third party shall analyses the implementation of river diversion, meeting to the requirement of project report.

### 3. Water Quality Monitoring And Mitigation Measures

S. No	EC Conditions
3.1	The monitoring data shall be uploaded on the company's website and displayed at the project site at a suitable location. The circular No.J-20012/1/2006-1A.11 (M) dated 27th May, 2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall also be referred in this regard for its compliance.
3.2	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.
3.3	Monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of river including pons, lakes, tanks 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.
3.4	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.
3.5	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.
3.6	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
3.7	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
3.8	Adequate groundwater recharge measures shall be taken up for augmentation of ground water. The

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	project authorities shall meet water requirement of nearby village(s) in case the village wells go dry due to dewatering of mine.
3.9	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.

#### 4. Noise And Vibration Monitoring And Prevention

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4.1	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.
4.2	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.

#### 5. Mining Plan

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5.1	Mining shall be carried out under strict adherence to provisions of the Mines Act 1952 and subordinate legislations made there-under as applicable.
5.2	No change in mining method i.e. UG to OC, calendar programme and scope of work shall be made without obtaining prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
5.3	Mining shall be carried out as per the approved mining plan (including Mine Closure Plan) abiding by mining laws related to coal mining and the relevant circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS).
5.4	Underground work place environmental conditions shall be rendered ergonomic and air breathable with adequate illumination in conformance with DGMS standards.
5.5	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.
5.6	Efforts should be made to reduce energy and fuel consumption by conservation, efficiency

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	improvements and use of renewable energy.

## 6. Land Recalvation

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6.1	Digital Survey of entire lease hold area/core zone using Satellite Remote Sensing survey shall be carried out at least once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and report in 1:50,000 scale or as notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change(MOEFCC) from time to time shall be submitted to MOEFCC/Regional Office (RO).
6.2	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.
6.3	Fly ash shall be used for external dump of overburden, backfilling or stowing of mine as per provisions contained in clause (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (8) of fly ash notification issued vide SO 2804 (E) dated 3rd November, 2009 as amended from time to time. Efforts shall be made to utilize gypsum generated from Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD), if any, along with fly ash for external dump of overburden, backfilling of mines. Compliance report shall be submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC, CPCB and SPCB.
6.4	A separate team for subsidence monitoring and surface mitigation measures shall be constituted and continuous monitoring & implementation of mitigation measures be carried out.
6.5	Native tree species shall be selected and planted over areas affected by subsidence.
6.6	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.

## 7. Public Hearing And Human Health Issues

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7.1	Adequate illumination shall be ensured in all mine locations (as per DGMS standards) and monitored.
7.2	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.

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7.3	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.
7.4	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.
7.5	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.
7.6	Implementation of the time bound action plan on the issues raised during the public hearing shall be ensured. The project proponent shall undertake all the tasks/measures as per the time bound action plan submitted with budgetary provisions during the public hearing. Land oustees shall be compensated as per the norms laid down in the R&R policy of the company/State Government/Central Government, as applicable.
7.7	The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in this Ministry's OM No.Z-11013/5712014-IA.II (M) dated 29th October, 2014, titled 'Impact of mining activities on habitations-issues related to the mining projects wherein habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area'.
7.8	PP to conduct need based assessment survey of the area to for in order to decide the activities to be carried under the CSR and to provide detail of the activity carried out with adequate budgetary provision and time bound action plan.
7.9	PP must ensure an emergency action plan during pandemic in order to provide assistance to the nearby villages located within the 10 km radius buffer zone (If required)
7.10	PP is asked to also identify the rural areas for installation of solar light with its maintenance within the study area of 10 km radius buffer zone with time bound action plan
7.11	PP to take measure for installation of Renewable Energy sources in nearby area falling within 10 km radius

## 8. Corporate Environment Responsibility

S. No	EC Conditions
8.1	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.
8.2	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.

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8.3	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.
8.4	Self environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
8.5	PP should establish in house (at project site) environment laboratory for measurement of environment parameter with respect to air quality and water (surface and ground. A dedicated team to oversee environment management shall be setup which should comprise of Environment Engineers, Laboratory chemist and staff for monitoring of air, water quality parameters on routine basis. Any non- compliance or infringement should be reported to the concerned authority

### 9. Miscellaneous

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9.1	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.
9.2	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.
9.3	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.
9.4	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.
9.5	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.
9.6	The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office of the MOEFCC regarding commencement of mining operations.
9.7	The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
9.8	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

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	the Expert Appraisal Committee.
9.9	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).
9.10	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.
9.11	The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
9.12	The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
9.13	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.
9.14	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.
9.15	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.
9.16	Compensation of the land acquired for the project shall be settled as per the R&R Policy. Adequate facility of drinking water, plantation and other social amenities should be provided to established R&R villages.
9.17	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

**AFFIDAVIT FURNISHED BY THE PROPONENT**

I, **S. Sekhar, Proprietor of M/s. Sekhar Mines** residing at **No. 73, Raja Colony, Collector Office Road, Cantonment, Trichy District – 620 001** solemnly declare and sincerely affirm that I have applied for Prior Environment Clearance to SEIAA, Tamil Nadu for quarry lease for quarrying of **Limestone quarry over an extent of 1.90.5 hectares in Patta Land at S.F.No. 833/4B, 836 (P), 843/2 of Varavanai Village, Kulithalai Taluk (Presently at Kadavur Taluk), Karur District, Tamilnadu State.**

1. I swear to state and confirm that within 10 km radius of the quarry site, none of the following is situated
  - a. Protected Areas notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
  - b. Critically polluted areas as notified by the Central Pollution Control Board constituted under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
  - c. Eco-Sensitive areas as notified
2. I will ensure to take up the following Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) activities as per OM of MoEF & CC dated 01.05.2018.

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	Mitigation Measure	Provision for Implementation	Capital	Recurring
<b>Air Environment</b>	Compaction, gradation and drainage on both sides for Haulage Road	Rental Dozer & drainage construction on haul road @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare; and yearly maintenance @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare	19050	19050
	Fixed Water Sprinkling Arrangements + Water sprinkling by own water tankers	Fixed Sprinkler Installation and New Water Tanker Cost for Capital; and Water Sprinkling (thrice a day) Cost for recurring	200000	20000
	Air Quality will be regularly monitored as per norms within ML area & nearby Reserve forest with necessary permission	Yearly Compliance as per CPCB norms	0	10000
	Muffle blasting – To control fly rocks during blasting	Blasting face will be covered with sand bags / steel mesh / old tyres / used conveyor belts	0	0
	Wet drilling procedure / latest eco-friendly drill	Dust extractor @ Rs. 25,000/- per unit deployed as	72500	7500

	machine with separate dust extractor unit	capital & @ Rs. 2500 per unit recurring cost for maintenance		
	No overloading of trucks/tippers/tractors	Manual Monitoring through Security guard	0	5000
	Stone carrying trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	Monitoring if trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	0	10000
	Enforcing speed limits of 20 km/hr within ML area	Installation of Speed Governors @ Rs. 5000/- per Tipper/Dumper deployed	25000	10000
	Regular monitoring of exhaust fumes as per RTO norms	Monitoring of Exhaust Fumes by Manual Labour	0	5000
	Regular sweeping and maintenance of approach roads for at least about 200 m from ML Area	Provision for 2 labours @ Rs.10,000/labour (Contractual) per Hectare	0	38100
	Installing wheel wash system near gate of quarry	Installation + Maintenance + Supervision	40000	10000
<b>Noise Environment</b>	Source of noise will be during operation of transportation vehicles, HEMM for this proper maintenance will be done at regular intervals.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0

Oiling & greasing of Transport vehicles and HEMM at regular interval will be done	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
Adequate silencers will be provided in all the diesel engines of vehicles.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a fitness certificate.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
Safety tools and implements that are required will be kept adequately near blasting site at the time of charging.	Provision made in OHS part	0	0
Ambient Noise will be regularly monitored as per norms within ML area & near Reserve forest with necessary permission	Yearly Compliance as per CPCB norms	0	10000
Line Drilling all along the boundary to reduce the PPV from blasting activity and implementing controlled blasting.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
Proper warning system before blasting will be adopted and clearance of the area before blasting will be ensured.	Blowing Whistle by Mining Mate / Blaster / Compentent Person	0	0
Provision for Portable blaster shed	Installation of Portable blasting shelter	0	0

	NONEL Blasting will be practiced to control Ground vibration and fly rocks	Rs. 30/- per 6 Tonnes of Blasted Material	0	0
<b>Water Environment</b>	Water management	Provision for garland drain @ Rs. 10,000/- per Hectare with maintenance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum	19050	5000
<b>Waste Management</b>	Waste management (Spent Oil, Grease etc.,)	Provision for domestic waste collection and disposal through authorized agency	10000	5000
		Installation of dust bins	5000	2000
	Bio toilets will be made available outside mine lease on the land of owner itself	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
<b>Implementation of EC, Mining Plan &amp; DGMS Condition</b>	Size 6' X 5' with blue background and white letters as mentioned in MoM Appendix II by the SEAC TN	Fixed Display Board at the Quarry Entrance as permanent structure mentioning Environmental Conditions	7000	1000
	Workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment's	Provision of PPE @ Rs. 4000/- per employee with recurring based on wear and tear (say,	28000	7000

		@ Rs. 1000/- per employee)		
	Health check up for workers will be provisioned	IME & PME Health check up @ Rs. 1000/- per employee	0	7000
	First aid facility will be provided	Provision of 2 Kits per Hectare @ Rs. 2000/-	0	3810
	Mine will have safety precaution signages, boards.	Provision for signages and boards made	10000	2000
	Barbed Wire Fencing to quarry area will be provisioned.	Per Hectare fencing Cost @ Rs. 2,00,000/- with Maintenance of Rs 10,000/- per annum	381000	10000
	No parking will be provided on the transport routes. Separate provision on the south side of the hill will be made for vehicles /HEMMs. Flaggers will be deployed for traffic management	Parking area with shelter and flags @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare project and Rs. 10,000/- as maintenance cost	95250	10000
	Installation of CCTV cameras in the mines and mine entrance	Camera 4 Nos, DVR, Monitor with internet facility	30000	5000
	Implementation as per Mining Plan and ensure safe quarry working	Mines Manager (1 <sup>st</sup> Class / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class / Mine Foreman) under regulation 34	0	40000

		/ 34 (6) of MMR, 1961 and Mining Mate under regulation 116 of MMR,1961 @ 40,000/- for Manager & @ 25,000/- for Foreman / Mate		
<b>Green Belt Development</b>	Green belt development - 500 trees per one hectare (200 Inside Lease Area & 300 Outside Lease Area)  Totally 1000 No. of Trees	Site clearance, preparation of land, digging of pits / trenches, soil amendments, transplantation of saplings @ 200 per plant (capital) for plantation inside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)  400 Trees to be planted inside the lease area	80000	12000
		Avenue Plantation @ 300 per plant (capital) for plantation outside the lease area and @ 30 per plant	180000	18000

		maintenance (recurring)  600 Trees to be planted outside the lease area		
Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Project Site			500000	0

<b>1701850</b>	<b>272460</b>
<b>1974310</b>	

<b>Year</b>	<b>I Year</b>	<b>II Year</b>	<b>III Year</b>
Cost	1974310	286083	300387

**Total EMP Cost: Rs. 25,60,780/- (Rs. 25 Lakhs for 3 Years)**

4. List of quarries within 500m radius from the periphery of the proposal

**i) Abandoned/Old Quarry**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the lessee / Permit Holder</b>	<b>Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>S.F.No.</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>G.O No. and date/ Proceedings</b>	<b>Lease period</b>
1.	M/s. Salem Chemicals, No. 14/22, Agraharam, Sevvaipettai, Salem – 636 002	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	833/1B2 and 833/4A2	2.34.5	G.O NO. 3 (D) No. 136 Thozhil (MMA2) Thurai Dated 07.08.1997	05.02.1998 to 04.02.2018
2.	Thiru. T.V. Ilayaperumal, No. 14B, Perumal Kovil Street, Perumanur, Salem	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	847/3A2, 847/3B, 847/3C, 847/3D, 847/3E2, 450/1	1.29.0	G.O. No. 3(D) No. 83 Thozhil (MMA2) Thurai dated 26.05.1997	29.10.1997- 28.10.2017

**ii) Existing Quarry**

S. No	Name of the Applicant	Village & Taluk	S.F.No.	Extent in Ha	Roc.No. Dated	Lease Period
1.	Thiru. S. Sekhar, No. 73, Raja colony, Collector Office Road, Trichy	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	833/4B, 836 (p), 843/2	1.90.5	G.O.No. 3(D) No. 162 Thozhil (M.M.A2) Thurai, Dated 14.06.94	10.08.1994-09.08.2014 (Deemed Extension)
2.	Thiru. S. Sekhar, No. 73, Raja colony, Collector Office Road, Trichy	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	835/3 836 (P) 837/1B	2.25.0	G.O.No. 3(D) No. 292 Thozhil (MMA2) Thurai dated 04.10.95	18.11.1995 – 17.11.2015 (Deemed Exxtension)
3.	Thiru. N. Krishnamurthy, No. 159/136, Thiruvagavundanur, Salem	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	824/1B( Part), 824/2 (Part), 824/3(P art), 825/1B (Part), 825/2B, 825/3B	4.15.8	Director, Geology and Mining Department, Chennai vide Order No. 14384/MM4/1995 dated 29.07.2005	21.10.2005 to 19.10.2025

**iii) Details of Proposed/Applied Quarries**

S. No.	Name of the lessee / Permit Holder	Village & Taluk	S.F.No.	Extent in Ha	GO No & Date	Lease period
---Nil---						

4. There will not be any hindrance or disturbance to the people during transportation.  
No villages are enroute during transportation

5. There are no approved habitations within 300m radius from the periphery of the quarry
6. I swear that Greenbelt development will be carried out during the course of quarrying operation and maintained.
7. The required insurance will be taken in the name of the labourers working in the quarry site
8. I will not engage any child labor in our quarry will be provided to all the laborers working in my quarry
9. I will not engage any child labor for any kind of quarry works
10. All types of safety / Personal protective equipment will be provided to all the labourers working in the quarry
11. There is no permanent structure located within 300m radius from the periphery of the quarry

I ensure to do all the social and Environment commitment as mentioned in the Mining Plan to the best of my knowledge.

**DETAILS OF QUARRIES LOCATED WITHIN 500M RADIUS FROM THE PROPOSED QUARRY:**

The Project Proponent has submitted a copy of the letter obtained from the Assistant Director, Dept. of Geology and Mining, Karur District In his/her letter Rc.No.141/Mines/2017-2, Dated:06.02.2017., he/she has stated the details of other quarries within a radius 500m from the boundary of the proposed quarry site as follows:

**i) Abandoned/Old Quarry**

S. No.	Name of the lessee / Permit Holder	Village & Taluk	S.F.No.	Extent in Ha	G.O No. and date/ Proceedings	Lease period
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2.	Thiru. T.V. Ilayaperumal, No.	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	847/3A2, 847/3B,	1.29.0	G.O. No. 3(D) No. 83 Thozhil	29.10.1997- 28.10.2017

14B, Perumal Kovil Street, Perumanur, Salem	847/3C, 847/3D, 847/3E2, 450/1	(MMA2) Thurai dated 26.05.1997
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**ii) Existing Quarry**

S. No	Name of the Applicant	Village & Taluk	S.F.No.	Extent in Ha	Roc.No. Dated	Lease Period
1.	Thiru. S. Sekhar, No. 73, Raja colony, Collector Office Road, Trichy	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	833/4B, 836 (p), 843/2	1.90.5	G.O.No. 3(D) No. 162 Thozhil (M.M.A2) Thurai, Dated 14.06.94	10.08.1994-09.08.2014 (Deemed Extension)
2.	Thiru. S. Sekhar, No. 73, Raja colony, Collector Office Road, Trichy	Kadavur Taluk, Varavanai Village	835/3 836 (P) 837/1B	2.25.0	G.O.No. 3(D) No. 292 Thozhil (MMA2) Thurai dated 04.10.95	18.11.1995 – 17.11.2015 (Deemed Exxtension)
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iii) Details of Proposed/Applied Quarries

S. No.	Name of the lessee / Permit Holder	Village & Taluk	S.F.No.	Extent in Ha	GO No & Date	Lease period
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**SEAC STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

Category	Conditions	
<b>1. General</b>	1.1.	Prior approval shall be secured from the SEIAA for any modification / change in the Project mentioned in the Environmental Clearance (EC).
	1.2.	The Environmental Clearance (EC) shall be renewed in accordance with EIA Notification, 2006 vide S.O.2944 (E) dated: 14.09.2016, as amended from time to time.
	1.3.	The EC does not exempt the Proponent and/or his appointed contractors and operator from securing other government approvals or preclude other agencies/departments from enforcing their rules and regulations.
	1.4.	CTO from TNPCB shall be obtained and complied with.
	1.5.	A copy of the EC shall be kept at the Project site at all times. The Project Owner and/or its appointed contractors and operator shall allow access, and provide assistance to the authorised SEIAA officers and engineers in carrying out inspections, incident investigations, taking of pictures, and in obtaining relevant information such as onsite sources of emissions and effluent discharges at any time.
	1.6.	Any environment-related incidents and complaints shall be reported to SEIAA within twenty-four (24) hours. The incident report shall describe the likely cause, the time of occurrence, and the conditions under which an incident occurred, the extent of impact, and the remedial actions undertaken.
	1.7.	A Half-Yearly Compliance Report (HYCR), including environmental protection measures implementation and monitoring, and a brief

		description with photo documentation shall be submitted to SEIAA and IRO, MoEF&CC.
	1.8.	The EC Holder shall send 'Notice of Opening', to the Director of Mine Safety, Chennai Region, as required under the section 16 of the Mines Act 1952 before commencement of mining operations.
	1.9.	While transporting the mined material, the ECH shall ensure that there is no over loading of trucks/trippers/tractors. Every load transported should be weighed in an approved weighing station and the details should be maintained by the ECH.
<b>2. Land</b>	2.1	Topsoil shall be segregated, stockpiled, and protected from wind and water erosion, or contaminants. The segregated top soil shall not be disturbed by surface operations, such as roads and areas upon which support facilities are to be sited.
	2.2	As per the directions contained in the OM F.No.22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16th January 2020 issued by MoEF & CC, the ECH shall, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to his mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The compliance of this direction shall be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.
	2.3	The ECH must not carry out any activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 60 m from the Reserve Forest.</li> <li>• Within the notified environmentally sensitive area of notified protected areas.</li> <li>• Within 1 km of protected areas where the environmentally sensitive area has not been notified.</li> </ul>
	2.4	The ECH must design, install and maintain adequate erosion and sediment control structures wherever necessary to prevent or minimise erosion of disturbed areas and the sedimentation and/or blockage of any watercourse, waterway, or water body.
	2.5	The ECH shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by the quarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations as

		per the Environmental Management Plan & the approved Mine Closure Plan.
	2.6	The ECH must not carry out any activity within 300m of an identified historical and archaeological site.
<b>3. Water</b>	3.1	Monitoring of drainage water should be carried out at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and any discharged water into the natural stream should meet CPCB standards.
	3.2	Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB. As a part of Ground Water Management, the ECH shall carry out the scientific studies <b>to assess the existing hydrogeological conditions (water table in the core &amp; buffer zones) and impacts of the quarrying operation on the ground water level present in the core zone</b> , during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of the mining operation, by involving any one of the reputed Research and Academic Institutions. A copy the report shall be submitted to the SEIAA, MoEF&CC, TNPCB, WRD and DMS, Chennai.
	3.3	The ECH shall construct a garland drain of appropriate size, gradient and length around the proposed quarry incorporating garland canal, silt traps, siltation pond and outflow channel connecting to a natural drain prior to the commencement of mining. Garland drain, silt-traps, siltation ponds and outflow channel should be de-silted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the HYCR.
	3.4	The operation of the quarry should not affect the agricultural activities & water bodies near the project site and a 50 m safety distance from water body should be maintained without carrying any activity.
<b>4. Air</b>	4.1	The ECH must not cause any release of dust that is not in conformity with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
	4.2	The following measures along with any other measures shall be implemented by the ECH to control dust pollution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing pollution control equipment (e.g. fitting bag filters or a cyclone to dust generating equipment).</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Altering work practices to avoid or minimise the generation of dust.</li> <li>Scheduling activities during times when they will have least impact.</li> <li>Spraying water on roads and tracks.</li> <li>Re-vegetating disturbed areas as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
	4.3	The ECH shall ensure that the loaded trucks are <b>covered</b> to avoid the spillage & dust pollution while transportation.
	4.4	The ECH shall use the jack hammer drill machine fitted with the dust extractor for the drilling operations such that the fugitive dust is controlled effectively at the source.
<b>5. Noise &amp; Vibration</b>	5.1	Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. (i) Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with Ear plugs/muffs, (ii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.
	5.2	The ECH must ensure that the ground vibration (peak particle velocity) shall not exceed the threshold limits prescribed by DGMS vide the DGMS Circular No. 7, of 1997.
	5.3	The ECH shall monitor the whole-body vibration level of all the machineries deployed and shall undertake adequate measures to reduce whole-body vibration (WBV) exposure to eliminate the adverse occupational health hazards/impacts caused to the operators. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be included in the HYCR.
	5.4	The ECH shall carry out blasting in such a manner that the blast-induced ground vibration level (Peak Particle Velocity) measured in the houses/structures located at a distance of 300 m shall not exceed 2.0 mm/s and no fly rock shall travel beyond 20 m from the site of blasting.
	5.5	Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site.

	5.6	The ECH shall ensure that the blasting operations shall be carried out with a prior notice to the habitations situated around the proposed quarry. The ECH also should post sentries/guards adequately to ensure safety to the public.
	5.7	The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the <b>appendix</b> . The plant species of native origin with dense/moderate canopy should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
	5.8	Taller/one-year-old saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably eco-friendly bags) should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanists/horticulturists with regard to site specific choices.
	5.9	The ECH shall maintain a register of all the trees planted and the survival rate.
	5.10	Adequate water sprinkling arrangements shall be in place on the haulage road for fugitive dust suppression. Fugitive emission measurements should be carried out during the mining operation at regular intervals and submit the consolidated report to TNPCB once in six months.
	5.11	If a credible, supported complaint is made that noise or vibration is adversely impacting human noise receptors, then the ECH shall consult with affected stakeholders to develop mitigation strategies to resolve the complaint.
<b>6. Social &amp; OHS</b>	6.1	The ECH shall comply with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952, MMR 1961 and Mines Rules 1955 for ensuring safety, health and welfare of the people working in the mines and the surrounding habitants.
		The PP shall mark the DGPS reference pillars painted with blue & white colour indicating the safety barrier of 7.5 m to be left under the

	Rule 13 (1) of MCDR, 1988 within the lease boundary and protective bunds, before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
6.2	The proponent shall install the 'S3 (or) G2' type of fencing with reflectors all around the boundary of the proposed working quarry with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation as recommended in the DGMS Circular, 11/1959 and shall furnish the photographs showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
6.3	The ECH shall ensure that the persons employed in the quarry whether permanent, temporary or contractual are provided with adequate PPEs before engaged in mining operations.
6.4	The ECH shall use only the road indicated in the mining plan for transportation purposes. ECH shall monitor the condition of the road at all times and if the roads are damaged, ECH shall approach the District Collector for the maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road under DMF.
6.5	During the operation of mine, the ECH shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles pass through schools / hospitals.
6.6	The ECH shall ensure that the blasting operations are carried out by the blaster/Mine Mate/Mine Foreman <b>duly employed</b> by him/her in accordance with the provisions of MMR 1961.
6.7	The ECH shall register promptly through online in the <b>Shram Suvidha Portal</b> which is the official portal of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt of India to obtain <b>Labour Identification Number (LIN)</b> before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
6.8	The ECH shall <b>annually</b> carry out an Occupational Health Survey (OHS) <b>in accordance with the guidelines &amp; period of examination laid in the DGMS (Tech.) (S&amp;T) Circular No. 01 of 2011</b> , on OHS of the persons working in mines prone to generate the airborne dust, under Section 9A of Mines Act, 1952 and a copy of the annual compliance certificate shall be submitted to the SEIAA, IRO, MoEF&CC, TNPCB, AD/Mines-DGM and DMS, Chennai.

	6.9	The ECH shall install a 'Bio-toilet' and Rest shelter facility for the persons employed in the mine before obtaining the CTO from the TNPCB.
<b>7. Financial</b>	7.1	The ECH shall ensure that the funds earmarked for environmental protection measures are kept in a separate bank account and such funds should not be diverted for other purposes. Year-wise expenditure should be included in the HYCR.
	7.2	As per the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall adhere to the EMP as committed.
<b>8. Others</b>	8.1	The ECH shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 & Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are complied by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure, the public and public works located in that vicinity of the quarrying area and in a manner to preserve the environment and ecology of the area.
	8.2	The ECH shall abide by the production schedule specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the ECH liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.
	8.3	The PP to erect Display board as Appendix-II

**Abbreviations:**

ECH	=	Environment Clearance Holder
HYCR	=	Half Yearly Compliance Report.
CTO	=	Consent to Operate
DMF	=	District Mining Fund
IRO	=	Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC
CPCB	=	Central Pollution Control Board
WRD	=	Water Resources Department
DMS	=	Director of Mine Safety
OHS	=	Occupational Health and Safety

NABL	=	National Accreditation board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories
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### STANDARD CONDITIONS

#### Part-A: Conditions to be Complied before commencing mining operations: -

1. **The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing the public that**
  - I. The project has been accorded Environmental Clearance.**
  - II. Copies of clearance letters are available with the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.**
  - III. Environmental Clearance may also be seen on the website of the SEIAA.**
  - IV. The advertisement should be made within 7 days from the date of receipt of the clearance letter and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the SEIAA.**

2. Mining activity should be reviewed by the District Collector after three years and decide for further extension.
3. NOC from the Standing committee of the NBWL shall be obtained, if protected areas are located within 10 Km from the proposed project site.
4. The project proponent shall comply the conditions laid down in the Section V, Rule 36 of Tamil Nadu Minor Minerals Concession Rules 1959.
5. **A copy of the Environment Clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to the concerned Panchayat, Town Panchayat / Panchayat union/ Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the proponent and also kept at the site, for the general public to see.**
6. Quarry lease area should be demarcated on the ground with wire fencing to show the boundary of the lease area on all sides with red flags on every pillar shall be erected before commencement of quarrying.
7. The proponent shall ensure that First Aid Box is available at site.

8. The excavation activity shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.
9. The excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purposes.
10. The proponent shall quarry and remove only in the permitted areas as per the approved Mining Plan details.
11. The quarrying operation shall be restricted between 7AM and 5 PM.
12. The proponent shall take necessary measures to ensure that there shall not be any adverse impacts due to quarrying operation on the nearby human habitations, by way of pollution to the environment.
13. A minimum distance of 50mts. from any civil structure shall be kept from the periphery of any excavation area.
14. The mined out pits should be backfilled where warranted and area should be suitably landscaped to prevent environmental degradation. The mine closure plan as furnished in the proposal shall be strictly followed with back filling and tree plantation.
15. Wet drilling method is to be adopted to control dust emissions. Delay detonators and shock tube initiation system for blasting shall be used so as to reduce vibration and dust.
16. Drilling and blasting shall be done only either by licensed explosive agent or by the proponent after obtaining required approvals from Competent Authorities.
17. Blasting shall be carried out after announcing to the public adequate through public address system to avoid any accident.
18. A study has to be conducted to assess the optimum blast parameters and blast design to keep the vibration limits less than prescribed levels and only such design and parameters should be implemented while blasting is done. Periodical monitoring of the vibration at specified location to be conducted and records kept for inspection.
19. The Proponent shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the GLC shall comply with the revised NAAQ norms notified by MoEF&CC, GoI on 16.11.2009.
20. The following measures are to be implemented to reduce Air Pollution during transportation of mineral
  - i. Roads shall be graded to mitigate the dust emission.
  - ii. Water shall be sprinkled at regular interval on the main road and other service roads to suppress dust
21. The following measures are to be implemented to reduce Noise Pollution
  - i. Proper and regular maintenance of vehicles and other equipment

- ii. Limiting time exposure of workers to excessive noise.
  - iii. The workers employed shall be provided with protection equipment and earmuffs etc.
  - iv. Speed of trucks entering or leaving the mine is to be limited to moderate speed of 25 kmph to prevent undue noise from empty trucks.
  - v. All noise generating machinery the compressor, generator to be enclosed in acoustic enclosure so as to reduce noise in working area.
22. Measures should be taken to comply with the provisions laid under Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) (Amendment) Rules, 2010, dt: 11.01.2010 issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI to control noise to the prescribed levels.
23. Suitable conservation measures to augment groundwater resources in the area shall be planned and implemented in consultation with Regional Director, CGWB. Suitable measures should be taken for rainwater harvesting.
24. Permission from the competent authority should be obtained for drawl of ground water, if any, required for this project.
25. Topsoil, if any, shall be stacked properly with proper slope with adequate measures and should be used for plantation purpose.
26. The following measures are to be adopted to control erosion of dumps:-
- i. Retention/ toe walls shall be provided at the foot of the dumps.
  - ii. Worked out slopes are to be stabilized by planting appropriate shrub/ grass species on the slopes.
27. Waste oils, used oils generated from the EM machines, mining operations, if any, shall be disposed as per the Hazardous & other wastes (Management, and Trans Boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and its amendments thereof to the recyclers authorized by TNPCB.
28. Concealing the factual data or failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
29. Rain water harvesting to collect and utilize the entire water falling in land area should be provided.
30. Rain water getting accumulated in the quarry floor shall not be discharged directly to the nearby stream or water body. If it is to be let into the nearby water body, it has to be discharged into a silt trap on the surface within the lease area and only the overflow

after allowing settling of soil be let into the nearby waterways. The silt trap should be of sufficient dimensions to catch all the silt water being pumped out during one season. The silt trap should be cleaned of all the deposited silt at the end of the season and kept ready for taking care of the silt in the next season.

31. The lease holder shall undertake adequate safeguard measures during extraction of material and ensure that due to this activity, the hydro-geological regime of the surrounding area shall not be affected. Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out around the mine lease area during the mining operation. If at any stage, if it is observed that the groundwater table is getting depleted due to the mining activity; necessary corrective measures shall be carried out. District Collector/mining officer shall ensure this.
32. No tree-felling shall be done in the leased area, except only with the permission from competent Authority.
33. To take up environmental monitoring of the proposed quarry site before, during and after the mining activities including vibration study data, water, air & flora/fauna environment, slurry water generated/disposed and method of disposal, involving a reputed academic Institution.
34. It shall be ensured that the total extent of nearby quarries (existing, abandoned and proposed) located within 500 meter radius from the periphery of this quarry is not exceeding 5 hectares within the mining lease period of this application.
35. It shall be ensured that there is no habitation is located within 300 meter radius from the periphery of the quarry site and also ensure that no hindrance will be caused to the people of the habitation located within 300m radius from the periphery of the quarry site.
36. Free Silica test should be conducted and reported to TNPCB, Department of Geology and Mining and Regional Director, MoEF&CC, GOI.
37. Air sampling at intersection point should be conducted and reported to TNPCB, Department of Geology and Mining and Regional Director, MoEF&CC, GOI.
38. Bunds to be provided at the boundary of the project site.
39. The project proponent shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by planting the native species on all side of the lease area at the rate of 400/Ha. Suitable tall tree saplings should be planted on the bunds and other suitable areas in and around the work place.

40. Floor of excavated pit to be levelled and sides to be sloped with gentle slope (Except for granite quarries) in the mine closure phase.
41. The Project Proponent shall ensure a minimum of 2.5% of the annual turnover will be utilized for the CSR Activity
42. The Project Proponent shall provide solar lighting system to the nearby villages.
43. Earthen bunds and barbed wire fencing around the pits with green belt all along the boundary shall be developed and maintained.
44. Safety equipments to be provided to all the employees.
45. Safety distance of 50m has to be provided in case of railway, reservoir, canal/odai
46. The Assistant/Deputy Director, Department of Geology & mining shall ensure that the proponent has engaged the blaster with valid Blasting license/certificate obtained from the competent authority before execution of mining lease.
47. The proponent shall furnish the Baseline data covering the Air, Water, Noise and land environment quality for the proposed quarry site before execution of mining lease.
48. The proponent shall erect the pillars in accordance with the Rules for depicting GPS details in the earmarked boundary of the quarry site to monitor electronically before execution of mining.
49. The proponent has to provide insurance protection to the workers in the case of existing mining or provide the affidavit in case of fresh lease before execution of mining lease.
50. The proponent has to display the name board at the quarry site showing the details of Proponent, lease period, extent, etc., with respect to the existing activity before execution of mining.
51. Heavy earth machinery equipments if utilized, after getting approval from the competent authority.
52. The Proponent shall ensure that the project activity including blasting, mining transportation etc should in no way have adverse impact to the other forests, such as reserve forests and social forests, tree plantation and bio diversity, surrounding water bodies etc.
53. The proponent shall provide Green Belt development at the rate of not less than 400 trees/Hectare. The tree saplings shall be not less than 3m height.
54. The fugitive emissions should be monitored during the mining activity and should be reported to TNPCB once in a month and the operation of the quarry should no way impact the agriculture activity & water bodies near the project site.

55. All the commitment made by the project proponent in the proposal shall be strictly followed.
56. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
57. The Project proponent has to strictly comply the outcome/direction of the Hon'ble NGT, Principle Bench, New Delhi in the O.A No.186 of 2016 (M.A.No.350/2016), O.A. No.200/2016, O.A.No.580/2016 (M.A.No.1182/2016), O.A.No.102/2017, O.A.No.404/ 2016 ( M.A.No. 758/2016, M.A. No. 920 /2016, M.A.No.1122/2016, M.A.No. 12/2017 & M.A.No.843/2017), O.A.No.405/2016 and O.A.No.520 of 2016 (M.A.No.981/2016, M.A.No.982/2016 & M.A.No.384/2017).
58. All required sanitary and hygienic measures should be in place before starting construction activities and they have to be maintained throughout the construction phase.
59. The company shall stress upon the preventive aspects of occupational health.
60. A separate environment and safety management cell with qualified staff shall be set up before commissioning of construction activities and shall be retained throughout the lifetime of the industry, for implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards.
61. A scientific site/ ecological rehabilitation and restoration plan on long term basis should be drawn to carryout restoration with native species and Bio diversity.
62. The Green/Blue plan should guide the restoration of the site. The rehabilitation/restoration plan should be submitted to SEIAA-TN within one month. If applicable.
63. The existing water bodies should not be disturbed to ensure sustainable environment for aquatic life forms.
64. The proponent should completely implement all environmental pollution control measures as detailed in the EIA report and in the additional report.
65. Avenue plantation wherever needed has to be carried out along the route for dust suppression.
66. The green belt developed for the prevention of dust pollution should not form a part of the larger green belt development envisaged in the EIA report.

67. Regular monitoring and check up for pulmonary and carcinogenic diseases to be carried out regularly, not only for the workers involved in the mines but also to the people in the villages adjoining the mines. Interaction with the Primary Health Centre & district medical officer should be on regular basis to monitor the incidence of the diseases if any and to provide suitable medical facility for the patients.
68. Monitoring of well water levels and water quality of the wells in the locations furnished in the EIA report shall be done during pre-monsoon and post monsoon period and results submitted to the Regional Office of MoEF, Chennai and SEIAA.
69. Monitoring of water quality and air quality in and around the project site in the selected monitoring points as mentioned in the EIA report shall be continued regularly involving Academic Institutions.
70. Hydro geological study including infiltration test shall be conducted by any reputed agency to estimate leachate quantity.
71. Regular medical check-up for mine workers and nearby residents around the project site involving community medical centre/NIMH shall be conducted.
72. As per norms, the health study should be conducted through competent/approved health organization and report submitted for one year.
73. The effective safe guard measures shall be provided to control particulate dust level in critical areas, transfer points and haul road within the mine area.
74. NOC from the State GWA for drawing ground water shall be obtained, if ground water table is intersected.
75. Green belt shall be provided as per norms of MoEF&CC, GOI, in consultation with local DFO.
76. All the recommendations made in the EIA report of the project shall be effectively implemented.
77. A booklet containing the Dos and Don'ts shall be prepared in vernacular languages for the use of the mine engineers/ managers and the workers to ensure that all necessary environmental, safety and health measures are undertaken.
78. All the environmental protection measures and safeguards as recommended in the EIA report shall be complied with.

79. Hydro geological study of the area shall be reviewed annually and report submitted to the Authority. No water bodies including natural drainage system in the area shall be disturbed due to activities associated with the operation of the Mining activity.
80. A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities to carry out the various Environmental Management and Monitoring functions shall be set up under the control of a Senior Executive.
81. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of the MoEF at Chennai, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; RSPM, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> or critical sector parameters, indicated for the projects shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.

**Part B: General Conditions:**

1. EC is given only on the factual records, documents and the commitment furnished in non judicial stamp paper by the proponent.
2. The Proponent shall obtain the Consent from the TNPC Board before commencing the activity.
3. No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu.
4. No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral (minor mineral) should be made.
5. Effective safeguard measures, such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as loading and unloading point and all transfer points. Extensive water sprinkling shall be carried out on haul roads. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
6. Effective safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to excavation of earth.
7. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation.
8. Loading and unloading areas including all the transfer points should also have efficient dust control arrangements. These should be properly maintained and operated.

9. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and be regularly monitored. The mineral transportation shall be carried out through the covered trucks only and the vehicles carrying the mineral shall not be overloaded.
10. Access and haul roads to the quarrying area should be restored in a mutually agreeable manner where these are considered unnecessary after extraction has been completed.
11. All Personnel shall be provided with protective respiratory devices including safety shoes, masks, gloves etc. Supervisory people should be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.
12. Periodical medical examination of the workers engaged in the project shall be carried out and records maintained. For the purpose, schedule of health examination of the workers should be drawn and followed accordingly. The workers shall be provided with personnel protective measures such as masks, gloves, boots etc.
13. Workers/labourers shall be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation facility for Female and Male separately.
14. The project proponent shall ensure that child labour is not employed in the project as per the sworn affidavit furnished.
15. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its Regional Office located at Chennai.
16. The Environmental Clearance does not absolve the applicant/proponent of his obligation/requirement to obtain other statutory and administrative clearances from other statutory and administrative authorities.
17. This Environmental Clearance does not imply that the other statutory / administrative clearances shall be granted to the project by the concerned authorities. Such authorities would be considering the project on merits and be taking decisions independently of the Environmental Clearance
18. The SEIAA, Tamil Nadu may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further conditions in the interest of environment protection.
19. The SEIAA, Tamil Nadu may cancel the Environmental Clearance granted to this project under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, at any stage of the validity of

this Environmental Clearance, if it is found or if it comes to the knowledge of this SEIAA, TN that the project proponent has deliberately concealed and/or submitted false or misleading information or inadequate data for obtaining the Environmental Clearance.

20. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
21. The above conditions will 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, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, along with their amendments, Minor Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2010 framed under MMDR Act 1957, National Commission for protection of Child Right Rules, 2006, Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016, the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological diversity Rules, 2004 and Rules made there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/Hon'ble High Court of Madras and any other Courts of Law relating to the subject matter.
22. Any other conditions stipulated by other Statutory/Government authorities shall be complied.
23. Any appeal against this Environmental Clearance shall lie with the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
24. The Environmental Clearance is issued based on the documents furnished by the project proponent. In case any documents found to be incorrect/not in order at a later date the Environmental Clearance issued to the project will be deemed to be revoked/ cancelled.