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File No.: SEIAA-905/11-2020  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),  
ODISHA)

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Dated 03/02/2025



To,

Smt. Kancheswari Bag  
At- Amtha, Po- Chancher, Ps-Bhawanipatna sadar, Dist- Kalahandi, ODISHA, 766011  
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**Subject:** Grant of Transfer of EC to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 and as amended thereof regarding.

**Sir/Madam,**

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA, Odisha vide proposal number SIA/OR/MIN/503458/2024 dated 29/10/2024 for grant of transfer of EC letter no.726/SEIAA dt. 26.02.2021 to the project of Bileikuni Stone Quarry Over an Area of 3.00 Acre or 1.214 Hectares in village Bileikuni under Kalahandi Tahasil of Kalahandi District, Odisha to Smt. Kancheswari Bag, the successful bidder/lessee under the provision of para 11 of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC24C0108OR5375046T
(ii) File No.	SEIAA-905/11-2020
(iii) Clearance Type	Transfer of EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals Proposal for Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Bileikuni Stone Quarry Over an Area of 3.00 Acre or 1.214 Hectares in village Bileikuni under Kalahandi Tahasil of Kalahandi District
(vii) Name of Project	KALAHANDI, ODISHA
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	SEIAA, Odisha
(ix) Issuing Authority	26/02/2021
(x) EC Date	Smt. Kancheswari Bag, At- Amtha, Po- Chancher, Dist- Kalahandi,, Odisha766011
(xi) Details of Transferee	Tahasildar Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna,766001
(xii) Details of Transferor	

3. In view of the particulars given in the Para-1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-7 were submitted to the SEIAA, Odisha under the provision of Para-11 of the EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments. Details in Form-7 can be accessed on the PARIVESH portal by scanning the QR Code above.
4. The SEIAA, Odisha has examined the requisite information/documents required for transfer of EC in 185<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 07.01.2025 in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and hereby accord Transfer of EC letter no.726/SEIAA dt. 26.02.2021 of of Bileikuni Stone Quarry Over an Area of 3.00 Acre or 1.214 Hectares in village Bileikuni under Kalahandi Tahasil of Kalahandi District, Odisha to Smt. Kancheswari Bag, the successful bidder/lessee as requested by the Mining Officer, Kalahandi vide letter no. 419 dated 19.10.2024 under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof. The other stipulated terms and conditions of the original EC initially granted on 26.02.2021 remain same subject to compliance of EC conditions issued vide EC letter dated 26/02/2021 along with the below mentioned additional stipulations:

### Stipulation

#### Sl. Descriptions

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(i) Lease Area:	3.00 Acres or 1.214 Ha
(ii) No Mining Zone:	7.5meter safety zone from all along the lease boundary.
(iii) Maximum Depth of Mining:	Maximum 6.00 Mtr. from the ground level/surface level of this area as stipulated in rule 37(1)(a) of the OMMC Rule, 2016.
(iv) Method of Mining	Semi-mechanized <b>without drilling and blasting</b>
(v) Permitted Quantity:	<b>1208 cum/annum</b> Total production in the 5 years lease period will be <b>6042 cum.</b>
(vi) Validity Period of EC:	The EC is valid for 5 years from date of lease execution or for the the lease period whichever is less.

### 5. Before lease agreement

- **Boundary Demarcation:** - The boundary of the lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting 1.20 meter (4 feet approx.) high reinforced concrete pillars above ground, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates by any empanelled agency of ORSAC.
- **Digital Map:** -A digital map (in KML format as well as PDF version) showing GPS coordinates of all boundary pillars duly countersigned by the Tahasildar/Mining officer shall be submitted to SEIAA, Odisha through email at seiaaodisha@gmail.com.
- **Intimation of EC:** -The copies of the EC shall be sent to the Sarpanch (s) of the concerned Gram Panchayat (s), Urban Local Bodies and relevant other Offices of the Government with a request to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt. The Project Authorities should widely advertise about the grant of this EC letter by printing the same in at least two local newspapers, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the concerned area. The advertisement shall be done within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter mentioning that the instant project has been accorded EC and copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)). A copy of the advertisement may be forwarded to the concerned MoEF&CC Regional Office for compliance and record.
- **Tree Plantation:** - **Tree Plantation:** -The Project Proponent (lease holder) shall plant **200 no. of** native species within 2 years in a suitable location adjoining the quarry or any suitable place after consultation with local DFO, Mining Officer and Tahasildar.
- **State EMF Fund:** - An amount equal to five percent (5%) of the royalty payable shall be collected from the lessee by the Tahasildar/Mining Officer and deposited to the State Environment Management Fund, which will be utilized as per provisions of Rule 49(3) of the OMMC Rule, 2016 preferably, in and around the areas where mining activities are undertaken.
- **Condition by Collector/ Deputy Director of Mines:** - Any other condition(s) the Collector & Chairman, District Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA), may impose in the interest of protection and safeguarding

the local environment.

- **Compliance report for Transfer of EC:** - Any transfer of EC to a PP/Lessee shall be considered by SEIAA, Odisha only after receipt of the full compliance report through Tahasildar/Mining Officer concerned of the above environmental conditions and safeguards.
- **Other conditions/NOC:-** Consent / NoC shall be obtained from the concerned authority if village road is to be used for transportation. The said road shall also be maintained by the lessee.

#### 6. After lease agreement

- The Project Proponent (PP) shall revise the DSR as per minerals deposit along with final coordinates to be ensured by the concerned lease granting Authority.
  - The boundary area of the deposit as per the revised /updated DSR to be defined by geo-coordinates based on DGPS survey superimposed on the cadastral map.
  - Mitigation measures for flying Rock for safety of human beings and animals during blasting to be ensured by the project proponent.
  - The project proponent needs to maintain periodic health check-up records of their employees and ensure use of face masks by workers in crushing and handling sections of the stone quarry for ensuring that working personnel are not affected by silicosis.
  - Construction of garland drains retaining walls and settling tanks should be ensured to prevent erosion during rainfall and to collect silt generated during the mining activity.
  - Haulage road shall be developed and maintained perennially and perpetually by the proponent in consultation with the concerned authority of the Govt.
  - Topsoil excavated during mining to be stacked separately in the ML area and to be used for plantation in and around the ML area.
  - The project proponent shall undertake re-grassing of the area or any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for fodder, flora, fauna etc. in compliance to the direction dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition(s) Civil No. 114/2014, Common Cause Vs Union of India & Ors. after ceasing mining operation that is at the time of mine closure.
  - The project proponent shall take geo-coordinating photographs of the lease area before mining and also subsequent period of mining and submit to SEIAA, Odisha in six (06) months EC compliance with photographs.
7. **Maximum permissible quantity:** Maximum yearly quantity of extraction from the quarry shall not exceed its annual limit as specified above under stipulation in Table 'A stipulations'-sl. A(v) and the total production shall be **6042 cum** during the valid lease period of five (05) years as per the approved mining plan. Any flouting of this quantitative restriction shall make this EC liable to cancellation.
8. **Maximum permissible depth of mining:** - Maximum depth of mining from the top surface/ground level of this area, at any point, up to which quarrying may be permitted shall be **6 meters** as stipulated in rule 37(1) (a) of the OMMC Rule, 2016. Quarry excavation shall not proceed below a level on the hill slope, and shall not touch the base of the hill in any case. The exploitation of stone material from the hill shall be carried out in a systematic manner, spreading the quarrying activity to cover all the economic veins of minerals and proceeding uniformly to more and more depths from all sides simultaneously.
9. **No change in the mining plan without prior approval of SEIAA:** - Any change in the calendar plan, change in production quantity or method of mining shall not be made without prior approval of the SEIAA. Mining activity shall adhere to the working parameters of the approved mining plan prepared for this project. The detailed production of laterite stone from the lease area of each year shall be submitted in tabular form during submission of compliance report.

**10. Environmental Management Plan:** (i) EMP shall be implemented by PP to ensure compliance with the environmental conditions specified above. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in a separate account and shall be spent according to the plan proposed in coordination with Tahasildar/Mining Officer. Year wise progress of implementation of EMP shall be reported to the SEIAA, Odisha and OSPCB along with the compliance report. The Tahasildar/Mining Officer shall ensure the compliance of this condition along with all the lease holders of his jurisdiction.

(ii) The PP will implement the EMP for the lease area as proposed during the valid lease period of 5 years. The detailed expenditure on EMP shall be submitted with six monthly compliance reports.

**11. No Mining Zone:** The lessee shall ensure that no quarrying or mining is carried out in the areas as specified below: -

- 7.5-meter safety zone shall be kept from all sides of the lease boundary as per the approved mining plan.
- within **100m** (minimum distance criteria **when blasting is not involved**) and within **200m** (minimum distance criteria **when blasting is involved**) from residential/ public buildings, inhabited sites, protected monuments, Heritage sites, National/State Highway, District roads, public roads, Railway line/area, Ropeway or Ropeway trestle or station, Bridges, Dam, Reservoirs, river, Canals, lakes or Tanks, or any other locations etc.
- below ground water table under any circumstances. If ground water table occurs /intervenes within the permitted mining depth, then the quarrying shall be stopped immediately;
- in the vicinity of natural /manmade archeological sites;

**12. Transport Safeguards:**

- No transportation of the minerals shall be allowed on any road passing through villages/habitations without prior explicit permission.
- Transportation of minerals through existing rural roads can be allowed only by the concerned Govt. Department/ Gram Panchayat/BDO after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of the road is increased to handle the mineral carrying truck traffic. The project proponent shall bear the cost towards the widening and strengthening of existing public roads in case the same is proposed to be used for the project.
- Project proponent shall ensure that the transport of minerals will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and traffic density.
- Vehicles hired for transportation of minor minerals from the site should be in good condition and should have pollution check certificates and should conform to applicable air and noise emission standards and should be operated only during non-peak hours. Speed of vehicle be regulated and in no case >30 Kms / hr be allowed.
- The vehicles shall not be overloaded and shall be covered with Tarpaulin. The Tahasildar/Mining Officer may collect an appropriate additional road maintenance levy from the lessee as part of the lease conditions on the basis of quantum of mineral transported, and utilize the proceeds of the levy for proper maintenance of the extraction paths and roads to prevent their degradation on account of plying of mineral carrying trucks.
- Water spraying should be made on the village road to control particulate matter (dust particles) pollution in surrounding air during transportation from the quarry. Garland drain shall be constructed on the hill slope to arrest downward flow of particulate matter with rainwater.

**13. Other Environmental Conditions: -**

- The lessee shall ensure safety of human life and livestock from accidents in case the village / any habitation is very near the mining lease area.
- Topsoil, if any, shall be stacked properly with proper slope with adequate measures and should be used for plantation purposes.

- Dumping of quarry material is in no case permissible on any forest land; and all dump yards shall be on duly permitted non forest land.
  - Waste oils, used oils generated from the EM machines, mining operations, if any, shall be disposed as per the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling, and trans-boundary movement) Rules, 2008 and its amendments thereof to the recyclers authorized by SPCB, Odisha.
  - At the end of mine closure, the proponent shall immediately remove all the sheds put up in the quarry and all the equipment in the area before closure of the quarry.
  - Permanent barricading/barbed wire fencing of the mining lease area site shall be done after completion of mining activities to prevent any danger for stray animals and human habitations from accidents.
  - The Project Proponent shall undertake phased restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of land affected by mining and complete this work before abandonment of mine. Filling of the ditch by fly ash is to be ensured by the lessee, as also fencing the area, guard wall for safety of cattle & traffic.
14. **Common Forum for EMP:-** All the individual quarry lessee holders coming under the Tahasil may create a common forum in coordination with the Tahasildar/Mining Officer and contribute funds to it for grading, compaction and maintenance of haulage road, provision of water spray on the village road to control particulate matter (dust particles) pollution in surrounding air during transportation from the quarry, and provision of thick, multilayer and a continuous green belt around the lease area excluding the entry and exit gate for prevention of environmental pollution and noise during mining activity.
15. **Reclamation & Restoration:-**Pursuant to MoEF & CC, O.M No 22-34/2018-1A.IIIdated 16.01.2020 and in compliance to the directions dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. (Civil) No.114/2014 in the matter of Common Cause vs Union of India, the mining lease holder shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to other mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc. The Project Proponent shall submit a detailed plan of action in this regard to Tahasildar/Mining Officer within six months, indicating definite timelines and physical outcomes for the reclamation & restoration of the mined-out area. The Tahasildar/ Mining Officer shall submit a compliance report to SEIAA, Odisha at the end of lease period.
16. **Half-yearly Compliance Report:** - It shall be mandatory for the project management to submit half yearly compliance reports on the status of implementation of the above stipulated environmental and **upload** the compliance report including results of monitored data, as applicable in the website of the Ministry for monitoring of EC Conditions, failing which EC is liable to be revoked.
17. **Statutory compliance on Grant of CTE & CTO from SPCB:-** Project Proponent (PP) shall obtain Consent to Operate after grant of EC and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein. The mining activity shall not commence prior to obtaining Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board. The SPCB, Odisha shall ensure that there is no change in the extraction quantity as given in the EC stipulations in respect of year wise permitted quantity before giving 'consent to operate' to this project.
18. **Concomitant Monitoring:** - The conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance will be closely monitored on the ground by the lease granting authority, i.e. the Tahasildar/ Mining Officer, who shall ensure compliance of the stipulated conditions and take corrective measures promptly in case of any non- compliance and also ensure that the project proponent submits quarterly compliance reports.
19. **Independent Monitoring:** -The concerned Regional Office of the MoEF & CC/ SPCB, Odisha shall periodically monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions as applicable for this project. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEF & CC officer(s)/SPCB officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
20. **Revocation of EC:** -The SEIAA, Odisha may revoke or suspend the EC, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to alter /modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
21. **Change in Ownership of Lease:** - This EC shall not be transferred without the permission of SEIAA, Odisha. The Tahasildar/ Mining Officer shall inform the SEIAA of any change in ownership of the mining lease. No mining is allowed without transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 11 of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to

time.

22. 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 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ High Court and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
23. The SEIAA, Odisha may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the EC conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA, Odisha reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.
24. The PP is under obligation to implement commitments made in the Environment Management Plan, which forms part of the prior EC issued vide dated 26/02/2021.
25. This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble NGT as may be applicable.
26. Any appeal against this environmental clearance 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.
27. This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

### Copy To

1. Principal Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept., Government of Odisha for information.
2. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar for information.
3. The Director of Mines, Steel & Mines Dept, Govt. of Odisha Bhubaneswar for information.
4. Additional Principal Conservator of Forests, Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information.
5. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110032 for information.
6. Chairman/Member/Member Secretary, SEIAA for information.
7. Member Secretary, SEAC, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar for information.
8. Collector & DM, Kalahandi, Sub-Collector, Kalahandi, Deputy Director of Mines, Kalahandi, DFO, Kalahandi, RO, SPCB, Kalahandi, Tahasildar, Kalahandi/Mining Officer, Kalahandi for Information and necessary action.
9. Guard file for record/Website/Parivesh Portal

### Additional EC Conditions

1. Maximum depth of mining **6.0 meter** from the surface level and maximum quantity of extraction shall be limited to **1208 cum/annum** and the total production in 5 years period- **6042 cum**.
2. The EC is valid for the lease period subject to the quantity prescribed in the modified DSR or revised Mining Plan whichever is less.
3. The PP shall implement the EMP as proposed in the EMP report during EC application.
4. The PP shall plant **200 nos. of tree species** like Banyan (Ficus benghalensis), Peepal (Ficus religiosa), Neem (Azadirachta indica), Jamun (Syzygium cumini), Mango (Mangifera indica), Karanja (Pongamia pinnata), Arjun (Terminalia Arjuna), Jack fruit (Artocarpus heterophyllus), Siris (Albizia lebbeck), etc. as part of tree plantation campaign "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" and the details of the same shall be uploaded in the MeriLiFE Portal (<https://merilife.nic.in>).The PP shall submit the status of plantation during every six-months (06) compliance of EC conditions with geo-coordinating photographs. The Plantation activities shall be done after consultation with concerned DFO and Mining Officer/Tahasildar.
5. The compliance of EC conditions of said quarry shall be monitored by DEIAA, concerned lease granting Authority either Mining Officer or Tahasildar, RO, SPCB, Odisha and Integrated Regional Office of MoEFCC, Bhubaneswar as per MoEF & CC, Govt. of India S.O. 141(E) in EIA Notification dated 15.01.2016.
6. The Project Proponent shall upload/submitted six monthly EC compliance in the Parivesh Portal of MoEF & CC., Govt. of India only falling which the EC is liable to revoked.