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**Order No. SEIAA/AP/VSP/MIN/08/2020/2060/158.105&153.124 5/6 Dt:29.07.2021**

**Sub: SEIAA, A.P. – 2.024 Ha Rough Stone of M/s. Gangavaram Port Limited, Sy No.274 (New Sy.No. 307), Pedagantyada (V&M), Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh- Environmental Clearance – Issued - Reg.**

I. This has reference to your application submitted through online on 11.08.2020 (SIA/AP/MIN/147778/2020), seeking Environmental Clearance for the proposed mine of 2.024 Ha. Rough Stone Mine at No.274 (New Sy.No. 307), Pedagantyada (V&M), Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Gangavaram Port Limited. It was reported that the nearest human habitation viz., Pedagantyada (V) exists at a distance of about 4.75 km from the mine lease area. It was noted that the capital investment of the project is Rs.25.0 Lakhs and capacity of the project is as follows:

**Mining of Rough Stone – 12450 m<sup>3</sup>/annum in 2.024 Ha**

II. As seen from the Mining plan approved by the competent Government Authority the following two aspects are noted.

i. The location of the mine is as follows:

Sl.No	Latitude	Longitude
1.	17°38'18.68817"N	83°14'16.94426"E
2.	17°38'17.69710"N	83°14'18.33243"E
3.	17°38'12.13051"N	83°14'13.48860"E
4.	17°38'14.60034"N	83°14'9.86290"E

ii. It is an open cast semi-mechanized mine. Life of Mine is 19.75 Years. The total mine lease area is 2.024 Ha.

This proposal has been referred to SEAC, A.P along with all the documents submitted by the proponent for their appraisal and for their specific recommendations on EC aspect. The proposal has been examined and processed in accordance with EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments thereof. The State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) examined the application, in its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2021. The Committee noted that this issue

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was examined by the SEAC in its meeting held 04.11.2020. The Committee observed the following: The proposed project is for mining of Rough Stone in an area of 2.024 Ha with a proposed production quantity of Rough Stone – 12450 m<sup>3</sup>/annum with a condition that the total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan. The project falls under B2 category as per the cluster letter issued by ADMG. The proponent and their RQP, Santosh Kumar have attended the online meeting. After detailed deliberations on the proposal, the committee recommended to defer the proposal for want of CRZ Map of the proposed site. The committee recommended to defer the proposal for want of CRZ Map of the proposed site. The issue was examined by the SEIAA in its meeting held on 04.12.2020 and the Authority noted the recommendations of the SEAC. Now, the project proponent has submitted Information on CRZ Map of the proposed site on 01.04.2021. The proposed project falls under Item No. 1(a) of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments thereof - (i). Mining of minerals (<100 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease). The project proponent and their RQP, Santosh Kumar have attended the meeting. The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended **for issue of Environmental Clearance**. The committee in the appraisal report clearly stated that they have approved the approved Mining Plan, Form-I/II, PFR/DPR and EMP for compliance by the proponent. The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), in its meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021** examined the proposal and the recommendations of SEAC and decided to accept SEAC recommendations aforesaid for strict compliance by the proponent and to issue EC. The SEIAA, A.P hereby **accords Environmental Clearance to the project** as mentioned at Para no. I under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 subject to implementation of the following specific and general conditions:

#### **Part A. Special Conditions:**

- i. The proposal shall not attract the following Acts & Rules:
  - a. Forest Act 1980,
  - b. Wild life (Protection) Act,1972;
  - c. CRZ Notification, 2011;
  - d. The Eco sensitive areas as notified under Environment (Protection) Act,1986;
  - e. Critically polluted areas as notified by CPCBand also shall not harm live stocks and human beings and disturb their activities.
- ii. The total production during a scheme should be limited to the approved quantity as per Mining scheme/ plan.
- iii. The project proponent shall maintain the setback distance 7.5 meters buffer zone all around the mine lease area for greenbelt development and other conditions are to be fulfilled.
- iv. The avenue plantation with tall plants of at least 1.5m height for 1 km length of the approach road on either side of the road is to be developed and maintained. Entire greenbelt should be developed in the first year itself.
- v. The proponent is advised to ensure safety to animal and public life.

**Part B. Specific Conditions:**

**1. Air Pollution:-**

- i. Suitable drilling & cutting method shall be adopted to control dust emissions, as per approved mining plan
- ii. The proponent shall comply with the mining methodology mentioned in approved mining plan and Form 1.
- iii. Greenbelt shall be developed along the boundary of mining lease area and also in back filled and reclaimed areas with tall growing native species in consultation with the local DFO/Agriculture Department. The proponent of mine shall carry mining operations in such a manner so as to cause least damage to the flora of the mining area and nearby areas. He shall take immediate measures for planting in the same area or any other area selected by authorities not less than twice the number of trees going to be felled by mining operations. He shall also take measures for restoration of other flora /fauna if damaged by mining operations. In case any felling or damage to fauna and flora is involved, prior permission shall be taken from the concerned regulatory authority, by the proponent, without which mining shall not be taken up.
- iv. Effective safe guard measures such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of SPM and RSPM such as haul road, loading and unloading point and transfer points. It shall be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard. Prior concurrence of regulatory Authority must be obtained by the proponent
- v. The proponent of mine shall carry air quality monitoring in the core zone as well as buffer zone for RSPM and Noise levels. Location of monitoring stations should be decided based on the metrological data topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board. The data so recorded should be regularly submitted to the Ministry including its Regional office located at Chennai and the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board/Central Pollution Control Board once in six months. Prior concurrence of regulatory Authority must be obtained by the proponent.
- vi. The proponent shall construct graded roads connecting the mining area to the nearby roads to avoid dust nuisance due to vehicular movements. Prior concurrence of regulatory Authority must be obtained by the proponent.
- vii. The proponent shall take precautions against noise arising out of mining operations and shall be abated or controlled at the source so as to keep it within the permissible limits notified under Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 / Noise Pollution(Regulations & Control) Rules, 2010 by implementing the following noise control measures.



- Proper and regular maintenance of vehicles and other equipment.
  - The proponent shall ensure that there shall be no excessive noise, while taking up mining activity.
  - The workers employed shall be provided with protection equipment and earmuffs etc.
  - 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.
- viii. Whenever any damage to public buildings or monuments is apprehended due to their proximity to the mining lease area, scientific investigations shall be carried out by the holder of mining lease so as to keep the ground vibrations caused by blasting operations within safe limit. In such cases, Prior concurrence of concerned Regulatory Authority must be obtained by the proponent, without which, mining shall not be taken up.
- ix. The proponent shall not take-up mining activity unless he obtains the safety clearance certificate from the Govt. competent authority.

## **2) Water Pollution:-**

- i. As per records the source of water is Bore well. Total water requirement is 4.0 KLD. 1.5 KLD is used for Water sprinkling on haul Roads; 1.5 KLD is used for development of green belt; 1.0 KLD is used for domestic purpose.
- ii. Garland drain and Siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed for the working pit to arrest flow of silt and sediment. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly desilted, particularly after monsoon, and maintained properly. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority concerned shall be taken for this activity before taking up mining.
- iii. The proponent of the mine shall take all possible precautions to prevent or reduce the discharge of toxic and objectionable liquid effluents from mine, workshop, tailing ponds into surface bodies, ground water aquifer and useable lands to a minimum. The effluents shall be suitably treated, if required, to conform to the general standards notified under Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority concerned shall be taken for this activity before taking up mining.
- iv. Monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out quarterly by the project proponent in and around the project area in consultation with State Ground Water Department/Central Ground Water Authority and data thus collected shall be submitted regularly to the MoE&F and its Regional Office Chennai, CGWA, and the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Hyderabad. If at any stage, it is observed that the ground water table is getting depleted due to the mining activity, necessary correction measures shall be carried out in consultation with concerned Regulatory Authority.

- v. Suitable conservation measures to augment groundwater resources in the area shall be planned and implemented in consultation with Regional Director, CGWB, Southern Region, Hyderabad. Suitable measures should be taken for rainwater harvesting in consultation with concerned Regulatory Authority.
- vi. Permission from the competent authority should be obtained for drawl of ground water, if any, required for this project.

### 3) Solid Waste :-

- i. **Topsoil:** Wherever top soil exists and is to be excavated for mining operations, remove it separately and the top soil so removed shall be utilized for restoration or rehabilitation of the land, which is no longer required for mine operations or for stabilizing or landscaping the external dumps. Whenever the top soil cannot be utilized concurrently, it shall be stored separately for future use. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority must be taken for this activity.
- ii. **Overburden :** The proponent of mine shall take steps so that the overburden, waste rock, rejects and fines generated during mining operations shall be stored in separate dumps preferably on impervious grounds. The waste rock, overburden etc. shall be backfilled into the mine excavations so as to restore the land to its original use as far as possible. In the case of non feasibility of back filling, the waste dump shall be suitably terraced and stabilizes through the vegetation. The proponent shall maintain proper angle of repose to ensure stability to the dump. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority must be taken for this activity.
- iii. The proponent of the mine shall construct required number of retaining walls to provide stability to the dumps. Dimensions of the retaining walls shall be based on the rainfall data. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority must be taken for this activity.
- iv. The proponent of mines shall construct required number of garland drains to arrest mineral particles being carried away as runoff during rainy seasons around the dump yards. Dimensions of the garland rains shall be based on rainfall data. Prior concurrence of Regulatory Authority must be taken for this activity.
- v. The proponent of the mine shall undertake phased restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of the lands affected by the mining operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations and the abandonment of the mine. This activity shall be taken up under the guidance of Appropriate Regulatory Authority, by the proponent, to ensure that environment is protected.
- vi. The proponent will be squarely responsible for proper implementation of solid waste management plan, prevention of air pollution, water pollution, and any other kind of pollution/health hazard.



### **Part C. General Conditions:**

- i. **This order is valid a period of 19.75 years or the expiry date of mine lease or land lease period issued by the Government of A.P., whichever is earlier.**
- ii. While giving CFE/CFO, the APPCB is to kindly ensure compliance of guidelines issued in G.O RT No 239 dt 16.04.2020 and Memo. No/ covid-19/2020/HMFW dt 18.04.2020 issued by Medical, Health and Family welfare department, Government of AP and the Ministry of Home Affairs order No 40-3/2020/DM-DA dt 15.04.2020 scrupulously.
- iii. The proponent shall scrupulously follow any conditions stipulated by Revenue department/ Panchayat Raj/ Municipal administration/local self government bodies (Gram panchayat/Gram secretariat) in ensuring safety to human and animal life. The APPCB to ensure the same while according CFE/CFO. The APPCB to ensure the same while according CFE/CFO.
- iv. Proponent shall ensure that there is no disturbance to flora and fauna. Serenity of nature must be protected at any cost.
- v. In respect of government land for mining, the responsibility fixed on AD mines to check whether necessary clearances from revenue department are obtained.
- vi. In case of patta land while granting mine lease ADMG should verify the land lease documents.
- vii. In respect of forest land given in lease for mining, the proponent shall scrupulously adhere to the mining conditions stipulated by the forest department, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- viii. Any change in mining plan/ production/ mining methodology the proponent shall apply afresh EC.
- ix. While taking up mining activity the proponent shall meticulously follow approved mining plan/Form-1/EMP.
- x. Once in an year proponent shall conduct impact analysis on environment by reputed institute recognized by Director General, Mines and Safety.
- xi. "Consent for Establishment" & "Consent for Operation" shall be obtained from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board under Air and Water Act and effectively comply with all the conditions stipulated thereof.
- xii. No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the SEIAA, A.P. No further expansion or modifications in the mine shall be carried out without prior approval of the SEIAA, AP/ MoE&F, GoI, New Delhi, as applicable.

- xiii. Personnel working in dusty areas shall be provided by the proponent with protective respiratory devices and they should wear, and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Prior instructions and guidance of Regulatory authority shall be taken for this activity.
- xiv. The project proponent shall ensure that no natural watercourse and/or water resources shall be obstructed due to any mining operations. Necessary safeguard measures to protect the first order streams, if any, originating from the mine lease shall be taken.
- xv. 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. Prior instructions and guidance of Regulatory authority shall be taken for this activity.
- xvi. A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- xvii. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures (**Capital cost Rs.8.4 Lakhs and Recurring cost Rs.5.25 Lakhs/annum**) should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry and its Regional Office located at Chennai.
- xviii. At least 2% of the total project cost shall be allocated for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared in accordance to the MoEF&CC's office Memorandum No.F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III, dated.01.05.2018 and submit to the SEIAA, A.P and Ministry's Regional Office, Chennai.
- xix. Officials from the Regional Office of MOEF&CC, Chennai / The SEIAA, Andhra Pradesh through the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, who would be monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards should be given full co-operation, facilities and documents/data by the project proponents during their inspection. A complete set of all the documents shall be submitted to the CCF, Regional Office to MOEF&CC, Chennai.
- xx. The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, its Regional Office, Chennai, SEIAA, A.P., Zonal Office of Central Pollution Control Board, Bangalore, District Collector and A.P. Pollution Control Board. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data on their websites and shall update the same periodically.



- xxi. Post Environment Clearance Monitoring: It shall be mandatory for the project manager to submit half yearly compliance reports in respect of the stipulated prior EC terms and conditions in hard and soft copy to SEIAA on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year. (Refer 10(i) and 10(ii) of S.O. 1533(E) of Ministry of Environment and Forests Notification, New Delhi, dt 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.)
- xxii. The APPCB shall monitor the EC conditions stipulated by SEIAA as per GO MS No 120 dated 01.11.2018 of EFS&T Dept., and ensure the compliance.
- xxiii. The proponent shall obtain prior permissions and continued guidance from regulatory authorities for all the above conditions wherever it is required.
- xxiv. All safety norms as stipulated in various laws and statutes shall be scrupulously followed by the proponent. PCB shall ensure compliance to the conditions stipulated by SEIAA.
- xxv. The Proponent shall follow G.O. Ms 107 dated 30.07.2016 of Industries & Commerce (Mines-II) Department wherever applicable.
- xxvi. Consent for Establishment” shall be obtained from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board under Air and Water Act before the start of any activity /construction work at site.
- xxvii. The project proponent shall submit the copies of the environmental clearance 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.
- xxviii. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> march in Form-V as mandated is to be submitted by the project proponent to the A.P. Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the Regional office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Chennai by e-mail.
- xxix. The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and SEIAA, A.P.
- xxx. The proponent shall obtain all other mandatory clearances from respective departments before taking-up the mining activity.
- xxxi. 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.

- xxxii. 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.
- xxxiii. The SEIAA may revoke or suspend the order, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA reserves the right to alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
- xxxiv. SEIAA also reserves the right to cancel the EC issued at anytime, if EC has been obtained by the proponent through suppression of any information or furnishing false information.
- xxxv. 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.

Sd/- <b>MEMBER SECRETARY, SEIAA, A.P.</b>	Sd/- <b>MEMBER, SEIAA, A.P.</b>	Sd/- <b>CHAIRMAN, SEIAA, A.P.</b>
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