

**MINUTES OF THE 85<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SEAC, KERALA, HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT HARITHASREE HALL, DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

The 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC commenced at 10.00 am with Sri.V. Gopinathan in the chair. The Chairman welcomed the members and initiated the proceedings of the Committee.

**Item No:85.01**

**Approval of Minutes of 84<sup>th</sup> SEAC Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

The minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting was approved.

**Item No. 85.02**

**Follow up action of minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA**

Minutes of the SEIAA were read and the Secretary was advised to place individual cases before the Committee for taking follow up action.

**Item No. 85.03**

**Environmental Clearance for Housing Project titled 'Sobha Silver Sand' in Sy. Nos. 492, 492 pt, 493, 495/1, 2, 3, 4, 496, 497, 498, 498 pt, 500, 504/1, 504/2, at Nadama Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Mr. Majo Joseph, Asst. General Manager, M/s Sobha Developers Ltd. (File No. 412/SEIAA/KL/2912/2014)**

**Project Proponent: Mr. Majo Joseph, Asst. General Manager, M/s Sobha Developers Ltd.**

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the proponent and the Engineer presented the conceptual plan and other details revised in accordance with the recommendation of CZMA. The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A , conceptual plan and other connected documents. The Committee found that the modification effected are acceptable, hence decided to recommended to issue Environmental Clearance subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

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1. *Since the area is subjected to saline intrusion provision for dependable source of water should be provided.*
2. *The facilities to be adopted for waste water treatment should be adequate so as not to cause contamination in the nearby water bodies.*
3. *Should provide sufficient setback from the extra high tension line passing through the proposed area.*
4. *Adequate precautions for disaster management should be inbuilt in the plan.*
5. *Carbon foot print of the project should be reduced to the maximum extent possible.*

The proponent also consented to spend Rs.3crores towards the welfare of local community in consultation with the local body. The committee also decided to point out that the decision of SEIAA to insist on 2% of project cost towards CSR activity is not legally tenable because the quantum of CSR provision is automatically regulated by the provisions of the Companies Act. However, if the proponent is voluntarily agreeing to set apart funds for the welfare of activities of the local community then that can be specifically noted in the EC.

**Item No. 85.04**

**Extension in Validity of Environmental clearance for the Commercial Project in Sy. Nos. 143/10 A2, 143/10A5, 143/10C, 143/11A, 145/7A, Edapally South Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala of D.D. Bhagwat, Chief Architect, M/s Unique Estates Development Co. Ltd ( FileNo. 1147/EC/ SEIAA/KL/2017)**

**Project Proponent: D.D. Bhagwat, Chief Architect, M/s Unique Estates Development Co. Ltd**

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the proponent and the engineer attended the meeting and engineer made a power point presentation about the salient features of the project briefly. The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A, conceptual plan and other connected documents.

The Committee decided to **defer the item for field inspection**. The Committee also directed the proponent to submit the following additional documents/ clarifications.

- 1) *The distance of project site from Magalavanam Bird Sanctuary is 3.07 km. Hence the proponent should furnish the proof of having applied for Wildlife Clearance.*
- 2) *The access to the plot is through the pipeline road owned by the Kerala Water Authority. Further clarification is required regarding the permission for using the road for plying heavy goods vehicles. Hence the proponent should produce a copy of agreement executed with the Kerala Water Authority in this regard.*
- 3) *Copy of original land document indicating the access to the plot.*
- 4) *Proponent agreed to contribute towards social welfare measure to be taken up in consultation with the local body. He also agreed to submit the quantum of provisions in due course.*

**Item No.85.05**

**Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project in Survey Nos-Unsurvey (Field No. 2159, 2160, 2162 Not Final) in Koodranji Village, Thamarassery Taluk, and Kozhikode District, Kerala by Mr.Johnson George (File No. 1172(A)/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**

**Project Proponent: Mr.Johnson George**

Further to the intimation of SEAC, the Proponent and the RQP attended the meeting and RQP made a power point presentation about the salient features of the project. The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Pre-feasibility Report and all other documents submitted along with Form1.

The Committee decided to **defer the item for field inspection**

The proponent consented to set apart Rs 8 lakhs per annum for taking up community welfare activities in the area in consultation with the local body.

**Item No.85.06**

**Environmental Clearance for the Proposed construction of I.T.Building project in Plot No.77, Re-survey No.66, Pangappara Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk & Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by Mr.S.Ramnath, Chief Executive Officer, M/s Carnival Info Park Ltd. (File No. 1156/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**

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**Project Proponent: Mr.S.Ramnath, M/s Carnival Info Park Ltd.**

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A, Conceptual Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Subcommittee who inspected the site had made some suggestions and sought few clarifications. The proponent has submitted about clarifications and details vide letter dated 24.01.2018. The Committee took the letter on record. The clarifications are found satisfactory. Hence the Committee decided to recommend to issue EC subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

- a. *Excavation of earth is likely to cause problems to the adjacent structures for which adequate safety measures are to be taken.*
- b. *Traffic circulation within the site should be controlled with one way movement. Adequate splay should be provided at the entry/exit point with entry gate constructed with a setback of 5 m from the road to facilitate idling of one car requesting entry to the campus. This will avoid cars coming to the campus, waiting outside, along the road, blocking through traffic along the main road.*
- c. *Excess storm water from the plot to be drained to the pond located adjacent to the plot.*
- d. *Enhance the storage of RWH facilities to 500KL*
- e. *A dedicated material recovery facility to be provided.*
- f. *An open area to be provided as assembly point.*
- g. *Footpath shall be constructed on the proponent's side of the road of at least 1 m width. This can be made in association with the Techno park authorities if there is some agreement condition between Carnival info and techno park. One additional advantage in providing the foot path is that it will give sufficient sight distance for vehicles exiting from the building providing safety from speeding vehicles that drive down negotiating the sharp curve above.*

SEIAA may persuade the proponent to contribute appropriate amount for the welfare measures of the local community during the construction period.

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**Item No. 85.07**

**Environmental Clearance for the construction of new Hospital building for Augmentation of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrun under PMSSY scheme in Survey No.44 & 42/1 Part Block No.6, Cheruvackal Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk & Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by Dr. Asha Kishore, MD, DM, Director, Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Science & Technology (File No. 1164/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**

**Project Proponent: Dr. Asha Kishore, MD, DM, Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical science and Technology**

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A, Conceptual Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Sub Committee which inspected the site on 13.01.2018 made few suggestions and sought clarifications on certain points. The representatives of the proponent appeared before the Subcommittee with the clarifications and details on 03.02.2018. After examining the details, the Sub Committee found that the FAR is within the limits. The proponent also submitted satisfactory explanation regarding the demolition of Nurses Hostel. The solar power proposed to be generated and the earth to be taken out are quantified. The proponent also expressed the difficulty in enhancing the capacity of the multilevel car parking, which was accepted.

After deliberations, the Committee decided to recommend EC subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions:

- a) *The entry to the building is from the main drive way of 7 m width located between the old block and proposed building. This is a common road used by the OP facility of Medical college and the Dental College necessitating widening at the entry from the main road and stream lining the traffic. Considering a higher level of traffic and movement of pedestrians, the road need to be widened to a minimum width of 10m all along including foot path of minimum 1.5 m on either side and prohibiting any kind of parking in this road. Necessary land for widening is to be surrendered from the proponent.*
- b) *The present proposal for car parking of 200 cars is inadequate for this facility. In addition, a MLCP facility should be planned with at least three additional floors to accommodate the increasing requirements in future.*

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- c) *The storm water from the campus appears to be let out through the narrow drains. The storm water lines have to be redesigned so as to dispose the water safely. This must form part of the plan.*
- d) *The rainwater harvesting facility should have a minimum capacity of 1500 KL.*
- e) *Considering the sloping nature of the terrain and the occurrence of laterite clay substrate, excavation should be done with adequate safety to the cut slope. Slumping and failure can affect the stability of existing structures.*
- f) *The material recovery facility (MRF) should be clearly demarcated and should have a capacity of at least a week's storage. Food waste and the like should be used for generation of biogas.*
- g) *A dedicated open space should be designated and left as assembly point*

**Item No.85.08**

**Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Expansion of existing Residential Complex Project ("GREENCITY ORCHID") in Survey Nos. 172/3, 172/4, 175/10, 172/5C, 175/5A, 175/5B, 172/2/1, 172/1 and 172/2/1, Edappally South Village, Cochin Corporation, Kanayannoor Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by M/s Business India Builders & Developers Ltd. 2. M/s Greencity Heritage Pvt. Ltd. 3. Shri. Aswin Laxman Patel 4. Shri Nishant Shantubhai Patel (File No. 1082/EC3/SEIAA/2016)**

**Project Proponent: M/s Business India Builders & Developers Ltd. 2. M/s Greencity Heritage Pvt. Ltd. 3. Shri. Aswin Laxman Patel 4. Shri Nishant Shantubhai Patel**

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A, Conceptual Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee observed that the width of the access road to the property is inadequate to ensure environmentally advisable traffic circulatory system and connectivity as prescribed in office Memorandum of MoEF & CC dated 10.11.2015. However, in view of the Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in WP(C) No.37447 of 2017, after considering all other aspects, the Committee decided to recommend to issue EC subject to general conditions in addition to following specific conditions.

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- 1) Storm water drainage is to be let out into the roadside drains.
- 2) No effluent should be discharge to the canal on the eastern side of the plot
- 3) Adequate space for assembly point should be provided.

**Item No. 85.09**

**Environmental clearance for the proposed Hospital Project in Sy. Nos. 27/23, Nilambur Village, Nilambur Municipality, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala of Mr. Shyju.K. David, Managing Director, M/s Nilambur Hospitals Private Limited, (File No. 1104/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**

**Project Proponent: Mr. Shyju.K. David, M/s Nilambur Hospitals Private Limited**

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A, Conceptual Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee observed that the proponent has now committed to provide two separate access road, main road with 8 m and additional access road of more than 5m width.

The Committee also noted that the built up area is 29,095.66 sqm and the project is coming in a place with lower vehicular movement. Further, the proposal is for setting up a hospital which will ultimately be beneficial to the local people.

The committee also took on record the details and clarifications furnished by the proponent in his letters dated 6/10/2017, 1/02/2018 & 12/2/2018. The Committee decided to recommend to EC subject to general condition in addition to the following specific conditions

- 1) RWH shall be increased to 2000m<sup>3</sup>
- 2) Integrated Water Management Plan submitted by the proponent shall be implemented as such
- 3) Widening of the second access road should also be ensured.

The proponent also agreed to provide free medical treatment to 50 BPL patients suffering from serious ailments referred to them by the local body

**Item No.85.10**

**Environmental clearance for sand mining from the rivers of Malappuram District viz. Bharathapuzha, Chaliyar and Kadalundi, Kerala submitted by District Collector, Malappuram (File No. 238/SEIAA/KL/940/2014)**

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**Project Proponent: District Collector, Malappuram**

The Committee observed that as per the Appendix XI OF MoEF Notification dated 15/01/2016, if the individual mine area is less than 5 hectare, it has to be processed at the level of DEIAA. So, also cluster area of sand mine leases between 5 hectare and 25 hectare with no individual lease more than 5 hectares are to be dealt again by DEIAA. It is not clear from Form -1 application whether the proposal is for areas larger than the above.

Most likely, this proposal is eligible to be decided at the district level itself. Hence the Committee decided to get a clarification from the proponent in this regard.

**Item No: 85.11** Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy.No.164/1-35,164/1-28, 164/1-45, 164/1-44, 164/1-41 Ayyampuzha village, Aluva (Taluk), Ernakulam district, Kerala by Sri. C. John Kachappilly, Udaya rocks quarry (File No .761/SEIAA/KL/438/2015)

**Project Proponent: Sri. C. John Kachappilly, Udaya rocks quarry**

The Committee decided to defer the item for site inspection. Meanwhile since the area being less than 5 ha, SEIAA may consider transferring the file to DEIAA, as observed by the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No.27363 of 2017.

**Item No:85.12** Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 113 pt. & 146/4A-5 pt. at Balal Village & Panchayat, Vellarikundu Taluk, Kasargod District, Kerala application of Sri. Azmal Raza Pokkakkillath Jaleel, Director, M/s Greenstone Rock Products Pvt. Ltd. (File No.981/SEIAA/ EC1/4628/2015)

**Project Proponent: Sri. Azmal Raza Pokkakkillath Jaleel, M/s Greenstone Rock Products Pvt. Ltd.**

The Committee decided to defer the item for site inspection with the Sub Committee comprising of Smt. Padma Mahanti IFS, Dr.Oommen V Oommen, Dr.E.A.Jayson and Dr. K.G. Padmakumar.

**Item No.85.13** Environmental Clearance for the proposed Commercial cum retail building project by M/s Pothys in Survey nos. 106/1, 2, 107/2, 3 at Ernakulam Village, Kanayannur Taluk and Ernakulam

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**District, application of Sri. S. Ramesh for M/s Pothys – Request for removal of Ordinary Earth – (File No. 833/SEIAA/EC3/2711/2015)**

**Project Proponent: Sri. S. Ramesh, M/s Pothys**

The Committee considered the reference made by SEIAA in the 79<sup>th</sup> meeting. In this regard, the Committee is of the view that issuance of EC for construction of buildings and township are based on the scrutiny of the conceptual plan. Quantification of earth work involved in cutting and filling is not contemplated. What are submitted by the proponents in their applications and other documents with regards to the quantum of earth work involved in cutting and filling are generally accepted. Whatever earthwork involved with respect to the construction as per the plan sanctioned by the local body on the basis of EC issued by SEIAA is expected to be permitted.

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Secretary  
State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SL)  
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**Sri. V. Gopinathan IFS (Rtd)**

Chairman  
State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC)  
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**List of members present (12.02.2018)**

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| 1. Dr.E.A.Jayson <i>Sd/-</i>                      | 5. Dr.K.Harikrishnan <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 2. Sri.John Mathai <i>John Mathai</i>             | 6. Sri.S.Ajayakumar <i>Sd/-</i>         |
| 3. Sri.P. Sreekumaran Nair FIE <i>[Signature]</i> | 7. Dr.K.G.Padmakumar <i>Sd/-</i>        |
| 4. Dr.Oommen V Oommen <i>Sd/-</i>                 |   |

