

**MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 22.11.2013
AT HARITHASREE HALL, DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
CHANGE**

The following were present:

1.	Dr. K.P. Joy, Former Director, School of Environmental Studies of M.G. University and Kannur University	Member, SEIAA
2.	Shri. P.K.Mohanty IAS Addl. Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Parliamentary Affairs and Forest & Wild Life Departments, Govt. of Kerala	Member Secretary, SEIAA
3.	Sri. P. Sreekantan Nair Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala	Secretary, SEAC (Special Invitee)

The Authority discussed on the email received from Chairman SEIAA on 21st November 2013 at about 9 pm. The Authority found that the Chairman in the email has rightly expressed his concern on the large number of pending cases for EC. On preliminary enquiry, most environmental clearances were delayed because of the delay in the approval of minutes of SEIAA meetings. Hence it was decided in the 23rd SEIAA meeting that the minutes of the meeting shall be approved the very same day and EC of proposals approved for issuance of the same to be cleared within three working days after the SEIAA meeting. This practice has already started. The members felt that other points raised in the mail need not be discussed in detail as the Chairman has earlier admitted that he has requested Secretary, MoEF, Government of India on 7th November 2013 to relieve him from the position of Chairman SEIAA.

Hence the Member Secretary requested Dr. K.P. Joy, Member SEIAA to kindly chair the 24th meeting and Dr. Joy has kindly consented to chair the meeting.

The Authority found that in many cases, recommendations are sent by SEAC without receiving all the additional clarifications/documents sought from the proponent for filing purposes. Hence SEIAA directed that SEAC should send proposals to SEIAA only after satisfactory receipt of all documents sought, complete in all respects, including that for filing purposes. Further it was also stipulated by SEIAA that, in future, appraisal reports shall contain as to whether the area of the project falls in ESA or not as notified by MoEF in O. M. No. 1-4/2012-RE (Pt.) dt. 19th October 2013.

The Authority also found that the agenda notes do not mention about the nearby settlements of the project site, especially with respect to mining projects, and hence directed to include the same in the agenda notes henceforth.

24th SEIAA meeting unanimously took the following decisions:

KLA / 24.01	Confirmation of the minutes of 23 rd SEIAA Meeting
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Confirmed.

KLA / 24.02	Action taken report on the decisions of the 24 rd SEIAA Meeting
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Noted.

KLA / 24.03	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Survey Nos. 332/4, 340/5, 340/4pt, 331/4, 331/6p, 340/3, 340/3p, 340/4p and 325/9p at Pananchery Village, Pananchery Panchayath, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by M/s St. Basil Granites (File No. 61/SEIAA/KL/7682/2012)
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Decision : Directed the proponent to provide the following documents for further consideration of the proposal within 30 days of receipt of the communication in this regard.

1. Show the location of access road and garland drain around, especially on the western side.
2. Assurance in the form of affidavit that a retaining wall shall be provided on the western part of garland drain to arrest the runoff and clarify the water.
3. Assurance in the form of affidavit that proper green belt shall be put in place.
4. Assurance in the form of affidavit that fencing and retaining wall shall be provided as safety measures to avoid any untoward incident.
5. Assurance in the form of affidavit that erosion hazards due to bush clearing & soil disturbance from the new quarry activity shall be effectively addressed.

KLA / 24.04	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. No. 1/1, at Valambur Village, Angadippuram Panchayath, and Sy. Nos. 13/1 and 13/2 at Kariavattam Village, Vettathur Panchayath, Perinthalmanna Taluk, Malappuram district, Kerala by M/s Nalakath Granites (File No. 74/SEIAA/KL/169/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. The boundary pillars between two villages as such should be retained.
 2. Disposal of spent oil from diesel engines should be as specified under relevant Rules/ Regulations.
 3. CSR component and details of Rs. 8 lakhs claimed as earmarked should be provided along with sufficient documentary evidence.
- In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 24.05	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. No. 70/1 at Kolayad Village and Panchayath, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala by M/s Malabar Construction Materials (P) Ltd. (File No. 101/SEIAA/KL/1606/2013)
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Decision : Directed the proponent to provide the following documents for further consideration of the proposal within 30 days of receipt of the communication in this regard.

1. Assurance in the form of affidavit that fresh haulage lines shall be laid from an alternate side and the quarry shall be developed afresh abandoning the existing working face for the time being. Fresh plan has to be prepared and submitted with all details.
2. Since storm water with the silt from the quarry is let out without clarification, proper arrangement has to be provided for desilting and clarification of water and details regarding the same to be submitted to SEAC.
3. Outline of lease area superimposed on the cadastry to be provided. The entire land in possession of the proponent to be indicated along with the village boundary.

KLA / 24.06	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. Nos. 213 pt., 214 pt. and 215 pt. at Kavanoor Village and Panchayath, Eranad Taluk, Malappuram district, Kerala by M/s Areacode Granites Private Limited (File No. 107/SEIAA/KL/1805/2013)
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Decision : Directed the proponent to report compliance of consent conditions already obtained for the crusher unit as laid down by KSPCB and to provide generator with acoustic enclosures. On receipt of the report, Secretary SEAC shall physically ascertain the same and place it before SEIAA for further consideration.

KLA / 24.07	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. Nos. 525/2, 523/2, 523/2-1, 523/2-2, 523/3, 523/3-1, 523/4, 523/5-1, 523/6, 524/1, 524/1-2, 524/1-3 and 524/1-4 at Perumkadavila Village and Panchayath, Neyyatinkara Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala by M/s Delta Msand Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 109/SEIAA/KL/1807/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. A 100 m No Development Zone should be left on either side of the nearby canal. It should be demarcated on the ground with pillars and fenced.
2. Storm water should be directed to the pond in existence before letting out.
3. Stipulations of KSPCB should be fully complied with for the crusher unit.
4. A buffer distance of 15 m should be left from the village boundary to the project site.
5. Retaining wall should be provided to the storage of overburden.

6. The approach road to the quarry is narrow and not hard top. It should be tarred.
7. Split up of CSR should be provided with budget allocations.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 24.08	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Survey Nos. 200/1, 202/1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block 27 at Oorgattiri Village and Panchayath, Eranadu Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by M/s PMR Granites India Private Limited (File No. 112/SEIAA/KL/1930/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance

Specific Conditions:

1. A buffer distance of 15 m to be left by the side of the stream preserving the existing vegetation.
2. Check dams to be provided in the stream at places to arrest the flow and enhance water availability.
3. Storm water from the quarry should be let into the stream only after desilting and clarification in the large sized tanks.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA / 24.09	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. Nos. 111/3 pt, 110/8, 112/4, 111/4 pt., 111/5 pt., 113/2, 112/5, 112/1-1, 112/1-2, 112/8-1, 112/8-2, 112/8-3, 112/2 and 112/7 at Koodal Village, Kalanjoor Panchayat, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by M/s Aswathy Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 147/SEIAA/KL/2748/2013)
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Decision : Directed the proponent to provide the following documents for further consideration of the proposal within 30 days of receipt of the communication in this regard.

1. Valid document to prove that the proponent has obtained pattayam for Sy. No. 113/2.
2. Cadastral map duly signed by Village Officer marking all the Sy. Nos. mentioned in the proposal, especially, Sy. Nos. 111/4 pt., 111/5 pt., 113/2, 112/5, 112/1-1, 112/1-2, 112/8-1, 112/8-2, 112/8-3, 112/2 and 112/7.
3. Detailed break up of proposed CSR activities linked with the present project along with areas/institutions for which the same shall be extended.

KLA / 24.10	Simplified procedure for issuance of EC for mining of brick earth and ordinary earth
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Approved with modifications in the format with directions that assessment of SEAC should give remarks on impacts of activity on the environment. The simplified procedure shall be applicable only for residential purposes (not for commercial

purposes) and for areas not greater than 1 hectare. This procedure shall be applicable only until Government of India's further orders in this regard.

KLA / 24.11	Any other item with the approval of Chair
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KLA/24.11.01	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Survey Nos. 436/1, 443/1, 443/1-3, 446/3, 446/3-1, 446/4, 447/1, 447/1-2, 447/1-3 and 448//2 at Kottangal Village, Mallapally Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by M/s Amity Rocks Products (P) Ltd. (File No. 98/SEIAA/KL/1387/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance.

Specific Conditions:

1. 100 m set back should be made from the forest boundary.
2. Additional chamber to be provided in the lowermost portion to clarify the turbid water before it is let into the stream.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA/24.11.02	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. No. 80/1A1 (Part) at Keezhariyur Village, Keezhariyur Panchayath, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode district, Kerala by M/s Payyoli Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 100/SEIAA/KL/1537/2013)
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Decision : Approved for issuance of Environmental Clearance

Specific Conditions:

1. 15 m buffer distance should be left from the village boundary to the project site.

In addition to this, General Conditions for mining projects shall also apply.

KLA/24.11.03	Environmental clearance for a quarry project in Sy. Nos. 23/2, 23/2-1, 24, 24/1, 24/2 and 24/3 at Moonilavu Village, Moonilavu Panchayath, Meenachil Taluk, Kottayam district, Kerala by M/s P.V. Granites (File No. 73/SEIAA/KL/168/2013) (Former Item No. KLA/20.07; KLA/21.04; KLA/22.03; KLA/23.02)
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Decision : Directed Secretary SEAC to examine the details and put up a report in the next SEIAA meeting.

KLA/24.11.04	Environmental clearance and CRZ clearance for construction of multi-storied building-DLF Riverside housing project at Chilavannoor, Kochi, Kerala by M/s Adelle Builders and Developers Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 123/SEIAA/KL/2320/2013)
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Decision : The proponent has informed that the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF recommended the project for Environmental Clearance at its 63rd meeting held on 16 to 18 July 2008 and deemed EC has been due on 17.01.2009. From the photographs submitted by CESS in their CRZ status report in May 2009, it is evident that the proponent has started construction only after May 2009 and hence no violation of provisions of EIA notification occur. After analyzing the EAC recommendations and also the KCZMA recommendations, the proposal is approved for issuance of integrated CRZ cum Environmental Clearance stipulating the following specific conditions in addition to the General Conditions stipulated for non-mining projects:

Specific Conditions:

- (i) Solar energy shall be used for water heating and lighting of corridors and common areas.
- (ii) Used oil from DG sets shall be disposed off to identified approved recycler.
- (iii) The minimum distance between the imaginary line and the HTL is 13.5 metres and hence any structure of the building should not protrude beyond the imaginary line.

In addition to this, General Conditions for non mining projects shall also apply.

KLA/24.11.05	MoEF decisions on HLWG report of Dr. Kasturirangan on Western Ghats
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It was stipulated by SEIAA that, in future, SEAC appraisal reports shall contain as to whether the area of the project falls in ESA or not.

KLA / 24.12	Report on the status of processing of the applications for Environmental Clearance by SEIAA Secretariat
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Directed to critically examine the eleven cases that are pending since one year and also to further concentrate on fourteen cases that are pending for the last 6 months.