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Authority(SEIAA), Tamil Nadu)

To.

The Managing Director

M/S. TAMIL NADU MINERALS LIMITED

M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (Government of Tamil Nadu undertaking) 31 Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600005 -600005

Parison est Subject: Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/TN/MIN/32603/2019 dated 25 Mar 2021. The particulars of the environmental clearance granted to the particular of the environmental clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number of the particular of the environmental clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number of the particular of the particular of the project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number of the particular of the particular of the project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number of the particular of clearance granted to the project are as below,

EC Identification No.

EC22B001TN110459

2. File No. 6742

3. **Project Type**  New

4. Category

5. Project/Activity including

1(a) Mining of minerals

Schedule No. 6. Name of Project

Proposed Black Granite Quarry

7. Name of Company/Organization

M/S. TAMIL NADU MINERALS LIMITED

Location of Project

Tamil Nadu

**TOR Date** 

21 Jun 2019

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page no 2 onwards.

Date: 14/03/2022

(e-signed) Tmt.P.RAJESWARI,IFS Member Secretary SEIAA - (Tamil Nadu)



Note: A valid environmental clearance shall be one that has EC identification number & E-Sign generated from PARIVESH.Please quote identification number in all future correspondence.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE**

## Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6742/1(a)/EC.No:5012/2020 dated: 09.03.2022

Sub: SEIAA, TN - Proposed Black Granite quarry lease over an extent of 30.10.5Ha in SF.No.1, Sudanur village, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District Tamil Nadu by M/s.Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited - issue of Environmental Clearance - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Your application submitted Terms of Reference dated: 18.03.2019,
  - 2. TOR Issued vide letter No.SEIAA.TN/F.No.6742/SEAC/TOR-623/2019, Dated: 21.06.2019
  - 3. Public Hearing conducted on 22.01,2021
  - 4. Online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/32603/2019, dated: 25.03.2021
  - 5. Project proponent submitted EIA Report to SEIAA-TN on 26.03.2021
  - 6. Minutes of the 216th SEAC meeting held on 05.07.2021
  - 7. Minutes of the 235th SEAC meeting held on 01.10.2021
  - 8. Minutes of the 246<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 17.02.2022
  - 9. Minutes of the 490th SEIAA meeting held on 07.03.2022

### **Details of Minor Mineral Activity:-**

This has reference to your application 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> cited under B1 category and schedule No.1 (a) under EIA, Notification, 2006 an amended. The proposal is for obtaining Environmental Clearance for mining/quarrying of minor minerals based on the particulars furnished in your application as shown below.

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Sl. No	Details of the proposal	Data furnished
1.	Name of the Owner/Firm	M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited
		No.31, Kamarajar Salai,
	,	TWAD House, Chepauk
		Post Box No.2961
		Chennai - 600 005
2.	Type of quarrying (Savudu/Rough	Black Granite
	Stone/Sand/Granite)	
3.	S.F No. Of the quarry site with area	1.
	break-up	
4.	Village in which situated	Sudanur
5.	Taluk in which situated	Palacode
6.	District in which situated	Dharmapuri
7.	Extent of quarry (in ha.)	30.10.5Ha
8.	Latitude & Longitude of all corners of	12°28'34.51"N to 12°28'49.15"N
	the quarry site	77°59'52.04"E to 78°00'28.64"E
9.	Topo Sheet No.	57L/3 & 57H/15
10.	Type of mining	Opencast Semi-Mechanized of Mining
11.	Period of quarrying proposed	5 years
12.	Production (Quantity in m <sup>3</sup> )	79004m <sup>3</sup> of ROM per annum & 3950 m <sup>3</sup>
		of recoverable per annum of Black
		Granite
13.	Depth of quarrying	30m
14.	Depth of water table	10m -15m BGL
15.	Man Power requirement per day:	Direct: 35 Nos.
		In-Direct:20 Nos.
16.	Source of Water Requirement	Water Vendors
17.	Water requirement: (in KLD)	1.5 KLD
-	1. Drinking & domestic purposes	0.5KLD
-	2. Wire saw Cutting purpose	0.3 KLD

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	3. Dust suppression,	0.3 KLD
	4. Green Belt	0.4 KLD
18.	Power requirement	
	a. Domestic Purpose	TNEB
19.	Whether any habitation within 50m	No
	distance	
20.	Precise area communication approved by	Letter.No.12829/MME.1/2017-2,
	theIndustries Department	dated:17.12.2018
21.	Mining Plan approved by Director of	Letter. No.5909/MM5/2017, dated:
	Geology and Mining with date	02.02.2019
22.	VAO certificate regarding 50m radius	Letter furnished.
	cluster	
23.	Project Cost (excluding EMP cost)	100 Lakh
24.	EMP cost	1.55 Lakh as per SEAC presentation.
25,	CER cost	10 Lakh as per SEAC Minutes
26.	ToR Issued details	Tor Issued letter No. SEIAA
·		TN/F.No.6742/SEAC/TOR-
		623/2019, Dated: 21.06.2019.
27.	Public Hearing Details	Public hearing conducted on: 22.01.2021
28.	EIA Report Received	EIA received on : <u>26.03.2021</u>
29.	Validity:	
	This Environmental Clearance is granted for the production of 79004m <sup>3</sup> of	
	ROM per annum & 3950 m <sup>3</sup> of recoverable per annum of Black Granite for the period of 5 Years from the date of execution of the mining lease and ultimate depth of mining 30m.	

#### **Affidavit**

The Proponent has furnished affidavit in Hundred Rupees stamp paper attested by the Notary stating that

We, M/S Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited, No.31, Kamarajar Salai, TWAD House, Chepauk Post Box No.2961, Chennai - 600 005, solemnly declare and sincerely affirm that:

We have applied for getting Environment Clearance to SEIAA, Tamil Nadu for quarry lease for Proposed Black Granite quarry lease over an extent of 30.10.5Ha in SF.No.1, Sudanur village, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu. I swear to state and confirm that within 10km radius of the quarry site, we have applied for environmental clearance, none of the following is situated

- a. Protected areas notified under the wild life (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
- d. Interstate boundaries and international boundaries within 5km radius from the boundary of the proposed site.
- 1. TAMIN will complete the corporate Environment responsibility (CER) activities as directed by SEAC/SEIAA as per MoEF&CC, OM dated 20.10.2020. All the activities proposed by project proponent or prescribed by the SEAC, as the case may be, shall be part of the Environment Management plan. Accordingly, necessary Environment management plan will be submitted to TNPCB and the same will be implemented during the course of mining operation as recurring cost.
- 2. There will not be any hindrance or disturbance to the people living on enroute /nearby TAMIN mine site while transporting the mined out material and due to mining / mining activities.
- 3. No approved habitation as per rules 36(1) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral concession rules, 1959 located within 50 meters radius from the periphery of my mine.
- 4. We swear that afforestation will be carried out during the course of mining operation and maintained.

5. The required insurance will be taken in the name of the labourers working in my mine site..

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- 6. TAMIN will not engage any child labour in the mine site...
- 7. All types of safety / protective equipment will be provided to all the labourers working in my mine.
- 8. No approved permanent structure, temples etc are located within 500m radius from the periphery of my mine.
- 9. The mining activity will be carried out only after obtaining environmental commitment will be carried out as mentioned in the mining plan to the best of my Knowledge.

I ensure to do all the social and environment commitment as mentioned in the Mining plan to the best of our knowledge.

#### Appraisal by SEAC:-

Proposed Black Granite quarry lease area over an extent of 30.10.5Ha at S.F.Nos.1 of Sudanur Village, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu by M/s.Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited - For Environmental Clearance.

### (SIA/TN/MIN/32603/2019, dated: 25.03.2021)

The proposal was placed in 216<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 05.07.2021. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The project proponent gave detailed presentation.

#### SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Proponent, M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited has applied seeking Environmental Clearance for the proposed Black granite lease over an extent of 30.10.5Ha at S.F.No. 1 at Sadanur Village, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/ activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The production for the five years states that the total quantity of recoverable as 79,004m<sup>3</sup> of ROM Black Granite per Annum and 3,950m<sup>3</sup> of recoverable production of granite per annum and the ultimate depth of mining is 30m below ground level.
- 4. ToR issued vide letter No. SEIAA-TN/F, No.6742/SEAC/ToR-623/2019 dated: 21.06.2019.
- 5. Public hearing was conducted on 22.01.2021.

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Based on the presentation made and documents furnished by the Project proponent, SEAC decided to defer the application based on the following points observed during the presentation.

- 1. During presentation EIA/EMP coordinator has admitted that he has not visited the site and not verified the environmental data presented before the committee. In this regard, SEAC directed the EIA coordinator to conduct fresh EMP study considering site environmental & ecological conditions.
- 2. In the public hearing minutes, SEAC noticed that the public has expressed their concern about wild boar, Peacock, Deer and other wild animals in the mining area. In this connection, the proponent has not furnished NOC from DFO, Dharmapuri District.
- 3. The proponent has not furnished proposal in regard to protective measures for blocking the entry of wild animals in the proposed mining area.

The proposal was again placed for appraisal in 235th meeting of SEAC held on 01.10.2021.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC noted that the project proponent has not replied to the second query raised in previous meeting. In the public hearing minutes, SEAC noticed that the public has expressed their concern about wild boar, Peacock, Deer and other wild animals in the mining area. Hence the project proponent shall furnish NOC from DFO, Dharmapuri District.

The project proponent has furnished the reply vide letter dated 12.11.2021.

The proposal now placed for appraisal in this 246<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 17.02.2022. The Project proponent has made the re presentation along with clarification for the above shortcomings observed by the SEAC.

After examining the documents & project proposals furnished by the project proponent and based on the presentations & detailed deliberations, SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the production of 79,004m<sup>3</sup> of ROM Black Granite per Annum and 3,950m<sup>3</sup> of recoverable production of granite per annum with the ultimate depth of 30m, subject to the standard conditions stipulated by MOEF &CC, in addition to the following specific conditions:

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- 1. 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 the EMP of Rs,1.55Lakhs as committed.
- 2. As accepted by the Project Proponent the revised CER cost is Rs. 10 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for activities of (1) construction/renovation of Girls toilet with 24/7 water facility, (2) providing free supply of sanitary napkins for three months to adult girl students through the Headmaster, (3) installation of incinerator in the Girls toilet for safe disposal of sanitary napkins and (4) tree plantation in school in consultation with concerned Government school HM in Government High School, Suanur Village before obtaining CTO from TNPCB. The project proponent shall also distribute 1000 mango saplings to the people in nearby village at free of cost.
- 3. The project proponent shall strengthen the road to be used for transporting mined materials in discussion with District Collector.
- 4. The proponent shall mandatorily appoint the statutory Mines Manager and the Mining Engineer in relevant to the proposed quarry size as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999 respectively.
- 5. The proponent shall erect fencing all around the boundary of the proposed area with gates for entry/exit before the commencement of the operation and shall furnish the photographs/map showing the same before obtaining the CTO from TNPCB.
- 6. Perennial maintenance of haulage road/village / Panchayat Road shall be done by the project proponent as required in connection with the concerned Govt. Authority.
- 7. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the working parameters of mining plan which was submitted at the time of EC appraisal wherein year-wise plan was mentioned for total excavation i.e. quantum of Granite, waste, over burden, side burden and top soil etc. No change in basic mining proposal like mining technology, total excavation, mineral & waste production, lease area and scope of working (viz. method of mining, overburden & dump management, O.B & dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining etc.) shall not be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, which entail adverse environmental impacts, even if it is a part of approved mining plan modified after grant of EC or granted by State Govt. in the form of Short Term Permit (STP), Query license or any other name.

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- 8. The Proponent shall ensure that the overburden, waste rock and non-saleable granite generated during prospecting or mining operations of the granite quarry shall be stored separately in properly formed dumps on grounds earmarked. The physical parameters of the waste dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by DGMS w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of waste dumps. Such dumps shall be properly secured to prevent the escape of material in harmful quantities which may cause degradation of the surrounding land or silting of water courses.
- 9. Perennial sprinkling arrangement 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.
- 10. The Proponent shall ensure that the Noise level is monitored during mining operation at the project site for all the machineries deployed and adequate noise level reduction measures undertaken accordingly. The report on the periodic monitoring shall be submitted to TNPCB once in 6 months.
- 11. Proper barriers to reduce noise level and dust pollution should be established by providing greenbelt along the boundary of the quarrying site and suitable working methodology to be adopted by considering the wind direction.
- 12. 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 appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University and local school/college authorities. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 13. Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags (preferably eco-friendly bags) should be planted in proper espacement as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.
- 14. Noise and Vibration Related: (i) The Proponent shall carry out only the Controlled Blasting operation using the detonating cord/fuse of low grammage PETN (or) Gup-powder (or) safety

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fuse for the extraction of the granite blocks in the quarry. However, the proponent shall use NONEL based shock tube initiation system only while carrying out the controlled blasting operations for the excavation of overburden and side burden even though no habitations (or) forest exists around the proposed site. The proponent shall not carry out any blasting operation involving the initiation system such as detonating cord safety fuse, ordinary detonators, cord relays, in the blasting operation carried out for the excavation of overburden and side burden. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks should be implemented meticulously under the supervision of statutory competent persons possessing the I / II Class Mines Manager / Foreman / Blaster certificate issued by the DGMS under MMR 1961, appointed in the quarry. No secondary blasting of granite boulders shall be carried out in any occasions and only other suitable non-explosive techniques involving chemical agents shall be adopted if such secondary breakage is required. The Project Proponent shall provide required number of the security sentries for guarding the danger zone of 500 m radius from the site of blasting to ensure that no human/animal is present within this danger zone and also no person is allowed to enter into (or) stay in the danger zone during the blasting. (ii) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs, (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone.

- 15. The proponent shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by thequarrying operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations and the abandonment of the granite quarryas assured in the Environmental Management Plan& the approved Mine Closure Plan.
- 16. Ground water quality monitoring should be conducted once in every six months and the report should be submitted to TNPCB.
- 17. 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. The proponent shall take appropriate measures for "Silt Management" and prepare a SOP for periodical de-siltation indicating the possible silt content and size in case of any agricultural land exists around the quarry.

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- 18. The proponent shall provide sedimentation tank / settling tank with adequate capacity for runoff management.
- 19. The proponent shall ensure that the transportation of the quarried granite stones shall not cause any hindrance to the Village people/Existing Village Road and shall take adequate safety precautionary measures while the vehicles are passing through the schools / hospital. The Project Proponent shall ensure that the road may not be damaged due to transportation of the quarried granite stones; and transport of granite stones will be as per IRC Guidelines with respect to complying with traffic congestion and density.
- 20. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be posted during the entire period of the mining operation.
- 21. The Project Proponent shall take all possible precautions for the protection of environment and control of pollution while carrying out the mining or processing of granite in the area for which such licence or lease is granted, as per
- 22. The Project Proponent 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.
- 23. The project proponent shall ensure that the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the Granite Conservation and Development Rules 1999, the MCDR 2017 and Tamilnadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 are compiled by carrying out the quarrying operations in a skillful, scientific and systematic manner keeping in view proper safety of the labour, structure and 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.
- 24. The quarrying activity shall be stopped if the entire quantity indicated in the Mining plan is quarried even before the expiry of the quarry lease period and the same shall be informed to the District AD/DD (Geology and Mining) District Environmental Engineer (TNPCB) and the Director of Mines Safety (DMS), Chennai Region by the proponent without fail.
- 25. The Project Proponent shall abide by the annual production scheduled specified in the approved mining plan and if any deviation is observed, it will render the Project Proponent liable for legal action in accordance with Environment and Mining Laws.

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- 26. Prior clearance from Forestry & Wild Life including clearance from committee of the National Board for Wildlife as applicable shall be obtained before starting the quarrying operation, if the project site attracts the NBWL clearance, as per the existing law from time to time.
- 27. All the conditions imposed by the Assistant/Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, concerned District in the mining plan approval letter and the Precise area communication letter issued by concerned District Collector should be strictly followed.
- 28. The recommendation for the issue of environmental clearance is subject to the outcome of the Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.ANo.186 of 2016 (M.A.No.350/2016) and O.A.No.200/2016 and O.A.No.580/2016 (M.A.No.1182/2016) and O.A.No.102/2017 and 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) and 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).
- 29. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the provision of the Mines Act, 1952, Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation), Act, 2015 and rules & regulations made there under. The Project Proponent shall adhere to various circulars issued by Directorate General Mines Safety (DGMS) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) from time to time.
- 30. That the grant of this E.C. is issued from the environmental angle only, and does not absolve the project proponent from the other statutory obligations prescribed under any other law or any other instrument in force. The sole and complete responsibility, to comply with the conditions laid down in all other laws for the time-being in force, rests with the project proponent.
- 31. All the commitments made by the proponent during the Public Hearing, as per the minutes of Public Hearing should be implemented in total.

# Discussion by SEIAA and the Remarks:-

The proposal was placed in the 490<sup>th</sup> Authority meeting held on 07.03.2022. After detailed discussion, the Authority accepts the recommendation of SEAC and decided to grant Environmental Clearance subject to the conditions as recommended by SEAC in addition to the following condition.

1. As per the MoEF& CC office memorandum F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 as accepted by the project proponent EMP cost Rs.1.55Lakks as committed.

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- 2. The project proponent is requested to the revised CER cost is Rs. 10 lakhs and the amount shall be spent for activities of (1) construction/renovation of Girls toilet with 24/7 water facility, (2) providing free supply of sanitary napkins for three months to adult girl students through the Headmaster, (3) installation of incinerator in the Girls toilet for safe disposal of sanitary napkins and (4) tree plantation in school in consultation with concerned Government school HM in Government High School, Sudanur Village before obtaining CTO from TNPCB. The project proponent shall also distribute 1000 mango saplings to the people in nearby village at free of cost as recommended by SEAC.
- 3. The proponent shall ensure that the all activities of EMP shall be completed before obtaining CTO from TNPCB.
- 4. No trees in the area should be removed and all the trees numbered and protected. In case trees are within the proposed quarry site the trees may be transplanted in the Greenbelt zone.
- 5. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should in no way result in disturbance to forest and trees in vicinity.
- 6. The proponent shall ensure that the operations shall not result in loss of soil biological properties and nutrients.
- 7. The activity should not result in Co<sub>2</sub> release and temperature rise and add to micro climate alternations.
- 8. The mining closure plan should be strictly adhered with appropriate soil rehabitation measures to ensure ecological stability of the area.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the movement of grazing animals and free ranging wildlife.
- 11. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the biodiversity, the flora & fauna in the ecosystem.
- 12. The proponent shall ensure that the activity does not disturb the water bodies and natural flow of surface and ground water, nor cause any pollution, to water sources in the area.
- 13. The proponent shall ensure that the activities undertaken should not result in carbon emission, and temperature rise, in the area.

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- 14. The proponent shall ensure that the mine closure plan are followed as per mining plan and the mine restoration should be done with native species, and site restored to near original status.
- 15. The proponent shall ensure that Monitoring be carried out with reference to the quantum of particulate matter during excavation; blasting; material transport and also from cutting waste dumps and haul roads.
- 16. The proponent shall ensure that the area is ecologically restored to conserve the ecosystems and ensure flow of goods and services.
- 17. The proponent shall ensure that the activities shall not disturb the agro biodiversity and agro farms.
- 18. The proponent shall ensure that the activity shall not result in invasion by invasive alien species.
- 19. Actions to be taken to promote agro forestry, mixed plants to support biodiversity conservation in the mine restoration effort.
- 20. The proponent shall ensure that activity shall not deplete the indigenous soil seed bank and disturb the mycorrizal fungi, soil organism, soil community nor result in eutrophication of soils and water.
- 21. The activities should not disturb the soil properties and seed and plant growth. Soil amendments as required to be carried out, to improve soil heath
- 22. Bio remediation using microorganisms should be carried out to restore the soil environment to enable carbon sequestration.
- 23. 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.
- 24. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should not impact the water bodies/wells in the neighbouring open wells and bore wells.
- 25. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should not in any way affect the water quantity and quality in the open wells and bore wells in the vicinity, nor impact the water table and levels.
- 26. The proponent shall ensure that in the green belt development more indigenous trees species (Appendix as per the SEAC Minutes) to be planted.
- 27. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should not disturb the resident and migratory birds.

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- 28. The proponent shall ensure the area should be restored and rehabilitated with native trees as recommended SEAC Minutes (in Appendix).
- 29. The proponent shall ensure that the mine restoration should be done using mycorrizal VAM, vermicasting, Biofertilizers to ensure soil health and, biodiversity conservation.
- 30. The proponent shall ensure that the topsoil should be protected and used in planting activities in the area.
- 31. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should not disturb the river flow, not affect the Odai, Water bodies, Dams in the vicinity.
- 32. The proponent shall ensure that the activities should not disturb the vegetation and wildlife like wild boar, peacock, deer and other animals in the adjoining reserve forests and areas around.
- 33. 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.

### 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.

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- 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.

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- 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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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, SO2, NOx 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.

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- 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.

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- 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

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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.

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### Copy to:

- 1. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Tamil Nadu.
- 3. The Principal Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Tamil Nadu.
- 4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (SZ), 34, HEPC Building, 1st & 2nd Floor, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 34.
- 5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
- 6. The Chairman, TNPC Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai 32.
- 7. The District Collector, Dharmapuri District.
- 8. The Commissioner of Geology and Mines, Guindy, Chennai 32.
- 9. El Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
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