

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY::IBRAHIMPATNAM

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Date: 18.03.2021

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forest,
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K.M. Munshi Road,
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Guntur-522004,
Andhra Pradesh.

Sir,

Sub:- M&Q- Diversion of 4.050 Hectares of Forest Land in Compt.No.594/P & 596/P of Muchukota R.F, Peddapappur Mandal, Ananthapuramu District for quarry lease for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals – Forwarding of Statutory Proformas to accord Renewal of Forest Clearance – Reg.

Ref:- 1. 1st renewal of quarry lease application dt. 28.06.2020 received by the ADM&G, Tadipatri on 30.06.2020.
2. The ADM&G, Tadipatri proposals in File No. 704/RQL/2020, dt. 02.02.2021 received on 04.02.2021.

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I invite attention to the subject and references cited. Through the reference 1st cited, M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Prop: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy has filed an application for grant of 1st Renewal of Quarry Lease for Dolomite & Steatite an extent of 4.050 Hects in compartment No. 594/P & 596/P of Muchukota R.F., Pedda Pappur Mandal in Ananthapuramu District for a further period of 20 years w.e.f. 12.09.2023 upto 11.09.2043. The 1st Renewal of Quarry lease application was received by the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Tadipatri on 30.06.2020.

Through the reference 2nd cited, the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Tadipatri submitted the proposals keeping in view of the guidelines forwarded by Principal Chief Conservator Forest, Guntur vide Lr.No.45921/2001-FAC, dt:07.12.2017 and also enclosed Proforma-M consisting of 8 points and recommending for grant of 1st Renewal of Quarry Lease for Dolomite & Steatite an extent of 4.050 Hects in compartment No. 594/P & 596/P of Muchukota R.F., Pedda Pappur Mandal in Ananthapuramu District for a further period of 20 years w.e.f. 12.09.2023 upto 11.09.2043 in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Prop: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy.

The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Tadipatri reported that a Mining Lease was granted in favour of **M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Prop: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy** by the government vide G.O.Ms.No.245, on 23.08.2003, same was executed by the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipatri on **12.09.2003**, vide Proceeding No.852/M2/2003 for Dolomite & Steatite an extent of 4.050 Hectares in C.No.594/P & 596/P of Muchukota R.F, Pedda Pappur(M), Ananthapuramu District for a period of 20 years. The lease will be in force up to 11.09.2023.

The applicant has filed 1st renewal application within stipulated period i.e, before one year of expiry of the existing quarry lease on 11.09.2023 as per the APMMC Rules, 1966. The ADM&G, Tadipatri submitted that, as per his office records the permit details of the subject area is as follows:

Year	Permitted Quantity of Dolomite (in MT)	Permitted Quantity of Steatite (H.G) (in MT)
2003-2004	50	50
2004-2005		550
2005-2006		650
2006-2007		1200

2007-2008		1500
2008-2009		2770
2009-2010		3100
2010-2011		4150
2011-2012		4000
2012-2013		600
2013-2014		3400
2014-2015		2400
2015-2016		3200
2016-2017	200	3800
2017-2018		2800
2018-2019		2150
2019-2020		2100
2020-21 (up to date of inspection)		1300
Total	250	39720

The ADM&G, Tadipatri submitted that, as seen pit measurements the excavated Mineral quantity is Steatite **15813@2.5=39532 MT**, Dolomite **1976@2.5=4940, MT**, and Steatite (LG) **988@2.5=2470 MT** and as per dispatch permits the lease holder has taken the dispatch permits for the quantity of **39720 MT of Steatite (H.G)** and **250 MT of Dolomite, and as per the dispatch quantity and as per the available quantity at the mine site** which are more or equal to the excavated quantity.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri reported that as per the Mining Plan approved by the Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool vide Lr.No. 1206/MS-TDP/2016, dt. 27.06.2019 the Mineable Reserves are as follows for the life of the mine.

High Grade Steatite in tones	Dolomite in tones	Low Grade steatite (Filler Grade in tones)
7702020	962753	481377

The ADM&G, Tadipatri reported that, the production of the mine as on date, as per the inspection report the Mineral Quantity is Steatite (H.G) 39,532 Mts, Dolomite 4,940 Mts and Steatite (L.G) 2,470 Mts and the **remaining mineable reserves is Steatite (H.G) 7702020-39532= 76,62,488 Mts, Dolomite 96753 -4940= 91813 Mts and Steatite (L.G) 481377-2470= 478907 Mts.**

Further the lessee company is having following statutory requirements of documents pertaining to the lease held by M/s Sri Sai Minerals:

- Permission accorded vide G.O Ms No.20 Environment, Forest, Science & Technology (For.I) Department, Dt: 01.03.2013. valid upto 09.06.2022.
- Mining Scheme approved by the Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool vide Lr. No: 1206/MS-TDP/2019, dt: 27.06.2019 valid up to 2022-2023.
- Environmental Clearance issued by the SEIAA of AP, MoEF vide Order No: SEIAA/AP/ATP-58/2013-4499, dt: 23-10-2013 for a quantity of 1031 TPA of Dolomite and 2498 TPA of Steatite.
- Consent of Establishment (CFE) issued by the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Kurnool vide order No: ATP-52/APPCB/ZO-KNL/CFO/2017-479 dt: 23.07.2002 valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue.
- Consent Order for Operation vide Order No: ATP-52/APPCB/ZO-KNL/CFO/2017-565, dt: 23-08-2017 valid upto 30-09-2022.
- Possession for use of Explosives from Magazine issued by the Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, Visakhapatnam vide No: E/SC/AP/22/808(E28534), dt: 18-04-2019 and valid upto 31-03-2024.

- Copy of Authorization to Sri Mooli Sreedhar Reddy to work as Manager over the subject mine vide No: BLR-AN-UG/Dol & Ste.-27/P-34(6)/2020/1536, dt: 17.07.2020 issued by the Directorate General of Mines Safety, Bellary.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri submitted that, the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ananthapuramu has issued **Mineral Dues Clearance Certificate** for the period 2016-17 to 2019-20 and valid up to 31.03.2021.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri submitted that, the lessee company has submitted that **Income Tax returns** for the last 3 years i.e 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20. And also submitted **Net Worth Certificate** in worth of Rs, 5,82,15,635/- the same copies are enclosed here with for kind perusal.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri reported that there are 05 quarry leases existing surrounding the subject leased area within a radius of 500 mts the details are as follows:

1. M/s Narasu & Company – 4.950 Hects.
2. M/s AVSR Minerals -4.05 Hects.
3. M/s Bramarambha Mineral Company-4.680 Hect
4. M/s Sreenivas Mineral Company- 4.05 Hects
5. M/s Sri INagalingeswara Mines & Minerals- 4.0 Hects.

The Minerals Steatite & Dolomite were hitherto Major Minerals till 09.02.2015 and the GoI vide G.S.R.No.423 (E), dt:10.02.2015 declared 31 Major Minerals which includes Steatite & Dolomite, as Minor Minerals. The State Government vide G.O.Ms.No.34, dt: 14.03.2016 delegated the powers of granting Leases to the Director of Mines & Geology in respect of these 31 minerals and vide G.O.Ms.No. 56, Dt: 30.04.2016 made amendments to the APMMC Rules, 1966 for regulation of these 31 minerals.

Accordingly, the applicant Sri Sai Minerals has obtained Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent for Establishment and Consent for operation.

On perusal of the documents submitted by the applicant through the ADM&G, Tadipatri the lessee is holding all the statutory clearances which includes Permission accorded vide G.O Ms No.20 Environment, Forest, Science & Technology (For.I) Department, Dt: 01.03.2013 valid upto 09.06.2022, Mining Scheme approved by the Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool vide Lr. No: 1206/MS-TDP/2019, dt: 27.06.2019 valid up to 2022-2023, Environmental Clearance issued by the SEIAA of AP, MoEF vide Order No: SEIAA/AP/ATP-58/2013-4499, dt: 23-10-2013 for a quantity of 1031 TPA of Dolomite and 2498 TPA of Steatite, Consent of Establishment (CFE) issued by the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Kurnool vide order No: ATP-52/APPCB/ZO-KNL/CFO/2017-479 dt: 23.07.2002 valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue, Consent Order for Operation vide Order No: ATP-52/APPCB/ZO-KNL/CFO/2017-565, dt: 23-08-2017 valid upto 30-09-2022, possession for use of Explosives from Magazine issued by the Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, Visakhapatnam vide No: E/SC/AP/22/808(E28534), dt: 18-04-2019 and valid upto 31-03-2024 and Copy of Authorization to Sri Mooli Sreedhar Reddy to work as Manager over the subject mine vide No: BLR-AN-UG/Dol & Ste.-27/P-34(6)/2020/1536, dt: 17.07.2020 issued by the Directorate General of Mines Safety, Bellary.

Further, the ADM&G, Tadipatri informed that the lessee is working with in the leased area, further the applicant has stated that, he has developed and laid roads to the Quarry with his own cost and he is having own machinery for transportation of raw Material and finished mineral. Further the lease holder has informed that, he has given Rs. 15.00 lakhs towards advances to the laborers for retention. The lessee has satisfies all conditions for 1st renewal of quarry lease as per Rule 12 (5)(h)(xi)(ii) of APMMC Rules, 1966.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri reported that he has finalized MRA for the year 2019-20 and as per MRA the dues position is as follows:

D.R	S.R	Cess on SR	Total
(+)151807/-	(-) 911/-	(+)153/-	(+)151960/-

Accordingly the lessee has paid mineral revenue dues payable to the Government and the payment particulars are as detailed below, as such the lessee is not having any arrears of Mineral revenue dues to the Government.

SI.NO	Ch.No. & Date	Amount	Towards
1.	412222622912020,dt:07.11.2020	Rs.1000/-	S.R

In view of the above, the lessee satisfied all condition for 1st renewal of quarry lease as per Rule 12 (5)(h)(xi) of APMMC Rules, 1966 and eligible for grant of 1st Renewal for a further period of 20 years w.e.f 01.04.2024 and as per Rule 12 (5)(h)(xi)(ii) of APMMC Rules, 1966 the lease holder filed Renewal of Quarry Lease within the stipulated time and got eligible under the provision deemed to have been extended till the application is disposed by the Director. Accordingly, in the present application there is a need to obtain prior approval of the Forest Department for the further period from 09.06.2022 till expiry of the Renewal period upto 11.09.2043.

The ADM&G, Tadipatri submitted the check list Proforma - M as per The PCCF (HoEF) A.P Rc.No 45921/2001-FCA, 4, Dt: 15.06.2015.

The details of the application is as follows:

Point No. 01:

It is submitted that, the Minerals Dolomite & Steatite are available in non forest area in the District and State, but the subject quarry lease is 1st Renewal of quarry lease and it was granted vide G.O.Ms.No. 20 Environment, Forest, Science & Technology (For.I) Department, dt. 01.03.2013 and it is prior to the Memo issued by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forest, (HoFF) AP, Hyderabad Rc.No. 45291/2001/fca-a, dt. 15.06.2015.

Point No. 02:

The present subject area lies at a distance from forest boundary of Muchukota RF as follows:

North-1.10 Km, East - 0.92 Km,
South- 2.85 Km, West -1.96 Km.

Point No. 03:

There are 05 Quarry Leases are existing in the subject lease surrounding area within the radius of 500 mt. the details as bellow:

- M/s Narasu & Company - 4.950 Hects.
- M/s AVSR Minerals -4.05 Hects.
- M/s Bramarambha Mineral Company-4.680 Hect
- M/s Sreenivas Mineral Company- 4.05 Hects.
- M/s Sri INagalingeswara Mines & Minerals- 4.0 Hects

Point No. 04:

There are 05 Quarry Leases are existing in the subject lease surrounding area within the radius of 500 mt. and the same combined Map with 1:50,000 scale furnished herewith.

Point No. 05:

With regard to waste management outside the mine in non-forest land, the material available in the present applied area is vein type deposit, and the present mine is working in underground Method only, it is not necessary to win the material in the form of open-cast mining method. The waste management plan will be shown in the mining plan.

Point No. 06:

It is submitted that the cluster E.C and other issues will be pursued by the user agency.

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Point No. 07:

It is submitted that the National Park/Wild life sanctuary/ECO-sensitive zone are not arise in Muchukota R.F. Hence this point does not arise for the proposed quarrying area. If any, the forest department will be mentions.

Point No. 08:

It is informed that previously, the Dolomite & Steatite minerals are under Major Minerals recently the MM (D&R) Act, 1957 was amended vide MM(D&R) Act, 2015, under G.O.Ms.NO. 34, I&C (M.II) Dept., dt. 14.03.2016. Hence, the minerals dolomite & Steatite are come under 31 newly declared Minor Minerals.

Duly filled in Check List along with the following is enclosed herewith for further necessary action in the matter:-

1. Duly filled in statutory forms (7) sets
2. Map showing demarcation of the site on S.I. topo sheet No. 57/O/7 drawn to 1:50,000 scale.
3. Demarked plan showing the precise area.
4. Survey and Inspection report.

In view of the above circumstances, I forward herewith the statutory proformas in (7) sets along with the technical report with request to process and accord Renewal of Forest Clearance for non-forest purpose for grant of 1st renewal of Quarry Lease for Dolomite & Steatite an extent of 4.050 Hectares in C.No.594/P & 596/P of Muchukota R.F, Pedda Pappur(M), Ananthapuramu District under Section 2 of F.C. Act, 1980 for a further period of 20 years w.e.f 09.06.2022 to 11.09.2043 in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Prop: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy.

Encl: (As above)

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- V. G. Venkata Reddy,
Director of Mines and Geology

Copy to the Asst. Director of Mines and Geology, Tadipatri for information.
Copy to the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ananthapuramu for information.

Copy to M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Prop: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy, #16/1282-2, Srinivasapuram, Tadipatri 515 411, Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh, Cell No. 98480 79397.

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For Director of Mines & Geology

Proforma-M

Check slip information as per Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) AP, Hyderabad Rc. No. 45921/2001/fca-a, dt: 15.06.2015		
S.No	Gist of information to be furnished	Reply
1	Certificate from the competent authority form Mining Department about non - availability of same mineral in non forest land	It is submitted that, the Minerals Dolomite & Steatite are available in non forest area in the District & State, but the subject quarry lease is 1st Renewal of quarry lease and it was granted vide G.O Ms No.20 Environment, Forest, Science & Technology (For.I) Department, Dt: 01.03.2013 and it is prior to the Memo issued by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) AP, Hyderabad Rc. No. 45921/2001/ fca-a, dt: 15.06.2015.
2	Areas may be proposed for mining / Quarrying is located adjoining the boundary of the forest instead of areas located inside the forest.	The present subject area lies at a distance from forest boundary of Muchukota RF as follows,, North - 1.10 Km, East - 0.92 km, South - 2.85 km, West -1.96 km
3	Details of other mining leases for that particular mineral with their capacity and average annual production and projected future requirements. Mining plan approved by the competent authority also be submitted with the proposal.	There are 05 Quarry Leases are existing in the subject lease surrounding area within the radius of 500 mt. the details as bellow. 1, M/S Narasu & Company -4.950 hect, 2, M/s AVSR Minerals - 4.05 Hect, 3, M/S Bramarambha Mineral Company -4.680 Hect, 4, M/s Sreenivas Mineral Company -4.05 Hect, 5, M/s Sri,Nagalingeswara Mines &Minerals - 4.0 Het.
4	In case of renewal, the complete picture of mining activity in the particular forest block or compartment. in S.I topo sheet on 1:50,000 scale to be furnished.	There are 05 Quarry Leases are existing in the subject lease surrounding area within the radius of 500 mt. and the same combined Map with 1:50,000 scale furnished herewith.
5	In respect of open cast mining necessary precautions regarding waste management outside the mine in non forest land be identified. To take care this issue while sending proposals pertaining to open cast mining including granite quarrying pertaining to private agencies.	With regard to waste management outside the mine in non-forest land, the material available in the present applied area is vein type deposit, and the present mine is working in underground Method only, it is not necessary to win the material in the form of open-cast mining method. The waste management plan will be shown in the mining plan.
6	GoI has prescribed preparation of cluster proposal for such leases which have contiguous boundaries. For transporting mined minerals, it is not desirable to insist inclusion of such forest area and the lease proposals unless a new road is proposed for such lease / cluster.	It is submitted that the cluster E.C. and other issues will be pursued by the user agency.
7	No mining proposals within the sanctuary, National Park and also within 10 KMs radius (Eco-sensitive zone) form the boundaries of National Parks and W.L Sanctuaries are processed as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders and guidelines issued by the MoEF & CC., GoI . Therefore, not to forward any such proposal for mining activities which are falling within the protected areas.	It is submitted that the National Park / Wild life sanctuary / ECO-sensitive zone are not arise in Muchukota R.F. Hence this point does not arise for the proposed quarrying area. If any, the forest department will be mentions.
8	While selecting / recommending the proposals for mining activity under FCA, the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 (GoI) may be strictly adhered.	It is informed that previously, the Dolomite & Steatite minerals are under Major mineral. Recently the MM (D&R) Act, 1957 was amended vide MM (D&R) Act, 2015, under G.O Ms. No. 34 I & C (M.II) Dept., dt: 14.03.2016. Hence, the minerals Dolomite & Steatite are come under 31 newly declared Minor Minerals.


 Asst Director of Mines and Geology (FAC)
 Tadipatri