

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY

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To:
The Director of Mines
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Lr.No.2395/QL/2017, Dated:28.12.2017

Sir,

Sub: Mining & Quarries – M/s. Rama Minerals, Prop: Smt. B. Rama Devi for grant of Quarry Lease for Dolomite and Steatite for an extent of 2.00 Ha. in Mutchukota R.F., Comp No. 594 of Mutchukota R.F., Julakalva Village, Singanamala Mandal, Anantapur District – Further Report Called for – Submitted – Reg.

Ref: 1. Application Dated: 09-11-2017 from M/s: Rama Minerals,
2. This office proposal No. 2395/QL/2017, dt: 21-11-2017,
3. Letter No. 31281/R4-1/2017 dated 15-12-2017 of the Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpattam, Vijayawada.

I invite your kind attention to the subject and references cited and submit in the 3rd reference cited has sought to submit the technical report duly observing the instruction of PCCF vide RS.No. 45921-2001-FCA-4 dt: 15-06-2015 regarding the clearance for the diversion of the Forest Land in favour of M/s. Rama Minerals, Prop: B. Rama Devi, over the subject area of 2.00 Ha for the grant of Quarry Lease for Dolomite and Steatite is without technical report as per the guidelines issued under FC Act 1980 and further informed us the proposals received are not covered with technical report. As such all the mining related activities under FC Act, 1980 for private agencies are to be covered with 01 to 08 Points information and the submitted proposals are lacking the technical information and furnish to submit the proposals with technical report duly observing the instructions of PCCF vide RS.No. 45921-2001-FCA-4 dt: 15-06-2015. Hence requested to furnish the requisite information as per the FC Act 1980 vide reference cited 3rd.

In this regard, it is submitted that the guidelines issued by the PCCF vide RS.No. 45921-2001-FCA-4 dt: 15-06-2015 has been verified and submitting the following lines against each guideline in respect of the subject application.

POINT – 1

It is submitted that the available Dolomite and Steatite mineral deposit in the subject area is of high quality one and is considered as A grade deposit. There is a lot of demand for "A" Grade Steatite and Dolomite which is not available in the forest area or in Revenue Land in other Districts of Andhra Pradesh. The Steatite present is of high grade and find its applications in paper, paints, plastics, detergents, rubber, pharmaceuticals, and ceramics etc., and is a highly demanded material in the present industry.

POINT – 2

The proposed area for mining/Quarrying is located in a Cluster where nearly 4 existing leased areas are working. The approach road is very clear starts from Tadipatri to Mutchukota Forest on the Tadipatri-Ananthapuram B.T. Road upto a distance of about 18 Km from their taking right diversion towards north on a cart track at a distance of 3 Km leads to the applied area where the adjoining leases are existing and hence there is no need of further road construction. Hence, the question of vulnerability and fragmentation to the forest area does not arise.

POINT – 3

In this jurisdiction of Mutchukota R.F., nearly 4 existing quarry lease for steatite and dolomite are working with an average monthly production of 250 tons/month which is A grade and is having a wide demand domestically and internationally. Hence, a lot of demand is existing in the market to meet the industrial demand.

POINT – 4

The present application is proposal for fresh grant.

POINT – 5

It is submitted that the mining / quarrying in the proposed area are of underground type. Hence, the damage to the surface forest area is very low. The overburden and waste materials which are extracted from underground is dumped in the surface area systematically within the proposed area and will plan for a reclamation and plantation over the dumps. A detailed plan on system of working and reclamation will be submitted clearly in the mining plan.

POINT – 6

It is submitted that the transporting the mined material is through the existing cart track, which connects Anantapur – Tadipatri Highway to Tabjula Village, which is being in use for the past 100 years, which is also being used by the other existing leases adjoining to the subject area applied. Hence, the question of new road proposal does not arise in this case.

POINT – 7

It is submitted that as informed by the forest authorities the subject proposed area for quarrying does not fall within 10 Km radius of any National Park / Wild Life Sanctuary / Eco Sensitive Zone. Hence forwarding the proposals to the sanctuary authorities does not arise in this case.

POINT – 8

It is submitted that, subsequent to the amendment of MMDR Act vide Act No. 3 of 2015 of MMDR Amendment Act of 2015, the Government of India Vide GSR No. 423(E) dated 10-02-2015 issued notification and declared 31 major minerals including Steatite and Dolomite as minor minerals. As such the grant of lease for Steatite and Dolomite is in accordance with APMMC Rules - 1966, GCDR Rules – 1999. However, the quarry lease for steatite and dolomite in the subject area is also in accordance with the provisions of FC Act 1980 as the subject area falls in Reserve Forest area.

Further submitted that there are 4 existing quarry leases in this Mutchukota R.F. area and the present applied area is under process.

Hence, the 9 sets of Statutory proforma along with Form-P has submitted by the applicant over the subject area and the copies of the references cited are submitted to the Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada with request to forward the same to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Andhra Pradesh for taking further action at their end in accordance with the instructions of the Government and also subject to the satisfaction of APMMC Rules – 1966 and GCDR – 1999, and Forest Conservation Act 1980 and the latest amendments thereon.

Further it is submitted that, the subject area applied by M/s: Rama Minerals, Prop: B. Rama Devi can be recommended and forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur for taking further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,



Asst. Director of Mines & Geology,
Tadipatri.

VERIFICATION REPORT

As per the instruction of The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, the Quarry lease application registers were verified for the status of applications which were received for Dolomite and Steatite in Compartment No. 594/P of Mutchukota R.F., Julakalva Village, Singanamala Mandal, Anantapur District and found that no applications were received over the subject area of Compartment No. 594/P of Mutchukota R.F., Julakalva Village, Singanamala Mandal, Anantapur District. There is no existing quarry lease in the present inspected area. Detailed survey may be taken up after the receipt of Clearence from the Forest Department.

This is submitted for information.

Yours Faithfully,



Asst. Director of Mines & Geology,
Tadipatri.