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H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Rampur, the

From:- CCF Rampur.

To:- Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF(FCA)  
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) Talland, Shimla.

Subject: Diversion of 2.1532 ha of forest land (1.4612 ha for mining lease and safetyzone, 0.3400 ha for approach road and 0.3520 ha for staking of raw material) for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh in the favour of M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr, within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal **No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018**).

Memo:

Kindly refer to GoI office letter No. 8B/HP/05/62/2019/FC dated 14.06.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, it is submitted that the point wise reply to the observation raised GoI letter under reference is furnished as under:-

Poin t No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The report of State Geologist provided by State Govt. has mentioned that the proposed project is a hill slope mining, where as the District Survey Report (DSR) is prepared only for river bed areas. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide clarification / justification/ documents on the following points:-	
	i.) The capacity of production, the present level of average annual production, location of these pits and status of reclamation of forest land that are exhausted minerals and details of the existing mining lease in the State.	The proponent has applied for mining and ancillary works. The area as per approved "Mining Plan" have total Geological reserve of 136843 tones and mineable reserves of 130001 tones as shown in Page No. 13 & 20 of the Mining Plan uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv). The optimum production capacity is 28330 tons per year. However, the mining operations will only be initiated after the grant of 'Forest Clearance' for non-forest use, Environment clearance and mining lease agreement with the Himachal Pradesh Govt. The pit position (year wise) for next five years of working is shown in Page No. 3 to 7 of the Mining Plan uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv) .
	ii.)The details of all other mining leases for those particular materials with their capacity and	As intimated by user agency no other mining lease is held by the

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	average annual production and projected future requirements.	proponent, as such the information be treated as nil.
	iii.) State Govt. may provide the landscape map of approved/existing /proposed mining projects for hill slope mining especially within the administrative limit of district Shimla.	Information in this regard has been uploaded as additional information in Part-I Sr. No. 20.
	iv.) State Govt. may confirm or provide comments whether the mining is being proposed in confirmation with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Ministry Guidelines issued in 2018 and 2020 in this regard.	As intimated by user agency State Govt. has approved the Mining Plan and provided letter of intent of the proposed area only after its satisfaction. The mining plan is in conformity with prevalent Mining Laws of Union of India and the State Govt. and directions of issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and other Courts and concerned Ministries of Central Government from time to time. The approved Mining Plan has been uploaded in the Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv) .
	v.) Justification/clarification regarding the adoption of the 14 mt. average width for approach road component.	The strip of 14 Mtrs. width for the road is proposed as the haulage mine road to the top of the mine to be constructed with safe gradient preferably with 1:14 gradient detail also given in the reply under Point No. 7.
2.	FRA Certificate submitted in the proposal is found incomplete. State Govt. may provide clarification/justifications/documents on the following points:-	The user agency has intimated that he will provide the FRA certificate complete in all respect well before Stage-II approval. An undertaking to this effect has been uploaded by the user agency in the portal as additional information under Sr. No. 19 of Part-I .
	i.) In the proceeding of the District Level Committee (FRA) the proposal is considered for installation of Stone Crusher at Pashada, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla, but the extant proposal is for mining lease. Therefore, this needs to be reviewed and revised accordingly.	As above.
	ii.) In the proceeding of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee (FRA) the proposal is recommended for forestry purpose' instead of 'non-forestry purpose' (which seems due to cutting of the page in the margin). Therefore, proper copy may be provided.	As above
	iii.) The Forest Right Committee of Pashada village has recommended the proposal in the name of Kanagtu Devi, M/s Bushahar Laghu Udyog, 'Pashada, instead of recommending for the purpose of mining lease, This also needs to be reviewed and revised.	As above
	iv.) The Gram Sabha Committee, Pashada has recommended the proposal in the favour of Kanagtu Devi, M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog,	As above

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	Pashada' for the 'construction of stone crusher' instead of' mining lease'. But the extant proposal is for mining lease. Therefore, this needs to be reviewed and revised accordingly.	
	v.) A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of FRC(s) and Gram Sabha(s) of revenue village Pashada may also be provided.	As above
3.	Gram Panchayat Racholi has issued the NOC in the name of Smt. Kanagtu Devi M/S Bushahr Laghu Udyog Pashada, for the construction of stone crusher instead of mining lease. But the extent proposal is for mining lease. Therefore, this needs to be reviewed and revised accordingly.	User agency has intimated that the Gram Panchayat, Racholi has considered and issued NOC to M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, Vill. And P.O. Jakhri, Tehsil Rampur District Shimla for Mining area as well as crusher site as both being sister concerns and interdependent enterprises. Certificate in this regard has been uploaded as additional information in Part-I Sr. No.27.
4.	Environment Clearance (EC) is mandatory for the extant project. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the comments regarding update status of EC.	The user agency has submitted that the case regarding obtaining Environmental Clearance was taken up with Director-cum-Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, HP, who had raised the observation to submit the copy of approval for diversion of forest land from the competent authority. The EC will be provided by the competent authority only after obtaining forest clearance. The letter of Director-cum-Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, HP is uploaded as additional information under Sr. 39 of Part-I.
5.	In the tune of EC, State Govt, may provide the EMP for the project in this regard.	Environment Management plan has been provided in the approved Mining plan from pages 33 to 35 is uploaded as additional information in the Part-I Sr. No. 28.
6.	NPV rate has been revised by MoEF & CC vide letter dated 6.1.2022. State Govt. may review and revise the NPV calculation sheet as per latest NPV accordingly.	Copy of revised bill of NPV has been prepared and uploaded as additional information in the portal Part-II Sr. No. 12.
7.	The average width of the approach road has been taken 14 mt, which is not acceptable. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the average width of the approach road in accordance with the PC Guideline and may provide/upload the revised Sol and Geo-referenced map accordingly, duly authenticated by DFO alongwith KML file on PARVIESH Portal. Further, the CA scheme, NPV calculation, CA land area revenue record etc. may also be reviewed and revised accordingly, It applicable	The user agency has submitted that the average width of the road is 9 mtrs and accordingly revised Checklist No. 23 has been uploaded as additional information in Part-I under Sr. No. 39 (Page No. 5).

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8.	According to the approved Mining Plan, it is mentioned that the mining site is 200 mts. away from the established stone crusher unit. However, in other documents viz. Plan for Transportation, Justification for locating the project in forest land certificate and Joint inspection Report show that the proposed project is at a location of 100 and 107mt. respectively away from established stone crusher unit. Therefore, State Govt. may review and clarify the same.	The clarification in this regard has been uploaded by user agency as additional information under Sr. No. 39 of art-I.
9.	KML file of the proposed project uploaded in Part-I, Para-C is found blank. Therefore, upload the KML file of the designated column of Part-1 on PARIVESH Portal.	The KML file has been uploaded by the user agency in online Part-I Para-C.
10.	Part-I Para E(ii) & (iii) does not seem correct. Needs to be rectified.	The necessary correction has been done by the user agency in the Para-I E (ii) and (iii) of Part-I.
11.	In aerial distance certificate, it is mentioned that the proposed project is located about 15 km from Daranghati WLS, whereas in the State Govt. forwarding letter dated 18.6.2019, it is mentioned that the Rupri Bhaba WLS is the nearest and the aerial distance point of Bushahr Laghu Udyog is 7.5 km. However, DSS report shows that the DA is located at 8.34 km by aerial distance from the nearest Rupri Bhaba WLS. Since final ESZ notification of Rupri-Bhaba WLS is not yet notified, and hence proposed DA area is within default ESZ (i.e. 10 kms aerial distance of boundary of PA). Therefore, State Govt. may provide the comments of CWLW in this regard. Additional, State Govt. may submit Wildlife Management Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per MoEF & CC letter dated 7.6.2022, if applicable.	The distance verification certificate issued by the DFO Wildlife, Sarahan District Shimla has been uploaded by user agency as additional information in Part-I Sr. No. 21. The undertaking bearing the cost of Wildlife Management Plan has been uploaded as additional information in Part-II Sr No. 13.
12.	As per the approved mining plan the proposed project is a hill slope mining and the mining activity in the hilly area may cause the possibility of high-risk of accident due to land slide soil erosion, flying stones etc. Further, a seasonal Nallah is also showing on KML. Therefore, clarification may be provided about the mitigate measures to be adopted for stabilization/conservation of Nallah, top soil and mine wastes etc.	The mining lease area consists of quartzite rock which is hard (Hardness seven in the Moh'ss Scale of hardness) and is quite stable. Moreover, systematic and scientific mining proposed in the approved mining plan provides for 4x4 Mtrs. benches (4 meter height and 4 meter width), thus eventually the hill will have an angle of 40 degrees post mining. Also, as an abundant precaution retaining walls will be constructed wherever necessary.
13.	In Part-II. Para No. 6, it is mentioned that the area is not seriously eroded or is not much vulnerable to erosion, however Google image clearly shows that the adjoining area of the proposed site is under landslide. Therefore State Govt. may provide the comments regarding the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion landslide during or after	As intimated by DCF Rampur that as explained in point No.12 the rock in the mining lease area is quartzite rock which is hard, stable and least prone to slide due to systematic and scientific mining. Moreover, various mitigation measures will be adopted during

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	execution of the project. Additional State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per MoEF & CC letter dated 7.6.2022.	and after execution of the project like, construction of R/Wall and B/Wall etc. Also, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines i.e. 0.5% of the Total Project Cost as and when demanded by the forest department. The undertaking in this regard is also uploaded on the web portal Part-II.
14.	As per the approved Mining Plan. 4105 MT mine wastes will be generated during the five years mine work. This mine waste along with topo soil 2737 MT will be used to establish green belt in the lease area in order to reclaim the land as forest land. Therefore, Reclamation Plan for five years period in phase-wise systematic and scientific manner, if applicable may be provided.	The mining area will be reclaimed as per the mine closure plan of approved Mining Plan (Page No. 36 to 38) uploaded in Part-I under Sr. No. M-2 (iv).
15.	State Govt. may submit a certificate regarding, non-availability of the same material/ore in the nearby non-forest area.	The certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner Shimla has been uploaded as additional information Part-I Sr. No. 6.
16.	In the Mining Plan, it is mentioned that the raw mineral will be used for making angular grit in already established stone crusher unit in the name of M/s Mehta Stone Crusher. However, the title of the proposal shows that raw mineral will be used for making angular grit in already established stone	The error has been rectified in the mining plan by the user agency and uploaded in Part-I Sr. M-2 (iv).
17.	The proposed project is linked with another proposal (Proposal no. FP/HP/IND/35171/2018-for Stone Crusher) submitted to IRO. Shimla for renewal Therefore. State Govt. may provide the revised Layout Plan of the extant proposal clearly showing the components linking with the components of the proposal submitted for renewal (Stone Crusher) with distinct colour schemes duly authenticated by DFO. Further, working area for first five years' period may also be demarcated.	As per user agency the renewal case for crusher site will be dealt separately. However, the layout plan showing both the proposal is uploaded as additional information Part-I Sr. No. 34.

This is for favor of information and further necessary action at your end please.

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