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**Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh
Mandi Forest Circle, Mandi**

From: CCF Mandi

To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF(FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP Shimla.**Subject:**

Diversion of 0.7984 ha. of forest land for mining lease for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri in Son Khad Part-II at Kalswai, Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi HP in favour of Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh. Swami Ram, Village Trambala, P.O. Longani, Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi HP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi HP (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/129370/2021).

Memo,

Kindly refer to EDS raised by GOI vide letter No. FC/HPB/47/2023 dated 22.07.2023 on the subject cited proposal.

The observations as pointed out vide letter under reference has been attend by DFO J/Nagar & user agency, detail as under :-

Sr.No	Observati on	Reply
1.	Approved Mining Plan has been uploaded in which Khasra Number and area of proposed mining is mentioned as 1334/1 and 1.7674 respectively. However, in the Letter of Intent (LoI) the figure mentioned for Khasra no. and area is different. Therefore, valid approved mining plan pertaining to the extant proposal needs to be uploaded at designated location of Part-I PARIVESH Portal. Also, rectify the figures mentioned in column M-7 of Part-I.	The Revised LoI has been uploaded against Column No._M-2 (iv)in PRIVESH Part-I and figures mentioned in clumn M-7 rectified also.
2.	The approach access from the nearest existing road to the proposed mining area and details of the plan for the transportation of the minerals proposed to be prospected from the mining lease area is not mentioned in the proposal. Therefore, same may be clarified. If approach road is required the same may be included in the proposal as a separate component.	The proposed project is adjacent to the existing road and does not require approach access. However, NOC of HPPWD has been uploaded at Sr. No. 22 against additional information detail of Part-I.
3.	Layout plan with all components needs to be submitted	The Layout Plan of the project has been uploaded at Sr. No.25 against additional information detail of Part-I.
4.	Safety zone is not included in the proposal. Therefore, safety zone as per para-7.9 of Handbook of FCA Act and Rules (Guidelines	It is submitted that the present proposal is a river bed mining and cannot be reclaimed for any other purposes the land

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	and Clarifications) is required to be included in the proposal and accordingly revise the proposal.	under active mining would always remain river bed during as well as post mining. Hence, the area of 7.5 Meter safety zone could not be maintained as stated in guidelines Para-7.9 of Handbook of FCA.
5.	An Undertaking to the effect that User Agency shall deposit the amount for afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one and half time the area for forest land under Safety Zone with the State Forest Department besides depositing funds with Forest Department for the protection and regeneration of the Safety Zone area is required to be submitted.	The undertaking has been uploaded at Sr. No. 29 against additional information detail of Part-I.
6.	As per Para-7.5 of Handbook of FC Act and Rule (Guidelines and Clarifications), extraction of minor minerals shall be from the middle of the river bed after leaving one fourth of the river bed on each bank untouched. Therefore, one-fourth area on bank may be left and accordingly revised proposal including the revised KML file needs to be submitted.	It is submitted that the Son Khad has a wide angle at the mining site, due to this, most often the water stream gets on changing its path, hence it is not possible to find the middle of the river bed. However, mid stream mining in accordance with the approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of river bed and minimize chances of boulders overflowing the banks. This would also protect the adjoining area from the fury of monsoon flood.
7.	State Govt may submit an undertaking that no mining activity will be carrying out during monsoon season.	Undertaking for the same has been uploaded at Sr. No._28 against additional information detail of Part-I.

8.	The Land Reclamation Plan including post-mining land use plan needs to be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	The mined area being part of the river course cannot be reclaimed for any other purposes the land under active mining would always remain river bed during as well as post mining. The mid stream mining in accordance with the approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of river bed and minimize chances of boulders overflowing the banks. This would also protect the adjoining area from the fury of monsoon flood. However, the reclamation detail as per approved mining plan has been uploaded at Sr. No.21 against additional information detail of Part-I.
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9.	State Government may submit a brief profile of the lessee/company along with detail of its existing mining leases, capacity of production, present level of average annual production, location of mining lease area and the status of reclamation of forest land that area exhausted minerals in tabulated form with supporting documents as per para-7.8(i) of FCA Act and Rule (Guidelines and Clarifications).	It is submitted that the Project Proponent/ Lessee i.e. Vinod Kumar has not any mining lease as yet. It is further submitted that there is no existing mining unit in Son Khad and its periphery. The requirement of minerals of local area are being fulfilled by procuring the sand, stone & Bajri from stone crusher. Which does not meet out the requirement of local people hence proposed mining will be beneficial for local people to meet out their requirement of sand, Stone & Bajri and this will decrease the chances of illegal/unscientific mining in the area.
10.	The current status of Environment Clearance with documentary proof may be provided	The Process of obtaining EC is under process and will be submitted after getting forest clearance as SEIAA has imposed the condition that "The Environment Clearance shall be issued by the SEIAA after submission of FCA clearance, in case applicable in the present case being government land." Copy of EC conditions uploaded at Sr. No. 19 against additional information detail of Part-I.
11.	The Letter of Intent is issued in the name of Sh. Vinod Kumar, however, proposal is submitted in the name of M/s Vinod Kumar (Mining). Therefore, clarification is required how the applicant is related with the M/s Vinod Kumar (Mining). A copy of Incorporation Certificate of Lessee/Company needs to be uploaded on the PARVESH portal.	An undertaking/Affidavit along with certificate of lease/ Company for the same has been uploaded at Sr. No. 26 against additional information detail of Part-I.
12.	The Letter of Intent (LOI) is renewed upto 24.06.2023, as on date the LOI has been expired. Therefore, fresh Letter of Intent is required to be uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal.	Latest Letter of Intent has been uploaded against column No. M-1 (C)of Part-I.
13.	The detail of other similar mining leases in the area including capacity, average annual production and projected future requirements in tabulated form is required to be submitted along with justification of necessity of opening new mining leases in the area.	It is submitted that there is no existing mining unit in Son Khad and its periphery The requirement of minerals of local area are being fulfilled by procuring the sand, stone & Bajri from stone crusher. Which does not meet out the requirement of local people hence proposed mining will be beneficial for local people to meet out their requirement of sand, Stone & Bajri and this will decrease the chances of illegal/unscientific mining in the area.
14.	Proposed Mining in Son Khad may have impact on Riverine Ecology. Therefore, State Government may provide mitigation measures to be adopted to address the ill	The following mitigation measures will be adopted during execution of the project:- 1. The stream of the river will not be disturbed and all possible measures will

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	effects of mining post mining closure.	<p>be adopted for smooth flowing of the water stream so that riverine ecology could not be disturbed. In view of the effect on climate, mining contract area is very small and mining will be confined within the river bed.</p> <p>2. Measures will be taken to prevent the cutting of river banks and exceeding 2 m depth limit from the river bed surface.</p> <p>3 .Since no blasting will be involved during the extraction of minor minerals like sand, stone & Bajri and very little dust will be generated during transportation, which would negligible disturbance to air quality of Air & Noise will test through different station for safety of the Environment.</p> <p>4. There is already vegetation along the banks which falls outside the contracted area hence, there will be no effect on flora & Fona. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detailed at Sr. No. 27 in Part-I.</p>
15.	NoC of Jal Shakti Department has been provided which is issued for uplifting of water from Son Khad for the purpose of plantation and anti dust sprinkler. However, same is required to be submitted in reference to the extant project i.e.-mining lease.	Revised NoC from Jal Shakti Vibhag has been uploaded at Sr. No. 23 against additional information detail of Part-I.
16.	NoC from Public Works, Fisheries Department etc. needs to be submitted/uploaded on PARIVESH portal.	NoCs from Public Works Department has been uploaded at Sr. No. 22 against additional information detail of Part-I. NOC form Fishries department has been uploaded at Sr. No. 20 against additional information detail of Part-I.
17.	The CA scheme for plantation of 1600 plants in 3.2 Ha. of forest land has been proposed. Therefore, all relevant details under Para 13 of Part-II shall be filled/uploaded such patchwise details of CA area, RF/PF, Range, KML etc, CA scheme, DGPS MAP, SOI Toposheet of CA site and site suitability certificate.	All relevant details under Para 13 of Part-II filled/uploaded
18.	The status of proposed CA land whether it is UPF/DPF/RF notified as forest under IFA, 1927, or a Waste Land declared as Protected Forest under HP Govt. notification, 1952 may be provided along with documentary proof. Further, all fields	The CA has been proposed in ND-442, Cwhejkhobla, which is notified as DPF under Indian Forest Act 1927 vide GoHP Notification No. Fts (F) 5-1/80 dt. 18.08.1980. However, copy of working plan showing the proposed CA area is

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	of table of Para-13(i) of Part-II is required to be filled correctly.	attached herewith. Beside, relevant details filled in Para-13(i) of Part-II.
19.	The State Government to confirm that the proposed mining conforms to the DSR [as per EMSMG 2020 (guidelines for Enforcement and Monitoring of Sand Mining in January 2020) and SSMMG-2016 (Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines (SSMMG) issued in 2016) issued by MoEF&CC of the concerned district.	It is confirmed that the proposed mining conforms to the DSR of Distt. Mandi [as per EMSMG 2020 (guidelines for Enforcement and Monitoring of Sand Mining in January2020) and SSMMG-2016 (Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines (SSMMG) issued in 2016) issued by MoEF&CC of the Mandi District. Further letter of department of Industry has been uploaded against additional information at Sr. No. 24 in Part-I.

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