

Mandi Forest Circle, Mandi
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: CF (T) Mandi.

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

Subject : **Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Neel Kanth Mining for non-forestry use of 1.5452 ha. Unclassed forest for extaction of Sand, Stone & Bajari at Sarshkarn Tehsil-Dharampur, District Mandi in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/118435/2021 (PARIVESH 1.0).**

Memorandum:

Kindly refer to GoI e-office letter No. **I/127430/2025 (F. No. 8-04/2025-FC) dated 13.08.2025** on the subject cited above.

The point wise reply of the observations raised vide above referred communication have attended to by DFO J/Nagar & User Agency, submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	From examination of KML file it is observed that mining is proposed at one side of the river. The State Government shall inform whether the proposal is according to para 7.6 of Consolidated Guidelines, 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines, 2020 issued by MoEF & CC. Changes if any may be informed accordingly.	Project proponent has replied that the mining site has been allotted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guideline, 2016 and the Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 issued by the MoEF & CC. The proposal is fully compliant with para 7.6 of the Consolidated Guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Hence, the proposed mining operations are in line with the prescribed regulatory framework.
2.	Lol was extended for one year from 03.06.2024 and it was valid till 02.06.2025. Valid Lol needs to be submitted.	Project proponent has submitted that the Letter of Intent (LoI) was extended for one year from 03.06.2024 and was valid up to 02.06.2025. An application for further extension of the Lol has already been submitted to the competent authority. A copy of the submitted application along with acknowledgement is enclosed herewith for your reference as per Annexure-1 .
3.	District Survey Report of Mandi District is not submitted. The State Government shall submit the report with recommendations to the Ministry.	Project proponent has submitted that the District Survey Report (DSR) of Mandi District has already been approved by SEIAA, Himachal Pradesh and the allotted project area is duly mentioned in the approved DSR. A copy of the approved DSR of Mandi District is enclosed Separately with tittle of

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It is, therefore, requested that keeping in view of above facts necessary approval of the proposal under FCA, 1980 may kindly be obtained and conveyed to this office please.

Encls: As above.

Signed by
Thangaraj Venkatesan
Date: 15-10-2025 14:52:35
Conservator of Forests (T),
Mandi Forests Circle, Mandi HP.

No. RK/FCA/ 4374
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the/ 08-10-2025

From: DFO Joginder Nagar

To: CF Mandi

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Neel Kanth Mining for non-forestry use of 1.5452 ha. Unclassed forest for extaction of Sand, Stone & Bajari at Sarshkarn Tehsil-Dharampur, District Mandi in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online proposal No. :- FP/HP/MIN/118435/2021 (PARIVESH 1.0)


Memo;

Kindly refer to MOEF & CC letter No. 8-04/2025-FC dated 13.08.2025 on the subject cited proposal. The point-wise reply of EDS is furnished below:

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Therefore, the case/proposal is forwarded for stage-I approval from competent authority.
Encl. As above.


Divisional Forest Officer,
J/Nagar Forest Division
Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, H.P. ✓

M/S NEEL KANTH MINING

Deals in Construction Material-Sand, Stone and Bajari etc.

No. Neelkant Mining/FCA/2025-001
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the 23/09/2025

From: M/s Neelkant Mining

To: DFO Joginder Nagar

Subject: **Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Neel Kanth Mining for non-forestry use of 1.5452 ha. Unclassed forest for extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajari at Sarshkarn Tehsil-Dharampur, District Mandi in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online proposal No. :- FP/HP/MIN/118435/2021 (PARIVESH 1.0)**

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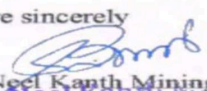
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You're sincerely

For Neel Kanth Mining
M/S Neel Kanth Mining
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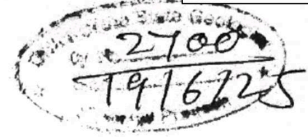
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Annexure 1

MO/MDI/ML/Auction/SureshKumar/2019-
Office of the Mining Officer Mandi
Distt. Mandi H.P.
Dated:

384-85

18 JUN 2025



To

Subject:

The Geologist Zone-IV,
Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla-9.

Regarding extension of LOI time period for the auctioned mining quarries at Dharampur Son Khadd Part-VII, comprising Kh.No. 2/2 (Govt. Land), Measuring 01-54-52 Hectares. Mauza Mohal Sarsikan, Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi H.P.

Sir,

This bears reference to the representation diary no. 366 dated 16.06.2025 received in this office from on the subject cited above regarding further extension of LOI period which has already expired on dated 03.06.2025, for want of submission of the requisite documents/clearances i.e. FCA/EC for the further grant of mineral concession.

In this regard, as informed, every effort has been made by the party to fulfil the conditions of LOI, as till date demarcation of the land, deposition of Upfront premium 25% of the bid amount, approval of Mining Plan has been made. Further, the party has applied for the Environment Clearance and FCA Approval from the competent authority. The point wise detail of progress made w.r.t. the fulfilment of the various conditions of Letter of Intent is tabulated as below-

Sr. No.	LOI Conditions	Reply alongwith Annexure
1.	The Lol holder shall get the area demarcated from the revenue authorities and shall erect permanent boundary pillars so as the area is depicted clearly	The party has demarcated the auctioned area from the revenue authorities and erected temporary boundary pillars.
2.	The Lol holder shall have to submit the approved Mining Plan under Rule 35 of Himachal Pradesh Minor Mineral (Concession) and Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) rules 2015	Mining Plan approved vide letter no. Udyog-Bhu(Khani-4)Laghu-614/2018- 2429 dated 14.07.2020
3.	The Lol holder shall have to obtain Environment Clearance under the provision of Environment Protection Act, 1986 from the competent authority.	As informed, the process to obtain Environment Clearance under the provision of Environment Protection Act, 1986, from the competent authorities is under process.
4.	The Lol holder shall pay 25% offered bid amount as upfront premium within one month from the date of issue of Lol	25% amount of the offered bid amount as upfront premium(Non refundable) has been deposited as per record in the Office of the Mining officer Mandi on Dated 13.11.2018.
5.	The Lol holder shall have to obtain Forest Clearance under the Forest Clearance Act, 1980.	As informed, the process to obtain Forest Clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is under progress.

Hence, in view of above progress made, the validity of Lol is recommended for further extension for fulfilment of the remaining formalities.

This is submitted for your kind information and further necessary action at your end, please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Mandi
Mining Officer,
Distt. Mandi (HP)

Endst. No. As above _____ Dated _____

Copy to:-

Sh. Suresh Kumar S/o Sh.Chaman Lal, Village Biarouri, PO & Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi HP w.r.t. their letter diary no. 366 dated 16 .06.2025 for information and with direction to submit progress report of efforts made as per conditions of Lol on monthly basis to this office as per proforma enclosed.

Mandi
Mining Officer,
Distt. Mandi (HP)

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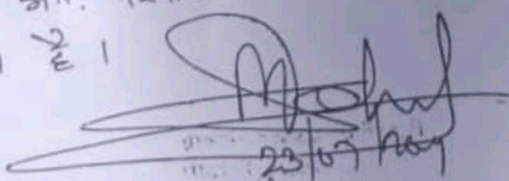
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Annexure 2

रिपोर्ट परवाही
श्रीमान जी,

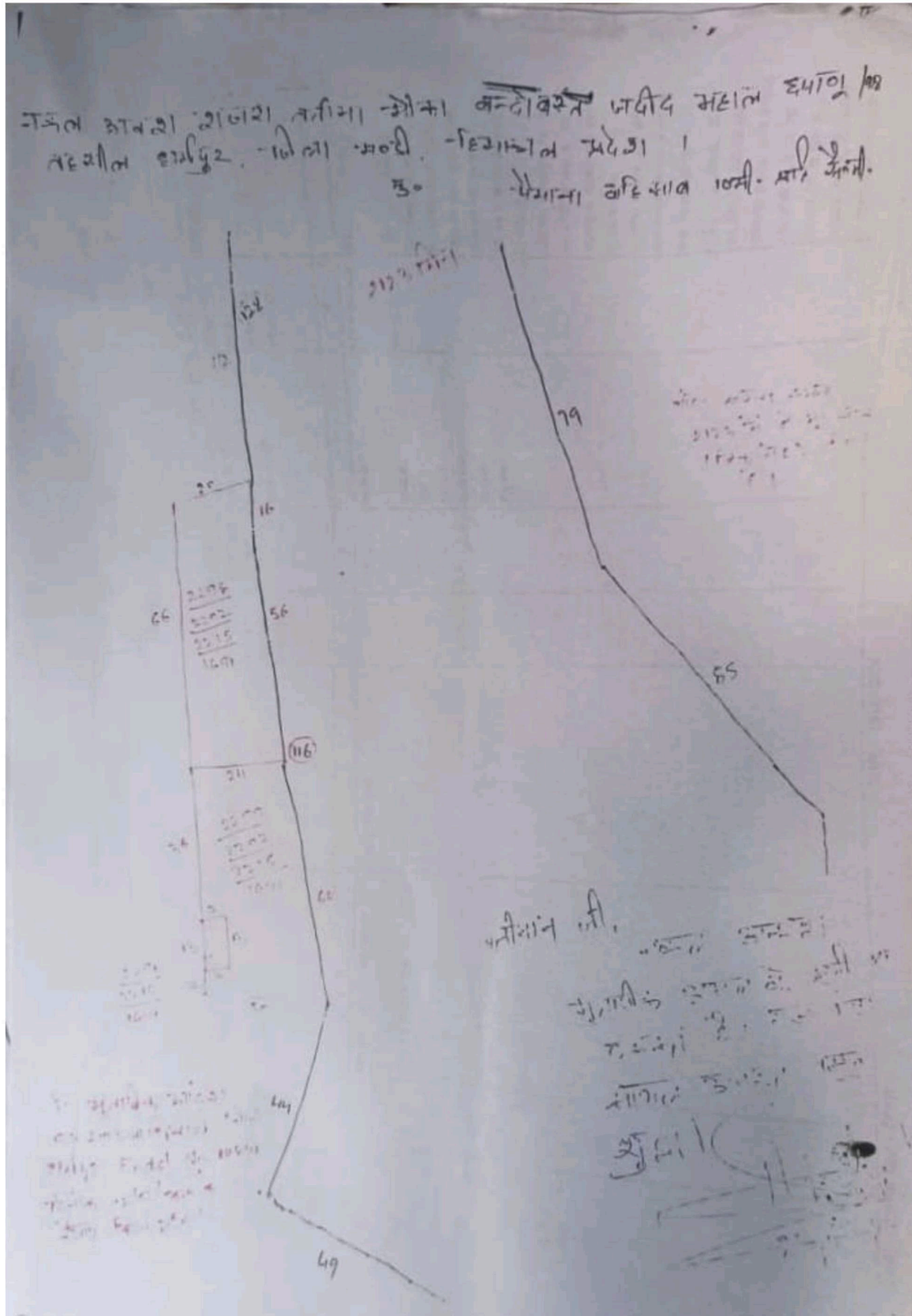
निवेदन है कि आपके कार्यालय को प्राप्त पत्र संख्या Endst. No. - 10841, दिनांक 12/07/2024 विषय "मौका तृतीया नकल लेने हेतु प्रार्थना पत्र" के संदर्भ में धानवीन मौका व राजस्व माफिया से की गई। बाद धानवीन याथा गया कि धर्मपुर-संथाल बाधा स्मोह सड़क मार्ग पर मुहाने घाणू/98 में धर्मपुर बस स्टैंड से लगभग 400 मीटर कि दूरी से गेट मुभकिन खड के लिने एक लिंक रोड बना है, जो लगभग 20 वर्ष पुराना है। यह लिंक रोड, खसरा नम्बर 2123 मलकियत मरका 2 हिमानचल प्रदेश किस्म गै. मु. खड जो दर्ज कागजात माल है, में बना है, जो मेन रोड से खड को जोड़ता है। यह लिंक रोड खसरा नम्बर 2298/2292/2215/16 मलकियत विपने कुमार राजरी पुन ओमानन्द पुन ठाकर दास कि भूमि के विदे कि तरफ को लगता है जिसका इस्तेमाल काफी समय से कि जा रहा है।

अतः रिपोर्ट आगामी कार्रवाई हेतु सेवा में प्रेषित है।


23/07/2024
धर्मपुर
28.7.2024

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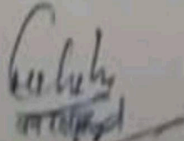
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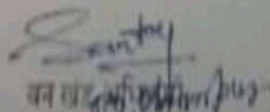
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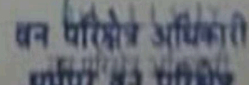
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रिपोर्ट की जाती है कि वन बीट सिद्धपुर, वन खंड धर्मपुर, धर्मपुर वन परिक्षेत्र के अंतर्गत धर्मपुर संघोल वाया स्योह सड़क मार्ग पर मोहाल छपाणु/98 में धर्मपुर बस स्टैंड से लगभग 400 मीटर की दूरी पर गैर मुमकिन खड्ड के लिए एक लिंक रोड बना है। मुताबिक रिपोर्ट ग्रामीण राजस्व अधिकारी धर्मपुर के अनुसार यह मार्ग लगभग 50-60 वर्ष पुराना है यह लिंक रोड खसरा नंबर 2123 मलकियत सरकार हिमाचल प्रदेश किम्म गैर मुमकिन खड्ड जो दर्ज कागजात माल है, में बना है, जो मेन रोड से खड्ड को जोड़ता है यह लिंक रोड खसरा नंबर 2298 /2292 /2215/1691 मलकियत विपन कुमार हाजरी पुत्र ओमचंद हाजरी पुत्र ठाकर दाम की भूमि के पीछे कि तरफ को लगता है, जिसका इस्तेमाल बहुत समय से किया जा रहा है। इसके अलावा स्थानीय लोगों और पंचायत प्रधान धर्मपुर से पूछताछ करने पर पाया कि उपरोक्त लिंक रोड लगभग 50-60 वर्ष पूर्व लोक निर्माण विभाग का एक पुराना रोड था जो की इस गैर मुमकिन खड्ड से होकर सरकाघाट धर्मपुर संघोल वाया स्योह मार्ग को जोड़ता था तथा यह सड़क धर्मपुर, जोगिंदर नगर सड़क को भी जोड़ता था। लोक निर्माण विभाग से पूछताछ करने पर पाया गया की विभाग के पास इस रोड का कोई भी राजस्व रिकॉर्ड व कागजात उपलब्ध नहीं है।

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