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Ft.48-5252 (A)/2021 (FCA)
H.P. Forest Department

From Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA),
O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1.

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,
Sub office, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla, H.P
Dated Shimla-1, the

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).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/47/2023 dated 22-7-2023 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise observations, raised vide above referred communication and as replied by CCF Mandi are attended as under:-

1. Approved Mining Plan has been uploaded against Column No. M-2 (iv) in online Part-I.
2. 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. The Layout Plan of the project has been uploaded at Sr. No. 25 against additional information detail of Part-I.
4. The present proposal is a river bed mining and cannot be reclaimed for any other purposes the land 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. The undertaking has been uploaded at Sr. No. 29 against additional information detail of Part-I.
6. As mentioned by CCF Mandi, 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. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded at Sr. No. 28 against additional information detail of Part-I.

8. As mentioned by CCF Mandi, 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.
9. As replied by CCF Mandi, the Project Proponent/Lessee i.e. Vinod Kumar has not any mining lease as yet. 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 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. 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. Latest Letter of Intent has been uploaded against column No. M-1 (C) of Part-I.
13. It is mentioned by CCF Mandi 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. 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 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.
 2. Measures will be taken to prevent the cutting of river banks and exceeding 2 m depth limit from the river bed surface.
 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.

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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 detail at Sr. No. 27 in Part-I.
15. Revised NoC from Jal Shakti Vibhag has been uploaded at Sr. No. 23 against additional information detail of Part-I.
16. 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. All relevant details under Para 13 of Part-II filled/uploaded.
18. 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.
19. It is mentioned by CCF Mandi 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.

Yours faithfully,

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