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M/s Nice Minerals,  
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**Sub: Case No. 7586/2020** Prior Environmental Clearance for Quartz Quarry (opencast manual/semi mechanized method) in an area of 4.761 ha. (9720 cum per annum) (Khasra No. 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770/3, 770/9, 770/12) (as per lease agreement), Village - Chakaheti, Tehsil - Tirodi, Dist. - Balaghat (MP) by M/s Nice Minerals, Shri Ajaj Masih, Partner, M/s Nice Minerals, House No. 12, Panchsheel Nagar, Raipur, Dist. - Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001, Email - [nicemineral1124@gmail.com](mailto:nicemineral1124@gmail.com), Mobile - 9826140262.

This has reference to your letter received in SEIAA office on 08.09.2020 and subsequent letters seeking Prior Environmental Clearance for the above project under the EIA Notification, 2006. The proposal has been appraised as per prescribed procedure in the light of provisions under the EIA Notification, 2006 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application viz., the Form - I & II, Appendix-1, DSR, Mining Plan & EMP, the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) constituted by the competent Authority.

II. There is no National Park/ Sanctuary/Biodiversity area within 10 Km radius. There is no human settlement/water body within 500 m. from mining site. There is no forest boundary within 250 m. from mine site.

The project has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the EIA notification issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide S.O. 1533 (E), dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

III. Based on the information submitted, as at Para (II) above and others the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) considered the case in its 642<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting dated 05.10.2020 and decided to accept the recommendations of 459<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting dtd. 23.09.2020.

Hence, **Prior Environmental Clearance is granted for Quartz Quarry (opencast manual/semi mechanized method) in an area of 4.761 ha. (9720 cum per annum) (Khasra No. 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770/3, 770/9, 770/12) (as per lease agreement), Village - Chakaheti, Tehsil - Tirodi, Dist. - Balaghat (M.P.) for the lease period M/s Nice Minerals, Shri Ajaj Masih, Partner, M/s Nice Minerals, House No. 12, Panchsheel Nagar, Raipur, Dist. - Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001, Email - [nicemineral1124@gmail.com](mailto:nicemineral1124@gmail.com), Mobile - 9826140262, subject to the following specific conditions as recommended by SEIAA & SEAC and subsequent Standard Conditions.**

## A. Specific Conditions

1. Before commencing any mining activity fencing shall be carried out all around the lease area. Proper watch and ward arrangements should be made with installation of signage at 4 corners of lease area to avoid any untoward incident involving public and animals by the PP.
  2. PP shall not start mining activity before execution of lease agreement.
  3. The depth of the pit shall be as per the Approved Mining Plan.
  4. The entire area shall be fenced and three rows of plantation should be done on the periphery of the boundary.
  5. PP shall ensure to left 80 meters setback w.r.t. NGT order, controlled blasting with arrangements of sand bags and three rows of Plantation towards road side (NE).
  6. PP shall ensure to construct garland drain with settling tank and three rows of plantation towards pond side (east).
  7. PP shall leave 200 m set back from nearest settlement as no mining zone.
  8. PP shall ensure the proper water supply arrangements for dust suppression, regular sprinkling, plantation and drinking purposes especially in summer season.
  9. Total 5710 saplings of suitable tree species i.e. Neem, Pipal, Bargad, Mango, Gulmohar, Sissoo, Guava, Bamboo, Imli, etc. shall be planted by PP in first three years under plantation programme at mine lease boundary and at khasra no. 407 in consultation with Gram Panchayat/ DM. PP shall also explore and identify the chunk of land in the area from revenue record to carry out plantation programme as proposed.
  10. PP shall ensure proper implementation of plantation, dust suppression, construction of approach road and maintenance of existing pakka road as part of Environmental Management Plan. Additional budget provision shall be made as part of EMP.
  11. PP must ensure implementation of the following activities with separate budget provision of Total Rs. 4.00 lakhs @ Rs. 80,000/year under CER:
    - a) **1<sup>st</sup> Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year:**
      - ❖ To provide water filter & Toilet for school children with 2000L overhead tank with proper water facility at Govt. School Chakaheti.
      - ❖ To provide 20 Benches for the students
      - ❖ Cost of development of grazing land in the identified village area (Charnoi Bhoomi)
    - b) **4<sup>th</sup> Year & 5<sup>th</sup> Year:**
      - ❖ Construction & Repairing of floor of primary school school, Neemtola.
- PP shall ensure to construct toilet with proper plumbing in the school of above village and contribute on behalf of village in Jal Jeewan Mission in consultation with Janpad Panchayat and PHED. PP shall give preference to develop/provide infrastructural facilities in schools or aanganwadies of above villages. The modification to the above activities can be made with the permission of the district administration and need based activity for the development of nearby villages shall be implemented by PP in consultation with the District Collector and Gram Panchayat.
12. PP should ensure to submit half yearly compliance report and CSR activity report with photographs of plantation in MP-SEIAA. If PP is failed to upload or submit two consecutive half yearly compliance reports of EC conditions to concerned authority (SEIAA and Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Gol, Bhopal) than prior environmental clearance issued to PP will automatically be treated as cancelled/ revoked as per OM No. 930/SEIAA/2019 dated 30.05.2019 issued by MPSEIAA.
  13. A budgetary provision for Environmental management Plan of Rs. 8.20 Lakh as capital and Rs. 3.87 Lakh/year has proposed.
  14. Mining should be carried out as per the submitted land use plan and approved mine plan.

15. Overhead sprinklers arrangements with solar pumps should be provided for dust suppression at the exit of the lease area and fixed types sprinklers on the evacuation road. PP should maintain a log book wherein daily details of water sprinkling and vehicle movement are recorded.
16. Transportation of material shall only be done in covered & PUC certified vehicles with required moisture to avoid fugitive emissions. Transportation of minerals shall not be carried out through forest area without permissions from the competent authority.
17. Mineral evacuation road shall be made pucca (WBM/black top) by PP.
18. Necessary consents shall be obtained from MPPCB and the air/water pollution control measures have to be installed as per the recommendation of MPPCB.
19. Crusher with inbuilt APCD & water sprinkling system shall be installed minimum 100 meters away from the road and 500 meters away from the habitations only after the permissions of MP Pollution Control Board with atleast 03 meters high wind breaking wall of suitable material to avoid fugitive emissions.
20. Thick plantation shall be carryout in the periphery/barrier zone of the lease, mineral evacuation road and common area in the village. Top soil shall be simultaneously used for the plantation within the lease area and no OB/dump shall be stacked outside the lease area. PP would maintain the plants for five years including casualty replacement. PP should also maintain a log book containing annual details of tree plantation and causality replacement and to take adequate precautions so as not to cause any damage to the flora and fauna during mining operations.
21. Appropriate activities shall be taken up for social up-liftment of the area. Funds reserved towards the same shall be utilized through Gram Panchayat/competent authority.
22. Six monthly occupational health surveys of workers shall be carryout and all the workers shall be provided with necessary PPE's. Mandatory facilities such as Rest Shelters, First Aid, Proper Fire Fighting Equipments and Toilets (separate for male & female) shall also be provided for all the mine workers and other staff. Mine's site office, rest shelters etc shall be illuminated and ventilated through solar lights.
23. A separate bank account should be maintained for all the expenses made in the EMP and CSR activities by PP for financial accountability and these details should be provided in Annual Environmental Statement. In case the allocated EMP budget for mitigative measures to control the pollution is not utilized fully, the reason of under utilization of budgetary provisions for EMP should be addressed in annual return.
24. To avoid vibration, no overcharging shall be carried out during blasting and muffle blasting shall be adopted. Blasting shall be carried out through certified blaster only and no explosive will be stored at mine site without permission from the competent authority.
25. Mine water should not be discharged from the lease and be used for sprinkling & plantations. For surface runoff and storm water garland drains and settling tanks (SS pattern) of suitable sizes shall be provided.
26. PP shall be responsible for discrepancy (if any) in the submissions made by the PP to SEAC & SEIAA.
27. The amount towards reclamation of the pit and land in MLA shall be carried out through the mining department. The appropriate amount as estimated for the activity by mining department has to be deposited with the Collector to take up the activity after the mine is exhausted.
28. NOC of Gram Panchayat should be obtained for the water requirement and forest department before uprooting any trees in the lease area. PP shall take Socio-economic activities in the region through the 'Gram Panchayat'.
29. The leases which are falling <250meters of the forest area and PP has obtained approval for the Divisional Level Commissioner committee, all the conditions stipulated by Divisional Level Commissioner committee shall be fulfilled by the PP.
30. Expansion or modernization in the project, entailing capacity addition with change in process and or technology and any change in product - mix in proposed mining unit shall require a fresh Environment Clearance.
31. If it being a case of Temporary Permit (TP), the validity of EC should be only up to the validity of TP and PP has to ensure the execution of closure plan.

32. All the mines where production is > 50,000 cum/year, PP shall develop its own website to display various mining related activities proposed in EMP & CER along with budgetary allocations. All the six monthly progress report shall also be uploads on this website along with MoEF&CC & SEIAA, MP with relevant photographs of various activities such as garland drains, settling tanks, plantation, water sprinkling arrangements, transportation & haul road etc. PP or Mine Manager shall be made responsible for its maintenance & regular updation.
33. All the soil queries, the maximum permitted depth shall not exceed 02 meters below general ground level & other provisions laid down in MoEF&CC OM No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 24/06/2013..
34. The mining lease holders shall after ceasing minig operation, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora , fauna etc. Moreover, A separate budget in EMP & CER shall maintained for development and maintenance of grazing land as per the latest O.M dated 16/01/2020.
35. The project proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in MoEFCCs Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IA. II (M) dated 29th October 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitationsissues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area".

## **B. Standard Conditions**

1. Controlled blasting techniques, as and when required, shall be carried out in the day time only.
2. Mining will be carried out as per the approved Mining Plan. In case of any violation of Mining Plan the Environmental Clearance given by SEIAA will stand cancelled.
3. Effective safeguard measures, such as regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of particulate matter such as loading and unloading point and all transfer points.
4. Where the quarry is in a hilly terrain and where some part of the hill is already cut for quarrying, further hill cutting shall not be done. In such cases, deepening the existing operational area may be preferably done.
5. Precise mining area will be jointly demarcated at site by officials of Mining/Revenue department prior to mining operations for all proposals under consideration.
6. The lease holder shall obtain necessary prior permission of the competent authorities for drawal of requisite quantity of water (surface water and groundwater), if required for the project.
7. Parking of vehicles should not be made on public places.
8. Special Measures shall be adopted to prevent the nearby settlements from the impacts of mining activities. Maintenance of roads through which transportation of minor minerals is to be undertaken, shall be carried-out regularly.
9. Measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt shall be undertaken.
10. Trenches / garland drains shall be constructed at foot of dumps to arrest silt from being carried to water bodies.
11. The project proponent will ensure necessary protection measures around the mine pit, waste dumps and garland drain.
12. Top soil / solid waste shall be stacked properly with proper slope and adequate safeguards and shall be utilized for backfilling (wherever applicable) for reclamation and rehabilitation of mined out area.
13. Plantation programme shall be carried out as per EMP. Self sustenance of the vegetation should be ensured. No tree-felling shall be done in the leased area, except only with the permission from competent authority.
14. The vehicles transporting minerals shall be covered with a tarpaulin or other suitable enclosures so that no dust particles / fine matters escape during the course of transportation.
15. Project Proponent shall ensure appropriate arrangement for shelter and drinking water for the mine workers.

16. Persons working in dusty areas shall be provided with protective respiratory devices and they shall also be imparted adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
17. Dispensary facilities for first-aid shall be provided at site.
18. A copy of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the Project Proponent to the Heads of the Local Bodies, Panchayat and Municipal Bodies, as applicable, in addition to the relevant officers of the Government
19. The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
20. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
21. Any appeal against this prior environmental clearance shall lie with the Green Tribunal, if necessary, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

(Tanvi Sundriyal)  
Member Secretary

Endt No. 3743

SEIAA/2020

Dated: 16.10.20

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2. Secretary, SEAC, Research and Development Wing Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony Bhopal-4620 16
3. Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal-462016
4. Collector, District Balaghat (M. P.)
5. Divisional Forest Officer, District Balaghat (M. P.)
6. I.A. Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF& CC, Gol, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110 003.
7. Director (S), Regional office of the MOEF, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Link Road No. 3 Ravi Shankar Nagar, Bhopal-462016.
8. Director, Geology & Mining, Madhya Pradesh, 29-A, Khanij Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal – 462002.
9. District Mining Officer, District Balaghat (M. P.).
10. DEO, SEIAA, for update on website.
11. Guard file.

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