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To,

M/s Monte-Carlo Limited, Shri Ravindra Kumar Singh, Village-Partalai, Tehsil-Badi, Raisen (MP) – 464665

Sub: Case No. 2615/2015 Prior Environmental Clearance for Noornagar Stone Quarry (Opencast Manual / Semi Mechanized Method) in an area of 2.834 ha. for production capacity of 23,520 cum/year at Khasra No. 297/1, 298 at Village-Noornagar, Tehsil-Udaipura, District-Raisen (MP) by M/s Monte-Carlo Limited, Shri Ravindra Kumar Singh, Village-Partalai, Tehsil-Badi, Raisen (MP) – 464665

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"This case was discussed in 360th SEIAA meeting dtd. 12.08.2016 and it was recorded as under :-

"In the above case, Prior EC was issued on 06.07.2015 with 13 specific condition and 21 general conditions. Shri Hanumant Singh Dhakad, Village Noomagar, Tehsil Udaipura, District Raisen had filed a complaint before the M.P. State Human Right Commission and the Hon'ble Commission has directed SEIAA to redress grievances of the complainant with regard to the damage done due to mining activity near his agriculture field. It seems that the PP has not followed the conditions imposed in the EC issued. According to the general practice, PP has to submit compliance report on 01st June and 1st Dec. of each calendar year to RO, MoEF&CC Bhopal and SEIAA on the terms & conditions stated in the EC. However no compliance report has been received before SEIAA. It is therefore imperative to seek a report from the RO, MoEF&CC Bhopal on the receipt of the statutory compliance report in their office and whether PP has implemented and followed the conditions imposed in the EC. Since the matter is urgent and a report to be submitted before 24.09.2016 in the M.P. State Human Right Commission, a letter be written to RO, MoEF&CC Bhopal for a site visit and compliance of the conditions by the PP.

- 2. Regarding the establishment of crusher and the conditions imposed by the MPPCB, a letter be sent to MS, MPPCB to submit a report on the grievances highlighted by the complainant latest by 15.09.2016.
- 3. On submission of these reports, the case may be put-up before SEIAA."
- a. Dr. A.C. Karera. Chief Chemist, Regional Office, MPPCB Bhopal had visited to site on 21.09.2016. They have submitted a report directly to the MP Human Rights Commission with a copy to SEIAA. They have observed the Air & Water consent are valid till 30.06.2018 and no mining activity was being carried out by PP.
- b. Based on the above instructions, Dr. H.V.C. Chary Guntupalli, Scientist "D", Regional Office, Western Region, MoEF&CC, GOI, Bhopal visited the site on 23.09.2016 and submitted the following summary and recommendations vide L.No. 1013 dtd. 20.10.2016.

## Observations:

1.It is observed that majority of the conditions stipulated by SEIAA are not complied. It appears a case of major EC violation as the project authorities appear to be more inclined towards extracting monetary benefits from the project and hence, accorded least priority to comply with the stipulated environmental protection measures. The presence of a human settlement within 500m distance from the Mine Lease Area is an attempt by the project authorities to conceal the facts in order to obtain the EC. Further, the non-compliance with respect to conditions related to mining also shows little respect to the conditions stipulated by SEIAA. As such, the present case of non-compliance is deemed fit for withdrawal of EC accorded by SEIAA.

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- 2. A portion of the agricultural land adjoining the Mine Lease Area towards the western side is found affected by the mining activity. Although no land degradation was observed due to mining activity, there is a high probability of rocks from the mining activity to cause hurt to the agricultural laborers (if working), as no control measures were put in place by the project authorities. During the site visit, it is observed that the rocks were indeed present in the adjoining farm land which must be from the mining activity as no control measures were found in place.
- 3. During the site visit, the mine pit was filled, with rainwater and as such, could not ascertain the exact depth upto which mining was undertaken. There is a likelihood of the mining activity going beyond 6 m. SEIAA in co-ordination with District Mining Officer shall ascertain if the mining depth of 6 m was violated and in the event of violation, the project proponent shall be made to pay 50% of the revenue generated from the illegal mining as fine, the funds from which shall be made available to the local Panchayat for the social upliftment and developmental activities of the area.

## Recommendations:

 In light of the observation no. 1, it is recommended that may consider withdrawal of EC appropriate action may be initiated accordingly.

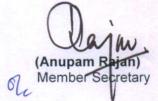
2. In light of the observation no 2, it is recommended that there is a necessity to compensate the farm laborer for the loss of agricultural yield for the entire period of mining activity.

3. In view of the observation no. 3, it is recommended that appropriate fine be levied against the authorities in the event of violation of mining depth and the so levied be made available to the local Panchayat for the social upliftment.

SEIAA took note of the compliance report submitted by the Regional Office, MoEF&CC Bhopal and the site visit report of MPPCB and found gross irregularity in complying with the specific & general conditions imposed in the EC issued on 06.07.2015. The matter was discussed at length, and it was decided to invoke the standard condition 20 of the EC which states that "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 provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986". Therefore the EC is hereby withdrawn and Collector, Raisen is hereby directed that no mining should be permitted and statutory action should be taken for any deviation of the mining lease agreement. R.O. MoEF&CC, Bhopal is hereby directed to initiate proceedings against the PP for non compliance of EC conditions as per the provisions of the EPA 1986. Copy to PP and all concerned."

In view of above mentioned facts, the Environmental Clearance of your case is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.

Endt No. 4515 / SEIAA/16 Dated:- \$9 11 16



## Copy to:-

- 1. Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Mantralaya, Bhopal.
- 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 Raisen, M. P. With direction that no mining should be permitted and statutory action should be taken for any deviation of the mining lease agreement.

- 5. Divisional Forest Officer, District Raisen, M. P.
- 6. I.A. Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF& CC, Gol, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003.
- Director (S), Regional office of the MOEF, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Link Road No. 3 Ravi Shankar Nagar, Bhopal-462016.for information
- 8. Director, Geology & Mining, Madhya Pradesh, 29-A, Khanij Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal 462002.
- 9. District Mining Officer, District Raisen, M. P.
- 10. DEO, MPSEIAA For upload on website.

11. Guard file

(Dr. Sanjeev Sachdev)

Officer-In-Charge