

**State Expert Appraisal Committee Himachal Pradesh  
at H.P. Department of Environment, Science & Technology  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests**

MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY,  
NARAYAN VILLA, SHIMLA-2, ON 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2010:

7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of Project proposals received for Environmental Clearance was held on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 in the Department of Environment, Science & Technology, Narayan Villa, Shimla. The following were present in the meeting:

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| 1. | Er. Harinder Thakur,<br>Former Member (Tech.) HPSEB | Chairman  |
| 2. | Sh. K.C. Sharma<br>Conservator Forests (Retd.)      | Member    |
| 3. | Prof. (Dr.) B.B. Kanwar                             | Member    |
| 4. | Prof. (Dr.) N.S. Chauhan                            | Member    |
| 5. | Er. D.K. Sharma                                     | Secretary |

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**1. Opening Remarks of the Chairman**

The Chairman, SEAC welcomed the members to the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC. It was apprised that in view of the large number of cases listed for appraisal, the meeting was fixed for two days. In the beginning of the meeting before taking up the agenda items, the following issues were apprised/deliberated:

- i. Letters No. (S)STE-B(3)-11/2003 dated 10-09-2009 and 17-12-2009 were discussed in which the State Government had decided to assign the work of Secretary, SEAC to assist the SEIAA, Himachal Pradesh to another officer i.e. D.K. Sharma, Sr. Environmental Engineer of HP State Pollution Control Board. It was apprised that according to

communication dated 17-12-2009 referred to above, the State Government conveyed that since the matter regarding replacement of Secretary, SEAC under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is pending with the Government of India for consideration and the issuance of notification and getting it published in the Gazette of India. It was advised by the State Government to initiate process for convening the meeting of SEAC.

- ii. Notification No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009 as circulated to the members of SEAC was also deliberated upon and taken on record. This notification has already been taken on record by the SEIAA in its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22-12-2009.
- iii. Committee was of the view that all the cases need to be considered and processed according to this notification. Committee decided that since Form-I has been amended by the Government of India vide above-mentioned notification, all the applicants should fill up the amended Form-I. All cases will then be appraised according to the revised Form.
- iv. Chairman apprised that after the applicants submit revised Form-I and attend to observations specific to their project reports, meeting of SEAC shall be convened immediately thereafter considering the fact that package for industrial units is ending in March, 2010. The Chairman also desired that the meeting of the Committee should be convened as per frequency prescribed in the EIA Notification.

Thereafter, the Chairman requested all the members to express their views/comments in the course of deliberations during the meeting and agenda items were taken up with the permission of Chair.

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009:**

**2. AGENDA ITEM: Confirmation of the Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC:**

The minutes of the sixth meeting held on 24-07-2009 were confirmed.

**3. AGENDA ITEM: Appraisal Cases**

  
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The proceedings of appraisal for cases which were placed before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) are as follows:

**3.1 M/s. Salico Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd. Plot No.40, Industrial Area, Parwanoo, Distt- Solan (H.P) for manufacturing of LPG Regulator, Cylinder Valves, Sanitary Handles etc.**

A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
2. Quantity of metals to be used must be mentioned in mass units;
3. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.
4. Interstate Boundaries.

**3.2 M/s Him Alloys & Steel (P) Pvt. Ltd., (Expansion) Plot No. 1 to 4, Industrial Area, Tehsil- Amb, Distt-Una, Himachal Pradesh for manufacturing of MS Ingots.**

A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
2. Quantity of metals to be used must be mentioned in mass units;
3. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.

**3.3 M/s. Sunox International Village Panjhera, Nalagarh, Solan (H.P) for manufacturing of Batteries, Battery Plates, Battery Container.**

Proposal was examined by the SEAC in the light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009 and in view of the letter No Nil dated 19-01-10 and facts in the application. The unit has intimated the

  
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Committee that the Annual quantity of lead processing is 15000 tonnes per annum and it does not require environmental clearance.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance.

**3.4 M/s. Hi-Mech Industries Pvt. Ltd, Village- Tatehra, P.O-Oel, Tehsil- Amb, Distt- Una (H.P) for manufacturing of Batteries.**


Proposal was examined by the SEAC in the light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009 and in view of the letter No Nil dated 19-01-10 and facts in the application. The unit has intimated the Committee that it does not require environmental clearance.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of annual capacity by the applicant or authorized representative.

**3.5 M/s. AAR AAR CASTINGS Ltd.,(Expansion) Vill. Jharmari, Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan (H.P.) for manufacturing of Steel Ingots, Angle, Channels, Bars, Round etc.**

The Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.
3. It is observed by the Committee that EIA Reports do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the EIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in EIA.

  
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4. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in EIA is the same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

**3.6 M/s Shree Siddi Vinayak Forging Pvt. Ltd., (Expansion) Vill. Nangal Uparla, Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan (H.P.) for manufacturing of Steel Ingots.**

The Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.
3. It is observed by the Committee that EIA Reports do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the EIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in EIA.
4. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in EIA is the same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

**3.7 M/s Valley Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Vill. Rampur Majri, P.O. Dhaula Kuan, Tehsil Poanta Sahib, District Sirmour (H.P.) for manufacturing of Stainless Steel Billets and Flats, Metal recovery and Slag processing, Portland Cement, Quick Lime, CR Coils, HR Coils, TMT Bars, SS Pipes and Fittings, Ferro alloys, Bright Bars, Gas produced.**

The Committee decided that:

1. The project report and the facts presented before the committee on 20-01-10 are at variance with regard to mining activity and the case cannot be considered subjectively unless the project report got amended and resubmitted.

2. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
3. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category/Categories under which it falls.
4. It is observed by the Committee that EIA Reports do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the EIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in EIA.
5. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in EIA is the same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.


**3.8 M/s. Shiva Wiron Ltd. Vill. Barma Papri Sainwala Kaulanwala Bhoond Road. Tehsil Nahan, District Sirmaur (H.P.) for manufacturing of G.I. Wires.**

No one was present from the unit / consultant. The Proposal was examined by the SEAC in the light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009. However the capacity of the unit is 6000 MT per Annum as per project details filed along with application.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance.

**3.9 M/s. Virgo Aluminium Limited. Kala Amb, Tehsil Nahan, District Sirmour. (H.P.) for manufacturing of Aluminium Sheets and Coils.**

The consultant of the Project Proponent made a request to the Committee that in light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009, the unit does not require environmental clearance as the annual capacity of the unit is 12000 MTPA.

  
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SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of request by the applicant or authorized representative.

**3.10 M/s. SKS Metal Private Limited Suketi Road Vill., Ogli, Kala Amb, Tehsil ,Nahan, District, Sirmour (H.P.) for manufacturing of Bright Copper CC rod and Copper Wire.**

Although this project was listed for 21-10-2010, however, considering the request made by the consultant of the applicant the discussions were taken up on 20-10-2010.

The consultant of the Project Proponent made a request to the Committee that in light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009, the unit does not require environmental clearance as the annual capacity of the unit is 5000 MTPA as per application details.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of request by the applicant or authorized representative.

**CASES TAKEN UP ON 21-01-2010**

**3.11 M/s. Gurpal Singh Developers and Promoters Village Haripur Sandholi, Pragana Dharampur, Baddi, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan (H.P) for Construction of Commercial Complex and shopping Complex Project**

Initially the proponent or the consultants were not present. However the case was taken up after other items. A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column and also to attend the observations raised by the members of committee.

2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.
3. It is observed by the Committee that Form-1A do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the EIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in EIA.
4. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in Form-1A is the same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

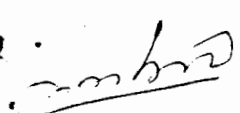
**3.12 M/s. Maharaja Chemicals, (Expansion) Plot No. 43, Gabriel Road, Sector-2, Industrial Area Parwanoo, Distt-Solan H.P. for manufacturing of Zinc, Copper & Brass Dross.**

The Circular issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide letter NoJ-11013/41/2006-IA-II dated 14-12-2006 was placed before the Committee for perusal. As the proposal was not present in person nor any communication was received from the proponent or its authorized person. As such the committee could not seek clarification and the committee did not proceed further and the item was therefore deferred.

**3.13 M/s. Dev Bhumi Ispat ltd. Village. Khera ,Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan (H.P.) for manufacturing of TMT Steel Bars, Flat, Angles etc.**

Initially the proponent or the consultants were not present. However the case was taken up after other items. A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column and also to attend the observations revised by the members of committee.
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification. 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.

  
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3. It is observed by the Committee that REIA Reports do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the REIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in REIA.
4. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in REIA is the same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

**3.14 M/s. Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Ltd. Village-Bassa, Tehsil, Theog, District Shimla (H.P.) for construction of Resort of 152 Rooms.**

A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column;
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and desired that the REIA should be prepared by the proponent.
3. It is observed by the Committee that REIA /Form 1A do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information are included in the REIA/Form 1A. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in REIA/Form 1A.
4. It is also generally observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in REIA is same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

**3.15 M/s. Ashoka Alloys Steel Ltd. (Revival and Expansion) Village. Misherwala, Tehsil – Paonta Sahib, District, Sirmour (H.P.) to manufacture Steel & Rolling .**

A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column; and also attend to specific observations of members made during presentation:

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- i. Use of treated sewage for gardening irrigation.
  - ii. Places of interest.
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls.
  3. It is observed by the Committee that EIA Reports do not indicate the time period for which the meteorological information has been included in the EIA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist in EIA.
  4. It is also observed that the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in EIA is same to different locations far away from each other and the applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.
  5. Specification of major equipments must be submitted and correlated with.

**3.16 M/s. Harsh Industries Trilokpur Road, VPO-Tohron, Tehsil-Nahan, Kala Amb, Distt- Sirmour (H.P) for manufacturing of Tubular (lead) plates and Lead Acid Storage Batteries.**

The proponent and the consultant of the Project Proponent made a written request to the Committee that in light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009, the unit does not require environmental clearance as the annual capacity of the unit is 5000 MTPA and the application is withdrawn by the proponent.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project does not require Environmental Clearance and may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of request by the applicant or authorized representative.

**3.17 M/s. B. S. Negi, Regional Director, Employees State Insurance Corporation (P) Ltd. Village. Ner Chowk, District, Mandi (H.P.) to Construct Medical College & Hospital.**

A brief presentation was made by the proponent's consultant. After the presentation and discussion, the Committee decided that:

1. Unit shall submit the amended Form-I with complete and clear information on each column and also to attend to specific observations of members made during the meeting;
2. Applicant should also check the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 and Category under which the applicant falls. REIA should also be carried out.
3. It is generally observed by the Committee that Form -IA does not indicate the time period for which the information has been included in the Form -IA. This aspect should be rechecked and corrected wherever such deficiencies exist or are expected.
4. It is also observed that generally the information related to secondary data including meteorology as reported in Form -IA is the same to different locations far away from each other. The applicants and their consultants should recheck such anomalies to avoid back reference and resultant delays.

**3.18 The Executive Engineer (I&PH) Phina Singh Medium Irrigation Project (gravity irrigation and lift irrigation) I & PH Division, Nurpur, Distt. Kangra, H. P. to Construct Irrigation Project.**

The Proponent made presentation with following project details:-

The Project with a total cost of Rs. 147.15 crores involves the Construction of Irrigation Project (gravity irrigation and lift irrigation) having total Culturable Command Area of 4025 hectare with area under gravity irrigation of 2881 hectare and area under lift irrigation of 1144 hectare. The total area of the project is 37.18 hectares. The storage dam is proposed to be built on Chaki Khad at village Lahru, Distt. Kangra, H. P. by connecting the Kalam and Chaki Khad through diversion-cum- trench weir on Kalam Khad. During construction phase total work force deployed will be about 2100. During construction and operational phase unit shall withdraw

  
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water from Ground through existing Bore Well to meet its requirement. During operational phase the water requirement would be 427 KLD. The capacity of STP proposed is 108 KLD and shall be comprising of Primary Treatment followed by activated sludge process, multigrade filtration and activated carbon filter followed by R. O. System.

The proponent apprised Committee about submergence of 18 hectare due to establishment of this project and informed that no R & R issues are involved in project. Committee also took note item (II) against IC of the amendment dated 01-12-2009 in EIA Notification. The Committee is of the opinion that the project may be considered as Category – B although as per aforesaid amendment, only projects not involving submergence will be approved by SEIAA. Committee also decided to visit the site to assess the ground realities of submergence of 18 hectare of land.

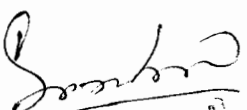
The Project Proponent also presented TORs of proposed Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). In addition to TORs presented by the proponent, the SEAC fixes the following TORs:

1. Identification of environmental impacts in terms of water, air and land pollution.
2. The Project Proponent shall conduct regular monitoring of emissions and ambient air, water quality of the project during the construction and operation stages of project.
3. The Project Proponent shall ensure that there are proper arrangements for management of occupational health and safety in accordance with the law as required for machinery safety, personnel safety and health care, fire & explosion safety and shall have proper on-off site emergency plans in place. The labourers shall be provided with gumboots, aprons, gloves, hamlets etc. desired health safety equipments for their safety during the construction and operation stage of the project. Labour to be provided with fuel as alternate to wood and no fuel wood would be used.
4. The construction materials such as Grit/ Bajri, Sand etc. shall be identified and indicated.
5. Keeping in view the labour to be employed during the construction phase arrangements to maintain hygienic conditions in the labour camps such as temporary toilets, fuel facility etc shall be made by proponents and contractors.

  
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6. The Municipal Solid Waste which shall be generated by the Project during the construction and operational stage shall be managed as per provisions of Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. Water sprinkling techniques shall be used during the construction phase to minimize the dust in air.
8. All the hazardous wastes shall be managed as per the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989, as amended to date for Isolated Storage and Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 as amended from time to time under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and authorization from prescribed authority under the Rules shall be obtained.
9. All non-hazardous wastes of domestic origin from the residential areas, offices etc. shall be strictly managed as per the provisions of Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 as amended from time to time.
10. The DG sets shall be provided with proper exhaust muffler and stack height with DG set and other fugitive emission sources shall be more than 10-15 feet above room level. Norms prescribed for DG Sets in the Environment Protection Rules, 1986 shall be complied with.
11. The muck generated during construction shall be disposed off in scientific manner by providing proper and adequate retaining structures. Dumping sites should be identified before use.
12. All designing shall be done based on IS-1893 (Zone - V) considering the seismicity of the project area.
13. Drainage of soils shall be considered while designing and implementing the project to ensure that water logging and salinity of soils is prevented and controlled.
14. Interstate Boundaries must be clearly indicated w.r.t. project area.
15. Possibility to use the head for power generation.
16. R & R issues related to the project.
17. EIA shall be prepared in consonance with Appendix- III & III A.

  
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The State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) considered the Project for construction of Medium Irrigation Project (gravity irrigation and lift irrigation) by I & PH Division, Nurpur, Dist. Kangra, H. P. and recommended the above Terms and Reference..

3.19 M/s Coslight India Telecom Private Limited 212, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Time Tower, M G. Road, Sector-28 Gurgaon-122001 Haryana for the manufacture of Valve Regulated Lead Acid Batteries.

Proposal was examined by the SEAC in the light of the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide No. S.O. 3067(E) dated 01-12-2009 and in view of the letter No Nil dated Nil. The unit has intimated that it is exempted from environmental clearance and requested no further action in the file of environmental clearance.

SEAC concludes and recommends that this project may be delisted from the process of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of annual capacity of metals to be used processed by the applicant or authorized representative in the office of Authority.

Meeting ended with vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.

  
Chairman,

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Dated January, 2010

Encl. to following for information and further necessary action please:-

1. The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

2. Case files of all projects, Guard file.

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