

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The proposed project “Sohdoit U Lum Limestone Mine” is situated at Sohdoit U Lum, Mawlong Sirdarship, District- East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. The total lease area of the project is 4.80 ha. The mining activity will be carried out by open cast semi- mechanized method.

The Letter of Intent has been sanctioned in favour of Kitbok Kharsyntiew from the Office of Govt. of Meghalaya, Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong. vide letter no. KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/S419 dt. 28.02.2020.

Table 1.0 Geographical co-ordinates of mining lease

Name of Proponent	Lease area	Pillar No.	Latitude N	Longitude E
Shri Kitbok Kharsyntiew	4.80 ha.	1	25° 11'10.1"	91°41' 38.9"
		2	25° 11'09.0"	91°41' 39.2"
		3	25° 11'08.8"	91°41' 37.6"
		4	25° 11'05.4"	91°41' 36.3"
		5	25° 11'06.0"	91°41' 27.2"
		6	25° 11'12.3"	91°41' 31.2"

Project identification

This is a mining project of Limestone in a private land, Village – Sohdoit U Lum, Mawlong Sirdarship, District- East Khasi Hills, State – Meghalaya, cluster area 11.043 hectare. As per the MoEF &CC, New Delhi Gazette dated 14th September 2006 and further amendment, the mining project is categorized as category ‘B1’ project. The Letter of Intent granted vide letter no. KH/8/ML/Limestone/68/S419 dt. 28.02.2020 in favour of Shri Kitbok Kharsyntiew.

Identification of project proponent

Shri Kitbok Kharsyntiew

Diengsiar, Mawlong, Mawlong Sirdarship,

East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya (India)

2.0 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

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Project Name	Sohdoit U Lum Limestone Mining Project
Location of the Project	Sohdoit U Lum, Mawlong Sirdarship District- East Khasi Hills, State – Meghalaya
Toposheet Number	780/12
Type of Mining	Open cast Semi-Mechanized Mining
Seismic Zone	The area comes under Seismic Zone –II
No. of Working days	300
Production	120150 TPA
Cost	21.50 Lakh

3.0 CONNECTIVITY DETAILS:

Connectivity Details		Distance
Nearest Railway Station	Guwahati Railway station	166 km
Nearest Airport	Shillong Airport	107 km
Nearest Highway	Road	400m

Table 3.0 Production and cost details

S. No.	Area(Ha.)	Production Capacity (TPA)	Cost (lakh)
1	4.80	1,20,150 TPA	21.50

4.0 MITIGATION MEASURES

Air Pollution Control Measures

Following measures will be taken to control air/ fugitive pollution during mining operation:

- It will be ensured that all the vehicles plying in the working zone are properly tuned and maintained to keep emissions within the permissible limits.
- At loading & unloading points and transportation routes, arrangement for water sprinkling will be made to minimize dust generation.

- The resultant particulate matter PM10, PM2.5, NOx & CO from the different mining activities will remain within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for industrial/ residential areas.

Water Quality Management

- There will be no discharge of effluent from the mine. Mine pit will act as a water reservoir.
- As per the approved Mining Plan along with PMCP, ultimate pit level will be above the ground water table and hence it will not be intersected.

Noise Pollution Control

- The noise levels from all these sources are periodical and restricted to particular operation.
- The noise measurement data indicated that present noise levels in the study area is within the permissible limits of National Ambient Noise Quality Standards.
- Thus, due to natural attenuation effects by proper green belt/ maintenance of machines etc., the impact of noise levels will be minimal

5.0 RECLAMATION/RESTORATION WORKS

As no personnel are expected to be migrated due to mining in the lease area and the adjoining region is also having a good mineral potential, the rehabilitation of the employees is not going to be a problem. The workers and other staff can get job in the neighboring areas after the end of life of mine. The applicant shall also try for employment of the workers.

6.0 PLANTATION

Green belt development is the most effective pollution control measures. Trees play vital role in keeping the ground level concentration in control within the project and its surrounding premises and also in preventing the horizontal dispersion of the pollutants to the surrounding areas. They are very effective in trapping the pollution causing agents viz. dust and gaseous pollutants. The green belt is being proposed for following objectives.

- Arresting of fugitive dust emission.
- Noise pollution control.
- Prevention of soil erosion.
- Balancing eco environment.
- Aesthetics.

7.0 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Based on the findings of the socioeconomic study, CER proposal has been made by the PP and it is aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of the area. The provisions made are particularly in the area of habitat, health and education, training programme of rural women & men provide the kit for employment generation. The proposal also contains budgetary provision of toilets facilities for girls in nearby schools. The cost estimates for CER implementation is given as under.

TABLE 9.4: COST OF CER ACTIVITIES

S.No.	CSR	Funds Allocation
1.	Free distribution of books & uniform to student	1,00,000
2.	Medical camps free distribution of medicines	100,000
3.	Construction & development activities in school or village.	1,00,000
4.	Awareness programme for villagers	50,000
5.	Wash room for girls	50,000
6	For woman empowerment	1,00,000
Total		5,00,000

8.0 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR EMP IMPLEMENTATION

S. No.		Capital cost (in Rs.)		Annual recurring cost (in Rs.)	
		Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
1	Pollution Control	-	5,00,000	-	1,00,000
2	Pollution Monitoring	-	3,00,000	-	25,000
3	Occupational Health	-	1,50,000	-	75,000
4	Green Belt	-	2,00,000-	-	1,00,000
5	Miscellaneous (Barbed Wire fencing, garland etc)		1,00,000		50,000
Total			12,50,000		2, 50,000

8.0 CONCLUSION

EIA study was performed as per the approved ToR. Various environmental attributes were studied relating with aspects of mining activities. The related impacts were identified and evaluated. Considering all the possible ways to mitigate the environmental concerns Environmental Management Plan was prepared and accordingly fund was allocated. The EMP has been dynamic, flexible and subject to periodic review.

The project will increase the revenue of the State Govt. as well as it will help in the social upliftment of the local people. The greenbelt development programme will help in increasing the green cover in the nearby areas. Thus, the existing project is not likely to affect the environment or adjacent ecosystem adversely. The Senior Management will be responsible for the project review of EMP and its implementation to ensure that the EMP remains effective and appropriate. Thus, the proper steps will be taken to accomplish all the goals mentioned in the EMP and the project will bring the positive impact in the study area.