#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### FOR OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(Category - B1, under item 1 (a), as per EIA Notification 14<sup>th</sup> September' 2006 and its subsequent amendments till date)

#### FOR

#### **"GVIL SHALE MINE"**

Location: - Brichyrnot, Elaka- Narpuh, District- East Jaintia Hills, State: Meghalaya Production Capacity: - 1,00,678 TPA of ROM {Mineral Shale: 76,584 TPA, OB: 20061.6 TPA & Waste/Subgrade Mineral: 4032 TPA} Area: - 4.77 Ha; LOI issued dated 30.01.2020 Lease Validity: - 25 Years

Details of ToR	:	Issued from SEIAA, Meghalaya vide letter no.
		ML/SEIAA/MIN/EJH/P-316/2022/697 dated
		Shillong, the 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
<b>Baseline data Generation</b>	:	December, 2022 to February, 2023
		(Winter Season)
Project Cost	:	Rs. 21.50 Lacs

#### PROMOTER

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

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#### M/s Green Valliey Industries Limited

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March, 2023

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### 1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

The proposed project "GVIL Shale Mine" is situated at Village- Brichyrnot, Elaka-Narpuh, District- East Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya). The total lease area of the project is 4.77 Ha. The mining activity will be carried out by open cast semi-mechanized method. The Letter of Intent has been sanctioned in favour of M/s Green Valliey Industries Limited from the Office of the Divisional Mining Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai vide letter no. DMO-J/ML-MM/1/2019-20/04 Dated 30.01.2020, which was valid upto 29.07.2020. Request for extension of LOI period has been submitted to the Divisional Mining Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai (Meghalaya) dated 04.11.2020. The proposed mine is spread over an area of 4.77 ha. with mineable reserves of about 10,93,658 Tonnes to produce 1,00,678 TPA of ROM {Mineral Shale: 76,584 TPA, OB: 20061.6 TPA & Waste/Subgrade Mineral: 4032 TPA}.

#### 1.1 LOCATION OF LEASE AREA

The proposed project "GVIL Shale Mine" is situated at Village- Brichyrnot, Elaka-Narpuh, District- East Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya).

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of Project	GVIL Shale Mine
2.	Location	Village- Brichyrnot, Elaka- Narpuh, District- East Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya)
3.	Lease Area	4.77 Ha.
4.	Land Type	Khatedari Land (Private)
5.	Latitude & Longitude	25°09'28.3"N to 25°09'39.9"N and 92°24'28.1"E to 92°24'38.4"E
6.	Seismic Zone	Zone – V

#### 1.2 **DETAIL OF MINING LEASE**

#### 1.3 **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Letter of Intent has been sanctioned in favour of M/s Green Valliey Industries Limited from the Office of the Divisional Mining Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai vide



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The proposed mining operations will be carried out by open cast semi - mechanized method.

#### **1.4 GEOLOGY**

#### 1.4.1 LOCAL GEOLOGY

The Shale is exposed at few places within lease area. The Shale has strike is unknown as area is not exposed/outcropped and Dip seems vertical in absence of workings. No fault, fold and geological disturbances are observed in the area. The succession of rocks in the lease area is as given below:-

Geological Age Group Name		Formation Name	Rock Type	
Recent Newer Alluviur		Unclassified	Sand, Silt and Clay	
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Eocene	Jaintia Group	Shella Formation	Calcareous Shale	

Table 1.1: Local Geology

#### **1.4.2 PHYSIOGRAPHY**

The topography of the lease area is hilly terrain. Highest elevation is 444 mRL and lowest is 348 mRL. The drainage of the lease area is North East.

#### 1.4.3 GEOLOGICAL AND MINEABLE RESERVES

Geological Reserve : 1,17,79,675 MT Mineable Reserve : 10,93,658 Tonnes Production : 1,00,678 TPA(ROM) {Mineral Shale: 76,584 TPA, OB: 20061.6 TPA & Waste/Subgrade Mineral: 4032 TPA}.

Life of Mine : 15 Years

#### 1.4.4 MINING

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The mining will be done by open cast semi-mechanized method of mining. The salient features of mode of working as per approved Mining Plan with PMCP are:-

- > The mining will be carried out by open cast semi-mechanized method.
- > The bench height & width will be kept 6m.
- Total ten benches will be developed i.e. from Bench 436 mRL (Top Bench), 430 mRL, 424 mRL, 418 mRL, 412 mRL, 406 mRL, 400 mRL, 394 mRL, 388 mRL, 382 mRL (lowest bench).
- > The bench slope will be providing  $85^{\circ}$ .
- > The loading will be from pits or from stocks.

#### **1.4.5 PRODUCTION DETAILS**

The year wise development of mines for five year will progress as per the table below:-

		Maraal	00**	We stal such	**Rem	arks
Year	ROM** (T)	Mineral Shale (T) <i>{A}</i>	(m <sup>3</sup> ) {a}	waste/ sub- grade (T) <i>{B}</i>	OB (T) {C} a x bulk density i.e. 2.4 tons/cu. meter	Total ROM (A+B+C)
$1^{st}$	55,824	53,031	26,326	2,793	63182.4	1,19,006
2 <sup>nd</sup>	62,016	58,912	22,022	3,104	52852.8	1,14,869
3 <sup>rd</sup>	68,208	64,795	1,383	3,413	3319.2	71,527
4 <sup>th</sup>	74,424	70,701	27,039	3,723	64893.6	1,39,318
5 <sup>th</sup>	80,616	76,584	8,359	4,032	20061.6	1,00,678
Total	3,41,088	3,24,023	85,129	17,065	204309.6	5,45,398

**Table 1.2: Production Details** 

#### 1.4.6 LAND USE PATTERN

Land use plan of the mine lease area to encompass pre-operational, operational and postoperational phases is given below:-

S. No.	Land Use Category	Pre-Operational (Ha.)	Operational (Ha.)	Post-Operational (Ha.)
1	Top Soil Dump	00	0.01	00

Table 1.3: Land Use Pattern

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2	Overburden Dump	00	0.01	00
3	Pit & Quarry Area	00	2.52	3.84
	Excavation (Voids Only)	00	00	0.84
	Reclamation (Backfilled)	00	00	3.00
4	Road	00	0.02	0.02
5	Infrastructure	00	0.01	0.01
6	Afforestation	00	0.30	0.90
7	Mineral Storage	00	00	00
8	Waste/Sub – grade stack	00	0.01	00
	yard			
9	Undisturbed Area	4.77	1.89	00
	Total	4.77	4.77	4.77

#### **1.5 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

For monitoring the environmental parameters like meteorology, air, water, soil and noise quality, the monitoring stations have been established at eight locations in the study area. The baseline data has been collected in the winter season (Dec 2022 to Feb 2023). The detail of the sampling locations is given in below:-

**Table 1.4: Sampling Location** 

Sampling Location	Distance (Km)	Direction	Components
Mine Site			Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Sielkan	6.0 km	NE	Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Khaddum	3.8 km	ESE	Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Sunapyrdi	6.3 km	SW	Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Tongseng	3.9 km	WSW	Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Lumsnang	4.0 km	WNW	Air, Water, Noise, Soil
Near Star Cement Industry	2.4 km	WNW	Air, Water, Noise, Soil

#### **1.5.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT**

#### 1.5.1.1 Soil Quality

Soil samples were collected at seven representative sampling locations. The soil analysis results are given below:-

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7.26 to 7.57

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Total Organic Matter	:	0.49 – 1.78 (% by mass)
Total Nitrogen	:	218 to 316 (Kg/ Hectare)
Phosphorus as P	:	56 to 62 (Kg/ Hectare)
Potassium as K	:	177-216 (Kg/ Hectare)

#### **1.5.1.2 Water Environment**

Seven ground water samples have been considered in the study area. The analysis results are presented below:-

#### **Table 1.6: Water Quality Status**



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S.N			Accentable	Permissible	Mine Site			Tong	Lums	Near Star		
0.	Parameter	Unit	Limit	Limit	in the stee	Sielkan	Sunapyrdi	seng	nano	Cement	Khaddum	
0.								seng	nang	Boundary		
Organoleptic & Physical Parameters												
1.	Colour	Hazen Unit	5	15	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
2.	Odour	-	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	
3.	Taste	-	Agreeable	-	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	
4.	Turbidity	NTU	1	5	<1.0	<1.0	<1	<1	<1.0	<1.0	<1	
5.	pH value	-	6.5-8.5	-	7.21	7.43	7.08	7.12	7.37	7.76	7.22	
6	Total Dissolve Solid	ma/l	500	2000	380.0	356.0	420.0	308.0	429.0	378.0	319.0	
0	(TDS)	iiig/1	500	2000	560.0	550.0	420.0	508.0			517.0	
	General Properties											
7	Aluminum	mo/l	0.03	0.2	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
,	(as Al)	iiig/1	0.00	0.2	-0101	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	.0.01	
8	Total Ammonia	mg/l	0.5	No	<0.10	<0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	<0.10	<0.10	< 0.10	
				Relaxation								
0	Anionic surface		0.2	1.0	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
9	Detergents(as	mg/1	0.2	1.0	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
	Barium			No								
10	(as Ba)	mg/l	0.7	Relavation	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	
11	(as Ba)	ma/l	0.5	1.0	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
11	Calairum (as D)	111g/1	0.5	200	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10 58.20	
12	Calcium(as Ca)	mg/1	/5	200	58.12	57.50	60.12	62.08	62.20	64.98	58.20	
13	Chloramines (as Cl2)	mg/l	4.0	No Relaxation	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.00	<1.00	<1.0	
14	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l	250	1000	19.40	16.23	12.06	15.50	12.69	18.81	16.84	
15	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l	0.05	1.5	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	



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16	Fluoride(as F)	mg/l	1.0	1.5	0.36	0.32	0.24	0.36	0.47	0.27	0.33
17	Free Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.2	1.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
18	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l	0.3	No Relaxation	0.132	0.141	0.136	0.125	0.170	0.141	0.129
19	Magnesium (as mg)	mg/l	30	100	5.40	8.21	10.04	7.23	10.37	12.35	4.08
20	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l	0.1	0.3	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.1
21	Mineral Oil	mg/l	0.5	No Relaxation	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
22	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l	45	No Relaxation	0.27	0.32	0.25	0.28	0.45	1.23	0.32
23	Selenium (as Se)	mg/l	0.01	No Relaxation	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
24	Silver (as Ag)	mg/l	0.1	No Relaxation	< 0.05	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05
25	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l	200	400	25.40	28.21	26.16	25.40	25.37	32.67	28.14
26	Sulphide(as H <sub>2</sub> S)	mg/l	0.05	No Relaxation	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05
27	Alkalinity( as Ca CO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l	200	600	198.0	192.0	186.0	193.0	172.0	180.0	196.0
28	Total Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l	200	600	165.0	154.0	168.0	172.0	155.0	176.0	182.0
29	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l	5	15	0.155	0.142	0.136	0.140	0.164	0.149	0.161
	·		·	Para	meters Concern	ning Toxic Subst	ances				
30	Cadmium (as Cd)	mg/l	0.003	No Relaxation	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.001	<0.001
31	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l	0.05	No Relaxation	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
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32	Phenol	mg/l	0.001	0.002	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.01	< 0.01
33	Lead ( as Pb)	mg/l	0.01	No Relaxation	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.001	<0.001
34	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l	0.001	No Relaxation	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	< 0.05	<0.05
35	Molybdenum (Mo)	mg/l	0.07	No Relaxation	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.01	<0.01
36	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l	0.02	No Relaxation	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01
37	Poly nuclear Aromatic	mg/l	0.0001	No Relaxation	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	< 0.05	<0.05
38	Poly chlorinated biphenyl	mg/l	0.0005	No Relaxation	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	< 0.0001
Microbiological Parameters											
39	Escherichia coli	/100ml	Abs	ent	Absent						
40	Coliform Bacteria	/100ml	Abs	ent	Absent						



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#### **1.5.2 AIR ENVIRONMENT**

To assess the baseline status of the air quality in the study area systematic ambient air quality monitoring has been carried out for criteria pollutants ( $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $NO_X$ ,  $SO_2$  and CO) at seven representative ambient air quality monitoring stations.

#### 1.5.2.1 Air Quality

Ambient air quality monitoring has been carried out with a frequency of two days a week at seven locations covering one complete season i.e. Dec, 2022 to Feb, 2023. The summary of these results for all the locations is given below. These are compared with the standards prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for rural and residential zone.

S. No.	Sampling Location		Parameters						
			PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub> (As No <sub>2</sub> )	СО		
			$(\mu g/m^3)$	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$(\mu g/m^3)$	$(mg/m^3)$		
1.		Min	59.47	24.98	11.87	13.24	0.38		
	Mine Site	Max	69.56	32.12	15.89	19.6	0.96		
	While Site	Avg.	61.76	26.06	13.44	15.68	0.57		
		98th% ile	69.10	30.59	15.53	19.22	0.85		
2.		Min	50.20	18.07	8.98	9.88	0.36		
	Sielkan	Max	59.57	21.45	11.69	18.62	0.77		
	Sicikan	Avg.	54.61	19.66	9.80	13.37	0.55		
		98th% ile	59.10	21.28	11.30	17.10	0.77		
3.		Min	38.5	11.5	3.93	5.25	0.47		
	Khaddum	Max	46.7	20.92	6.18	8.29	0.59		
	Kiladdulli	Avg.	42.52	15.88	5.25	6.80	0.53		
		98th% ile	46.26	20.54	6.11	8.26	0.59		
4.		Min	51.20	18.43	10.36	12.32	0.37		
	Sunanyrdi	Max	57.12	20.56	14.45	20.55	0.68		
	Sunapyru	Avg.	53.38	19.22	12.04	15.31	0.54		
		98th% ile	55.86	20.10	14.44	19.93	0.66		
5.		Min	53.4	19.21	9.74	10.96	0.35		
	Tongseng	Max	65.8	24.77	10.65	15.4	0.54		
		Avg.	57.17	21.14	10.14	11.82	0.45		
		98th% ile	65.38	24.61	10.65	14.81	0.54		
6.	Lumsnang	Min	59.28	31.56	9.23	15.62	0.39		
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**Table 1.7: Ambient Air Quality Status** 



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		Max	74.65	45.12	18.56	20.31	0.58
		Avg.	66.36	38.65	13.87	18.74	0.47
		98th% ile	73.18	44.52	17.74	20.17	0.58
7.		Min	55.41	22.65	9.58	12.45	0.35
	Near Star Cement	Max	70.61	27.58	11.3	16.39	1.75
	Industry	Avg.	62.14	24.00	10.26	14.01	1.14
		98th% ile	70.09	27.24	11.27	16.15	1.75
NA	NAAQS, For 24 hourly monitoring (except CO for Eight hour)		100	(0)	00	80	2
			100	60	80	80	2

#### **1.5.3 NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

The noise monitoring has been conducted for determination of noise levels at seven locations in the study area. The noise levels at each location were recorded for 24 hrs. The results obtained were compared with the national standards and were found to be within the standards. The collected data are:-

Location	Date of	Day Time	Night Time
	Sampling	(6.00 AM to 10.0PM)	(10.00 PM to 6.00 AM)
Mine Site	08.12.2022	58.9	44.2
Sielkan	24.12.2022	51.8	39.5
Sunapyrdi	05.12.2022	50.0	41.0
Tongseng	04.01.2023	53.2	42.2
Lumsnang	18.01.2023	54.1	40.6
Near Star Cement Boundary	23.01.2023	56.8	43.2
Khaddum	01.02.2023	52.5	38.5
		Standards	
Category of Area/ Zone		Day Time	Night Time
Industrial Area		75	70
Commercial Area		65	55
Residential Area		55	45
Silence Zone		50	40

Table 1.8: Ambient Noise Level Status

# 1.5.4 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The study area includes the 16 Villages Brichyrnot, Elaka Narpuh District- East Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya) within 10 km of area from mine periphery.



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<b>S.</b>	Particulars		Details
No.			
1.	No. of Villages		16
2.	Tota	ll Population	10,683
	a. Male		5,371
	b.	Female	5,312
3.	No.	of Households	1,816
4.	No.	of Literates	5126
	a.	Male	2360
	b.	Female	2766
5.	Main Workers		2927
	a.	Male	2010
	b.	Female	917
6.	Ma	rginal Workers	867
	a.	Male	412
	b.	Female	455
7.	Non-workers		6889
	a.	Male	2949
	b.	Female	3940

## Table 1.9: Demography Profile of the Study Area

(Source: Census, 2011)

### **1.5.5 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Buffer Zone
Flora
Climber – 19 Specie
Herb – 40 Species
Shrubs - 70 Species
Tree – 74 Species
Fauna
Amphibian – 17 Species
Fish - 16 Species
Avifauna – 92 Species
Butterflies – 28 Species



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Mammals – 27 Species

#### 1.6 **RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT**

Risk analysis is the systematic study of uncertainties and risks encountered in various areas. Risk analysts seek to identify the risks involved in mining operations, to understand how and when they arise, and estimate the impact (financial or otherwise) of adverse outcomes. It also defines and analyzes the dangers to individuals, businesses and government agencies posed by potential natural and human-caused adverse events.

However, there are various factors, which can create unsafe working conditions/ hazards in mining of Shale (minor minerals). The following types of hazards are identified during the shale mining operations:-

- 1. Accident during mineral loading, transportation and dumping
- 2. Accident due to vehicular movement
- 3. Inundation/ Flooding

Following procedure will be followed for effective management of any disaster in the mine.

Step 1: Identification of Disaster risk.

Step 2: Identification of persons at risk

Step 3: Removal of Hazard

Step 4: Evaluation of the risk

Step 5: Control measures to be taken

Step 6: Maintain Assessment records

Step 7: Review

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN** 1.7

Impact	Mitigation Measures		
Land Environment			
Land will be degraded due to	$\succ$ The total excavated area 3.84 ha., out of which 0.84 ha. will be used as		
mining and dumping of waste	a water reservoir and remaining 3.00 ha. area will be backfilled and		
	reclaimed and rehabilitated by plantation. The extent of impact will		
	however; be confined within lease area only.		
Water Environment			



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Discharge of effluents water	There will be no discharge of effluent from the mine. Mine pit (0.84 ha.)			
from the mine.	will act as a water reservoir.			
Intersection of ground water	As per the approved	Mining Plan along with	PMCP, ultimate pit l	level
table during mining	(334 mRL) will be ab	ove the ground water tabl	e and hence it will no	ot be
operations.	intersected.			
	Air Enviro	onment		
> Dust will be generated	$\succ$ It will be ensured t	hat all the vehicles plying	g in the working zone	e are
mainly during excavation,	properly tuned as	nd maintained to keep	emissions within	the
loading & unloading	permissible limits.			
activities.	➢ At loading & unloa	ding points and transport	ation routes, arranger	ment
➢ Gaseous pollutants will by	for water sprinkling	g will be made to minimize	e dust generation.	
generated mostly by the	$\succ$ In order to predict	changes in the air quality,	, AERMOD version 8	8.8.0
traffic.	model was used.	The maximum ground	level concentrations	s of
	particulate matter F	$PM_{10} \& PM_{2.5}$ , NOx, CO 1	from the different mi	ning
	activities for the study period (Winter Season) were observed to be			
	$4.03897 \text{ µg/m}^3 \& 3.00038 \text{ µg/m}^3, 0.04616 \text{ µg/m}^3, 0.000013 \text{ mg/m}^3$			
	respectively.			
	<ul> <li>The resultant will remain within the National Ambient Air Quality</li> </ul>			
	Standards for industrial/ residential areas.			
	Noise Envir	ronment		
➢ Noise due to mining	➤ The noise levels from	om all these sources are p	eriodical and restricte	ed to
activities.	particular operation			
$\triangleright$ Noise due to vehicular	$\rightarrow$ The noise measured	ment data indicated that r	present noise levels ir	n the
movement	study area is within	the permissible limits of	f National Ambient N	Joise
	Quality Standards			
	$\blacktriangleright$ Thus due to nat	ural attenuation effects	by proper green	helt/
	maintenance of m	achines at the impact	of poise levels wil	l ha
		achimes etc., the impact	of horse levels wit	1 De
minimal.				
	Socio-Economic	Environment		
Employment generation	▶ The mining activit	ty puts negligible change	e in the socio econo	omic
Health impacts	protile.			
Education Facilities	➢ No displacement (0	) is proposed due to propo	osed mine.	
> Approx. 16 local workers will get employment opportunities along			long	
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with periodical training to generate local skills		ning to generate local skills
	<ul> <li>New patterns of ind</li> </ul>	lirect employment/ income will generate
	<ul> <li>Regular health Che</li> </ul>	ck un camp
	<ul> <li>Assistance to school</li> </ul>	ils and scholarship to children will be provided
	Biological En	vironment
Impact on biodiversity	<ul> <li>The mining activit</li> </ul>	y will have insignificant effect on the existing flora
<ul> <li>Impact on threatened</li> </ul>	and fauna. The put	mose of the project itself is to save the flora around
species	the project area	pose of the project risen is to save the nora around
species	<ul> <li>The existing vege</li> </ul>	tation within the mining area includes trees and
	shrubs vegetation	They will not be disturbed due to the mining
	activity. So, the im	pact on the vegetation is very less.
	$\succ$ The transportation	of waste may create dust pollution which may
	create loss of biodiversity of the area	
	<ul> <li>Dust in atmosphere, contributed by mining and associated activities</li> </ul>	
	when deposited on the leaves of the plants in the surrounding areas	
	may retard their growth.	
	$\succ$ The growth of ve	getation in and around the complexes. Noise and
	vibrations due to	operation of the machines drive away the wild
	animals and birds	from the nearby nests.
	➢ The cluster area a	nd its buffer zone are devoid of any eco sensitive
	area. So the impac	t on the biodiversity and wild life is minimal.
	➤ Green belt will b	e developed along the individual lease boundary
	which will act as a	pollution barrier for the biological environment.
	There is the proposal for plantation along the haul road of individual	
	lease and also alon	g the connecting road.
	$\succ$ Transportation will be carried out during the day time only	
	minimizing the im	pact on the wild fauna movement.
	$\succ$ All the necessary	pollution control measures will be undertaken by
	the lessee to minin	nize the impact on the surrounding environment.



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### **1.8 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PROGRAMME**

The breakup of the proposed cost for Environment Management Programme is given as under:-

S. No.	Description	Capital Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Recurring Cost (Rs. In Lacs)
1.	Environmental Monitoring (Air, Water, Noise and Soil)		2.00
2.	Occupational Health and Safety (Initial & Periodical Medical Check-ups)	1.00	0.50
3.	Green Belt (phase wise greenbelt development during plantation plan period)	3.75	1.0
4.	Construction & Maintenance of Settling Tank, Garland Drains etc.	1.00	0.40
5.	Provision of fencing around mine pit	1.00	0.20
6.	Environmental Awareness Program		0.50
7.	Rain Water Harvesting	1.00	0.25
8.	CER	0.43	
	Total	8.18	4.85

**Table 1.10: Provision for Environmental Protection Measures** 

### **1.9 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.

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