

Chettinad Cement Corporation Private Limited

Dholipatti Limestone Mine (Captive Use)

Dholipatti, Karikkali & Palayam Villages, Veda sandur Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu

Environmental Clearance (EC) Compliance Report (Oct '17 - Mar '18)

(EC granted by MoEF vide Letter No .J-11015/27/2000-1A 11(M) dated 19.03.2001 for a

Mining Capacity of 1.40 million tons per annum & Mining Lease Area of 138.785 ha)

A. Specific Conditions

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i.	OB dump should be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only and should not be kept active for longer period.	Over Burden has been stacked at earmarked dump site only. The OB dump is not kept active for longer period by using the same within the Mine Area for formation of bunds.
ii.	Top soil should be stacked properly with adequate measures at earmarked site. It should be used for reclamation and rehabilitation of mined out area.	Currently there is no stock of top soil as the same had already been used up for development greenbelt. The top soil generated in future will be concurrently used for greenbelt development.
iii.	The final angle of slope of waste dump (s) should not exceed 28° . A study shall be carried out to work out to find out maximum angle of repose and report to be submitted to the Ministry of Environmental and Forests.	The waste dump (mineral reject) is being stacked with proper slope (less than 28°) at earmarked location only with adequate measures like retention wall, trenches and gully plugs. The same will be used for reclaiming mined out pits. The un reclaimed pits will be left as rainwater harvesting pits. The details of maximum angle of repose as per IBM approved Mining Plan included in the EIA Report and the same had been submitted to the Regional Office of MoEF, Bangalore.
iv.	Provision should be made to interlock working of dust extractor with water injection system attached to drills so that if one system fails, the other gets automatically started.	Wet drilling method is being followed.
v.	Information on occupational health of employees should be properly recorded and analysed. Any contractions observed especially due to exposure to dust and noise levels should be considered for corrective measures.	Occupational health surveillance programme covering lung function test, audiometric, eye testing etc., being carried out on a regular basis and the records are being maintained. No abnormality has been observed so far.



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vi.	The pathways presently in use in the area to be mined should be realigned so as to continue the access already available.	Not applicable as no path way exists inside the mining area.
vii.	Check dam and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediments flow from OB and minerals dumps. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt etc., The drain should be regularly desilted and maintained properly.	Garland drains & catch drains with required gradient & size, gully plugs and sedimentation sumps (in the Mine Pits) had been provided in the Mining Lease Area to prevent solid particles getting carried away by the rainwater and collect rainwater in the mined out pits. The rainwater collected is being used for sprinkling and greenbelt development. The drains and the sedimentation sump are being regularly desilted and maintained properly.
viii.	While mining is on, regular monitoring of ground water level and quality should be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers. Frequency of monitoring should be four times in a year – Pre monsoon (April/May), monsoon (August), Post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) seasons. Data thus collected should be submitted to the ministry of environment & Forest and Central Ground Water Board Authority.	Groundwater level is being monitored at 5 locations on a quarterly basis as stipulated and the data collected are being submitted to Ministry of Environment & Forests and Central Ground Water Board Authority. Two numbers of Piezometer were installed on 14.02.2017, one at upstream & the other at downstream to monitor ground water level.
ix.	A greenbelt of adequate width by planting the native plant species all around the ML area, roads, OB dump sites etc., should be raised in consultation with local DFO / Agriculture Department. Plantation should be not less than 500 trees / Ha.	<p>In consultation with forest department, green belt, along the in boundary of the mines, dump sites etc., has been developed.</p> <p>So far 9979 Saplings (30 varieties such as Subabul, Asoka, Pungan etc.) have been planted.</p> <p>Total Mine Area : 138.785 ha.</p> <p>Area to be developed with greenbelt : 8 ha</p> <p>Greenbelt Developed Area : 6.75 ha</p> <p>Existing Tree Density : 1478 / ha</p> <p>Balance Area to be developed with Greenbelt : 1.25 ha</p>



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		Balance saplings to be planted : 2100 Target Date for Completing Greenbelt : Mar 2025
x.	Controlled blasting should be practiced	Controlled blasting is practiced as stipulated.
xi.	Crusher should be operated with high efficiency bag filters.	Crusher had been provided with high efficiency bag filters to control dust emission.
xii.	A detailed mine decommissioning plan should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest 5 Years in advance for approval.	As stipulated, mine closure plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, 5 Years in advance, for approval.
xiii.	No mining should be carried out within 500m of the Bangalore – Madurai BG Railway Line.	No mining is being carried out within 500m of the Bangalore – Madurai BG Railway Line.

B. General Conditions

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i.	No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest.	No change in mining technology and scope of working will be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
ii.	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of limestone, waste / OB dumps should be made.	No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of limestone, waste / OB dumps will be made without prior approval from concerned authorities.
iii.	Three Ambient Air Quality Monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as buffer zone for SPM, RPM, SO ₂ , NO _x and CO monitoring. Location of the ambient air quality stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the state Pollution Control Board.	8 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations have been provided to monitor PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀ , SO ₂ , NO _x and CO in consultation with the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board as stipulated.



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iv.	Data on ambient air quality should be regularly submitted to Ministry including its Regional office at Bangalore and the State Pollution Control Board / Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.	Data on ambient air quality is being regularly submitted to Ministry including its Regional office at Bangalore and Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.
v.	Adequate measures for control of fugitive emissions should be taken during drilling and blasting operations, loading and transporting of minerals etc.,	<p>Adequate measures are being taken to control fugitive emission as given below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wet drilling and wetting of the places of operation Water Sprinkling before loading and unloading the over burden Water Sprinkling on the mined Limestone before loading into trucks Water Sprinkling on the haul roads within the mine area Using closed conveyors to send the Limestone to the Cement Plant Bag Filters at transfer points to collect dust Ensuring Speed Control Avoiding overloading Good maintenance of vehicles and mining machinery
vi.	Adequate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 db in the work environment.	Noise Control Measures like silencers for the equipment used for mining, Greenbelt along the boundary of the mine have been provided. The Mining Machinery/Vehicles used are being maintained well to ensure vibration / noise generated is well within the norms prescribed.
vii.	Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects. Occupational health surveillance programme of the workers should be undertaken periodically to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed.	Employees have been provided with Personnel Protective Equipment like helmet, safety shoes, safety goggles, dust mask etc., and use of the same is also being ensured by enhancing the safety awareness through adequate training and providing information on safety and health aspects.




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		Occupational health surveillance programme of the employees is being undertaken periodically to find out whether any abnormality due to exposure to dust is there. Corrective measures, if needed, will be taken.
viii.	The funds earmarked for Environmental Protection measures should be kept in separate account and not diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry of Environmental & Forests.	<p>The funds earmarked for Environmental Protection measures will not be diverted for other purpose.</p> <p>Year wise expenditure incurred towards Environmental Protection measures is being submitted to the Ministry of Environmental & Forests.</p> <p>The expenditure incurred towards Environmental Protection during 2017-18 (up to Mar'18) was Rs.2.5 lakhs.</p>
ix.	The Regional Office this Ministry located at Bangalore shall monitor compliance of the stipulated environmental safeguards. The project authorities should send one set of EIA / EMP report and mining plan to them and extend full cooperation to the officer(s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data /information / monitoring reports.	Copies of EIA/EMP Report had been submitted to Regional Office of MoEF, Bangalore. Full cooperation to the officer(s) of the Regional Office will be extended by furnishing the requisite data /information / monitoring reports.
x.	The project authorities should inform to the Regional official located at Bangalore as well as to the Ministry of Environmental and Forest regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.	As the internally accrued funds will be invested for the proposed expansion, this part of the condition is not applicable. The date of commencing land development work has been informed to the Ministry.
xi.	A copy of clearance letter will be earmarked to concerned Panchayat / Local NGO, if any , from whom any suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.	A copy of the Environmental Clearance had been send to Gujiliyamparai Panchayat union.



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xii.	State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and Collector's office / Tehsildar's office for 30 days	This is the responsibility of TNPCB.
xiii.	The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated around the project , one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the state Pollution Control Board and may also be seen at website of the Ministry of Environmental & Forests at http://envfor.nic.in and a copy of the same should be forwarded to Regional office of the Ministry located at Bangalore.	Advertisements in two local newspapers have been published regarding grant of Environmental Clearance and the copies of the same have also been submitted to MoEF Regional office at Bangalore.
xiv.	The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further condition for environmental protection.	Noted and the additional condition stipulated will also be complied with.
xv.	Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance.	Noted.
xvi.	The above conditions shall be enforced, Inter-alia under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules. 2008 and the Public (Insurance) Liability, Act.1991 along with their amendments and rules.	Noted.

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