

SCHEDULE-VI
Decision on EIA

1. **Name, Address of proponent:** Mr. Abdul Samad (Infrastructure Specialist), Team Leader/Project Director/Project Implementation Unit (PIU)/CPEC, Pakistan Railways, 3-Mayo Gardens, Sunderdas Road, Lahore.
2. **Description of project.** Pakistan Railways intends to re-habilitate the existing main line ML-I from Karachi to Peshawar to improve the existing condition of the infrastructure and to achieve speeds up from 120 to 160 Km per hour. Total length of the all the section is 1872 KM including Rawalpindi to Peshawar section 174 KM and Taxila to Hawelian Section of 55 Km. The total estimated cost of the project is USD 3,724525717.
3. **Location of project.** The Project activities shall be carried out in Districts of Haripur, Nowshera & Peshawar of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.
4. **Date of filing of EIA.** 22/06/2017 Ref. (EPA Diary No.138)
5. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report of "**Up-gradation and Re-Construction of Existing Main Line (ML-1) from Karachi to Peshawar.**" in line with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000, subject to the following terms & conditions:-
 - a) The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in EIA Report, replies submitted to this Agency in response of

observations as well as any unanticipated impacts during the construction and operation phase of the project.

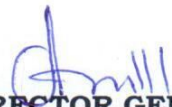
- b) All the project activities shall be carried out within existing right of way (RoW) of Pakistan Railway.
- c) The proponent shall submit quarterly compliance report of the conditions mentioned in the constructional phase approval.
- d) Land acquisition and compensation documents (if any for purchasing/hiring private land) shall be submitted to EPA before starting the physical work.
- e) Clearance from Forest Department regarding cutting of trees involved in the project shall be submitted to EPA before commencement of project activity. Moreover, a comprehensive Tree Plantation/Compensation plan in consultation with Forest Department shall be implemented as per submitted plan while increasing the capacity and quantity of plantation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa portion of the project and details of the same shall be submitted to this Agency before the commencement of civil work.
- f) Regular sprinkling of water for the control of dust pollution during the construction phase shall be maintained.
- g) Maximum steps shall be taken to avoid the issues of dust, noise and water pollution.
- h) Social norms/pardah of the locals shall be protected.
- i) Traffic management plan during the construction phase of the Project shall be implemented in order to avoid traffic congestion. And Traffic rules shall be strictly followed for Traffic Management Plan. Mitigation Measures/Traffic Management Plan to avoid traffic incidents at different railway crossings during construction and Operation phase of the project shall be shared with EPA.
- j) Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) shall be provided to the workers during working hours.
- k) Different health & safety sign boards shall be mounted at the project area. The proponent shall ensure strict and efficient safety measures for the protection of workers and passersby.

- l) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the local people in the area. Preference shall also be given to the local people in technical jobs (if any/available).
 - m) Solid waste/Debris/cutting materials of the project area shall be disposed off in a proper dumping site and detail of Muck Disposal Sites along with GPS coordinates shall be shared with this Agency before the commencement of civil work.
 - n) Heavy machinery shall not be operated during school timings.
 - o) Alternate route shall be provided to the public in order to avoid traffic issues.
 - p) Camp site (if any) shall be 500m away from the residential area for the protection of social life, community/inhabitants.
 - q) Irrigations channels of the project area (if any) shall not be disturbed.
 - r) A copy of this approval shall be shared with contractors for compliance and implementation.
6. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
 7. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Regulations 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 of IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
 8. **This approval is accorded only for the construction phase of the project.**
 9. **The proponent will obtain approval for operation of the project in accordance with the Regulation 13 (2) (b) and 18 of the IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000.**
 10. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
 11. The EPA has the right to direct or suggest any mitigation measures at any stage during construction phase for the improvement of Environment and other social issues.
 12. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force.
 13. **This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.**

14. In exercise of the power under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Environmental Protection Act, 2014 the undersigned is pleased to approve the EIA Report of the said project with above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 08/02/2021

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