



**Environmental Protection Agency
(Central Directorate)
Climate Change, Forestry, Environment &
Wildlife Department
Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**



No. EPA/CD/IEE/Virtuous/Pharma /23/390-92

Dated 14/07/2023

To

Mr. Qasim Bashir (CEO)
Virtuous Pharma Pvt.Ltd
Rashakai Special Economic Zone
District Nowshera.

Subject: **DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)
REPORT OF VIRTUOUS PHARMA PVT.LTD LOCATED AT
RASHAKAI SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE DISTRICT NOWSHERA.**

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision Note on IEE Report of "**Virtuous Pharma Pvt.Ltd located at Rashakai Special Economic Zone District Nowshera**" for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, Schedule-X must be submitted to this Agency within a month on Stamp Paper as an undertaking for the compliance of terms and conditions as mentioned in the Environmental Approval as well as mitigation measures proposed in the IEE Report. (Copy enclosed).

Deputy Director (Center)

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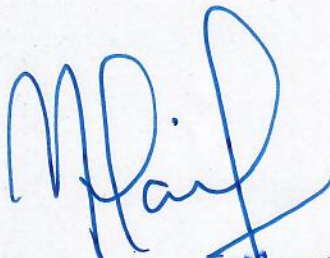
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SCHEDULE-V

Decision on IEE

1. **Name, Address of proponent:** Mr. Qasim Bashir
CEO Virtuous Pharma (Pvt) Ltd.
Rashakai Special Economic Zone,
District Nowshera.

2. **Description of project.** Pharmaceutical sector is critically important for the health and life style of any country and its population. The proposed project will consist of the Pharma Ingredients in which 85% of active pharmaceutical ingredient will be imported while the remaining 15% will be manufacture domestically. Heavy reliance on imported raw material significantly increases the inherent risk of supply chain disruption and price fluctuations. For this purpose the virtuous pharma intends to establish a pharmaceutical industry producing Active Pharmaceuticals ingredient at Rashakai Special Economic Zone. The proposed project will produce various Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient for local and foreign Pharmaceutical industries. In the proposed project all non-technical jobs shall be provided to the locals and effort shall be made for provision of technical jobs to the locals.


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3. **Location of Project.** The Project is located at Rashakai Special Economic Zone, District Nowshera Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

4. **GPS Coordinates / GIS Map**

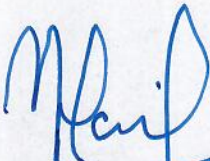
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5. **Date of filing of IEE.** 04/05/2023 Ref. (EPA Diary No. 860)

After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord **Construction Phase Approval** of the Initial Environmental Examination of "**Virtuous Pharma (Pvt) Ltd. Located at Rashakai Special Economic Zone, District Nowshera**" as per above mentioned GPS coordinates/GIS Map, according to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in the IEE report as well as any un-anticipated impacts during the construction and operational phase of the project.
- b) Proper treatment plant shall be constructed as per effluent load and composition. The treatment shall bring the effluent discharge within the permissible limit of National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS).
- c) The proponent shall carried out analysis of effluents /emissions for the parameters and frequency as mentioned in the SMART Rules 2001.
- d) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the locals and shall also be preferred in technical jobs.
- e) The proponent shall carried out the activities for the protection of environment as mentioned in the IEE report and EMP.
- f) The proponent shall allocate a specific percentage of the project profit for the Cooperate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities and for the welfare of the locals of the area. The detail of the same shall be shared with EPA.
- g) Personal protective equipment's shall be provided to the workers to ensure health and safety along with availability of first aid box for emergency medical coverage.
- h) All the construction/installation in the project area must be carried out according to approved master plan of the project.
- i) The plantation must be carried out at the project site in available open spaces and as per submitted planation plan.
The proponent shall provide an agreement with EPA approved incinerator for the expired/returned active pharmaceuticals ingredient. (API)
- k) Sign boards must be installed on the sensitive areas for guidance of the workers as well as visitors.
- l) During construction/development phase, water sprinkling shall be carried out on regular basis for the control of dust pollution in the area.
- m) If any issue come up during execution of the project the proponent shall be made bound to address those issue which are unforeseen and not identified in IEE report.
- n) The monitoring team of EPA will visit the project site to check the term and condition of the approval and compliance of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014. Furthermore, the management shall facilitate the EPA Monitoring team at the time of monitoring.
- o) The proponent is bound to implement any additional measures suggested by the Agency for the protection of the Environment.



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- p) There shall be nothing repugnant to any Govt. order or policy on subject.
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 Rules 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 & 21 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 regarding conditions of approval, confirmation of compliance, validity period of Approval, entry, inspections & monitoring.
 8. This approval is accorded only for the construction and development phase of the project for two (02) years. The proponent shall obtain approval for extension in construction phase or operation of the project in accordance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
 9. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
 10. This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.
 11. 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.
 12. There is no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
 13. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the IEE Report for construction phase of "**Virtuous Pharma (Pvt) Ltd**" with above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar _____
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