



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CLIMATE CHANGE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT
&
WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



No. EPA/EIA/Roads/Patruk-Kumrat/Dir Upper/24/ 216-218

Date: 24/5/2024

To

The Deputy Director (North),
Pakhtunkhwa Highways Authority,
Swat.
Tel: 0946-9240118.

SUBJECT: DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM PATRAK TO THALL KUMRAT DISTRICT UPPER DIR (44KM).

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision Note on EIA Report of the subject project for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, **Schedule-X** (Sample copy enclosed) 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 EIA Report.

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Director General

Copy for information to:

- PA to Director General, EPA, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
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SCHEDULE-VII
DECISION ON EIA

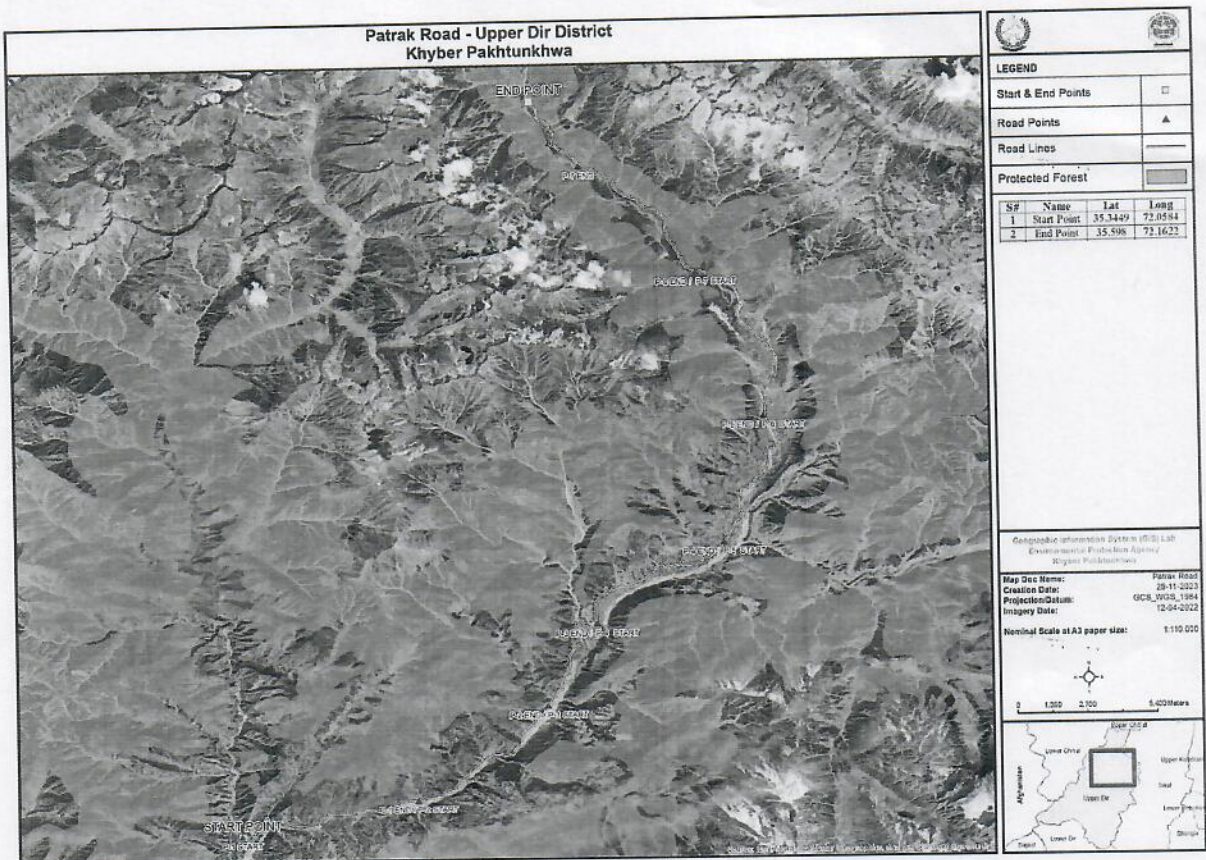
1.Name, address of proponent: The Deputy Director (North),
Pakhtunkhwa Highways Authority, Saidu Sharif, Swat,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
PH# 92-946-9240118

2.Description of project.

The Pakhtunkhwa Highway Authority (PKHA) Department will be responsible for the implementation of project whereas, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Agency (EPA KP) will be responsible for issuing environmental approval. The proposed road will take off from Patrak which is located adjacent to Sheringel University (Dir) near Kala Chishma and after proceeding through a number of scattered towns and villages of District Dir (Upper) via Thal, it will finally terminate at Kumrat. The Thal village is falling adjacent to NHA National Highway N-45 (NCC Road) (Nowshera-Chakdarra-Chitral Road). Thus the road in question will provide a direct approach road to NCC Road and will get connected with the southern parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The whole project alignment passes through hilly / mountainous terrain. Project also involves provision of causeways and slab / pipe culverts keeping in view the hydrological / hydraulic requirement.

- 3. Location of project.** District Dir Upper.
4. Date of filing of EIA. 18/07/2022
Ref. (EPA Diary No. 663)
5. GPS Coordinates and Map.

S#	Name	Lat	Long
1	Start Point	35.3449	72.0584
2	End Point	35.598	72.1622



6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the **EIA REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM PATRAK TO THALL KUMRAT** in line with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 read with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 and directives issued by Climate Change Forestry Environment & Wildlife Department, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide Section Officer (Technical) letter No. SO(Tech)/CCFEWD/V-427/2024/PC/2707-09, dated 12/03/2024 followed by a meeting held under the Chairmanship of Director General EPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 18/03/2024, 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 conflicting issues regarding acquisition and compensation of land, trees and lease agreements, etc. shall be settled down before executing or commencing of the project activities and a certificate from concerned revenue office in this regard shall be submitted to this Agency.
- c) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the local people in the area.
- d) Separate approval shall be obtained for the installation/operation of Asphalt Plant or Crush Plant (if any).
- e) Site camps and concrete batching plants shall be located away from the residential area and finalization of sites selection for said activities shall be done after consultation with EPA.
- f) The project proponent shall submit detailed Compensatory Plan for tree cutting to the Agency. The plan shall identify and quantify the trees to be lost, and provide at least 1:10 compensatory tree plantation. Suitable experts shall be engaged to advise on

aspects of plant species selection, planting scheme, schedule, and post monitoring and maintenance.

- g) Safety fencing shall be provided on both sides of road to protect wildlife and prevent the access of tourists to wildlife hotspots.
 - h) To avoid habitat fragmentation, structures for wildlife movement like culverts, underpasses and vegetative bridges shall be constructed at different spots along the road.
 - i) Water supply schemes, mini HPPs and other public utilities along the road shall be rehabilitated and maintained properly during construction period.
 - j) Debris/ cutting materials of the hill shall not be thrown in the water/river and residential area and may be disposed of in a proper dumping site. The location of disposal sites along with coordinates shall be provided to this Agency.
 - k) Prior to the commencement of the construction activities, the contractor should submit a construction camp development/management plan to the Engineer-in charge and KP EPA.
 - l) The grievances redress mechanism as mentioned in EIA report shall be established and implemented in true letter and spirit.
 - m) Parking lots shall be developed in the areas, where tourist spots are located alongside the road. The same shall be consulted with the Tourism Department and KDA.
 - n) The project proponent shall facilitate EPA staff for compliance checking visits during construction phase of the project.
 - o) The EMP, mitigation measures and monitoring programs contained in the EIA report shall be included within bidding documents/contract agreement with the Contractor.
 - p) Break down of budget allocated for Environment protection shall be submitted to EPA before Commencement of construction activities and its utilization progress shall be part of the compliance report.
 - q) As per GIS report developed by this Agency on the basis of GPS coordinates provided by the project proponent, approximately 6km of the proposed road near the end point falls in the protected Forest area & require clearance from provincial Forest Department. It is recommended that Forest area shall preferably be avoided. In case of un-avoidance, a clearance/NOC from provincial Forest Department shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction activities and the same shall be submitted to this Agency.
 - r) The Agency shall visit the project site from time to time for compliance checking. The proponent shall facilitate the Agency during the monitoring and shall create no hurdles in this regard.
7. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
 8. This approval shall be shared with the Project Consultant & Contractor and shall be available on site any time. The proponent shall be liable to communicate all the conditions, roles & responsibilities of the Approval to The Engineer and Contractor.
 9. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Regulations 14, 15, 19 & 20 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rule, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
 10. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
 11. **This approval is accorded only for the installation/construction phase of the project and shall be valid only after compliance of the condition 6 (q).**

12. This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.
13. 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, before starting the project.
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 24/5/2024

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