



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGIONAL OFFICE SWAT  
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Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



No. No. EPA/ROS/GEA/ Five Star Flour & General Mills /Buner/262-65

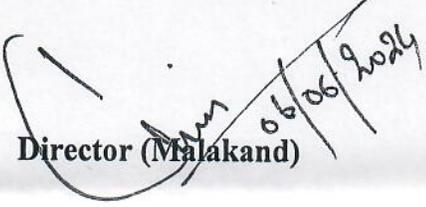
Date: 06/06/2024

To,

Mr. Usman Ali,  
Owner of Five Star Flour & General Mills,  
Amazai Road Village MaskiPur, Near PSO Pump, Tehsil  
Mandanr District Buner.  
Contact # 0300-9812112

**Subject: REJECTION/ DECISION ON GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL (GEA) REPORT OF FIVE STAR FLOUR & GENERAL MILLS AT AMAZAI ROAD VILLAGE MASKIPUR, NEAR PSO PUMP, TEHSIL MANDANR DISTRICT BUNER.**

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Rejection/ Decision Note on GEA Report of project titled "Five Star Flour & General Mills at Amazai Road Village MaskiPur, Near PSO Pump, Tehsil Mandanr District Buner." for your information and further implementation, please.

  
Director (Malakand)

Copy for information to the;

1. Deputy Commissioner, District Buner.
2. P.A to Director General, EPA, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- ✓ 3. Assistant Director (IT) EPA- Peshawar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for uploading on EPA official website.

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## SCHEDULE - IX

### Decision on GEA

- 1. Name, address of Proponent:** Mr. Usman Ali,  
Owner of Five Star Flour & General Mills,  
Amazai Road Village MaskiPur, Near PSO Pump, Tehsil  
Mandanr District Buner.  
Contact # 0300-9812112
- 2. Description of Project.** The project involves the establishment and operation of a flour mill, known as Five Star Flour & General Mills, located at Amazai Road, Village MaskiPur, near the PSO Pump, Tehsil Mandanr, District Buner. The mill is intended for wheat grinding and packing flour into bags, with a production capacity of 4000 kg/hr. The total land area allocated for the project is 9944 square feet, and the estimated cost is Rs. 35 million. This decision to reject the project is based on the completion of the General Environmental Approval (GEA) process, ensuring strict adherence to all relevant environmental laws and regulations.
- 3. Location of Project:** The Project is located at Amazai Road Village MaskiPur, Near PSO Pump, Tehsil Mandanr District Buner, GPS Coordinates and Google Earth Map:  
**Center of Building:** N 34.400731°, E 72.491626°

Google Map:



- 4. Date of filing of GEA** 05/02/2024 (Ref: EPA Diary No.4527)
- 5. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Office, Swat Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has decided to REJECT the GEA report of the project, namely; Five Star Flour & General Mills, located at Amazai Road Village MaskiPur, near PSO Pump, Tehsil Mandanr District Buner, being contrary to**

environmental objectives, for the reasons mentioned below under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021:

- a) Based on GIS mapping, report analysis, and site visit observations, it has been determined that the flour mill is already illegally constructed, being without prior approval of this Agency
  - b) The site is in immediate proximity (wall to wall) to two residential houses and within 100 meters of a residential cluster. This poses significant health and safety risks to residents due to potential exposure to dust, noise, vibrations, and other pollutants associated with milling operations.
  - c) The operation of the mill may lead to environmental degradation, including emissions, noise, and potential contamination, negatively affecting residents' quality of life. Flour milling involves heavy machinery, generating substantial noise pollution that can disturb nearby residents, leading to stress, sleep disturbances, and hearing loss.
  - d) The presence of a flour mill in this area has the potential to disrupt the local community, resulting in increased traffic congestion, noise disturbances, and general inconvenience during operational hours. These factors would significantly impact the daily lives of residents and overall community well-being.
  - e) Field observations by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have revealed complaints from residents living close to flour mills, citing concerns such as air and noise pollution, as well as potential health hazards. These grievances often escalate into legal cases, highlighting the contentious nature of siting flour mills near residential areas and sensitive receptors.
  - f) The GEA report fails to adequately address the potential environmental impacts on the residential areas, particularly the wall-to-wall formation of two residential houses and another cluster of houses within 100 meters of the mill. This oversight indicates a lack of comprehensive analysis and effective mitigation strategies.
6. In exercise of the powers conferred upon the undersigned under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned has decided to **REJECT** the GEA Report for the project due to the site's infeasibility, as well as the unmanageable risks and disruptions based on the aforementioned reasons.

Dated: 06, 06 2024

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Director (Malakand)  
EPA, Regional office Swat  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
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