



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



No. EPA/EIA/EconomicZone/DEZ/D.I.Khan/25/ 210-12

Date: 29/10/2025

To

Chief Project Planning & Development (Technical),  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zone Development and  
Management Company, 120-Industrial Estate Hayatabad,  
Jamrud Road, Peshawar.

Subject: **DECISION NOTE ON THE EIA REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT  
OF DARABAN ECONOMIC ZONE, D.I.KHAN.**

Kindly 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** 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. (Copy enclosed).

  
**Director General**

**Copy for information and necessary action to the;**

- Director (South), EPA Southern Directorate, D.I. Khan.
- GIS Specialist, EPA, HQ, Peshawar

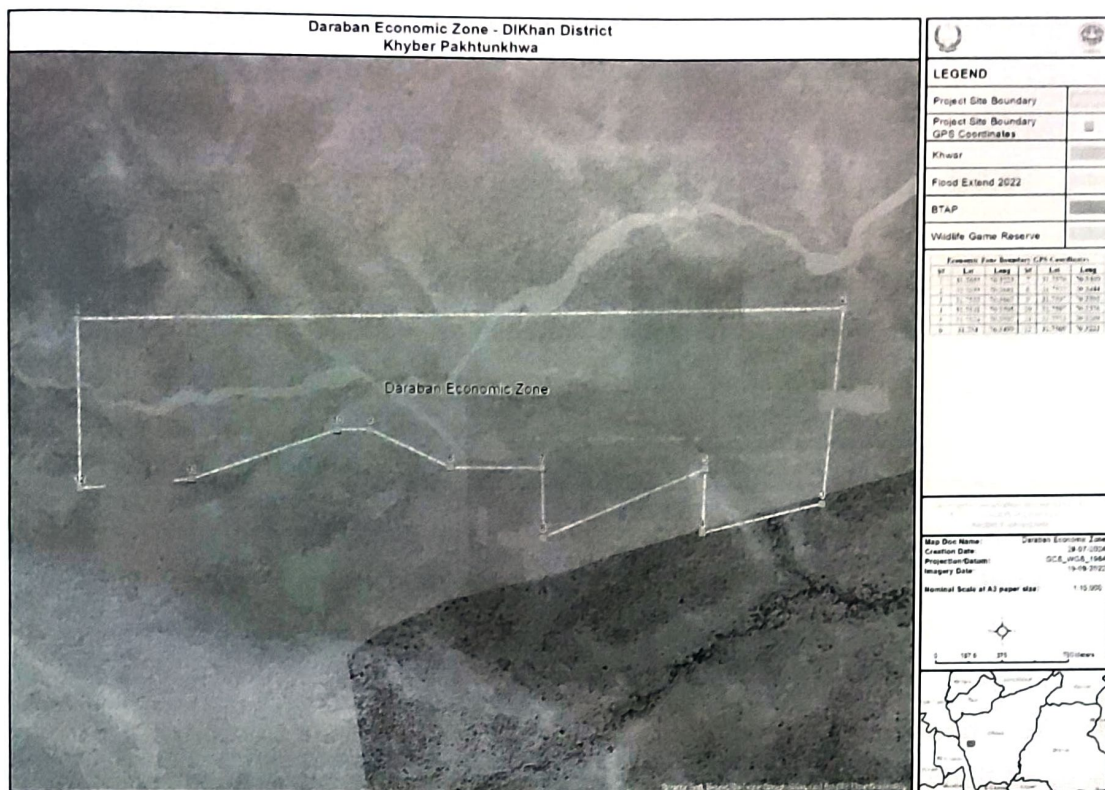
**SCHEDULE-VII**  
**Decision on EIA**

1. **Name, address of proponent:** Chief Project Planning & Development (Technical),  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zone Development and Management Company,  
120-Industrial Estate Hayatabad,  
Jamrud Road, Peshawar.
2. **Description of project:** DEZ is proposed to be located in Daraban Tehsil of DI Khan district, Pakistan near the main CPEC route. The total area acquired by KPEZDMC for the development of Daraban economic zone is 3125 acres, out of which 1000 acres will be developed in the first phase. The construction of Daraban SEZ will effectively expand the scale of investment from both inside and outside the country and promote the industrial development of KPK Province. Furthermore, the development of industries requires the support of large numbers of talents and industrial workers, therefore more people will be attracted to work here, so the development of human resources as well as education, medical, health and cultural undertakings will be promoted, which will help to solve the local problems regarding training, employment, medical treatment, increase of income, etc. Expected investment through this project is estimated to be Rs.56 billion having more than five million direct and indirect employment opportunities. The project would have four hundred industrial units.
3. **Location of project:** The project is located at Daraban Tehsil at District D.I.Khan.
4. **Date of filing of EIA:** 09-03-2023 (Ref: EPA/Diary No. 639)

Economic Zone Boundary GPS Coordinates					
S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long
1	31.7655	70.3223	7	31.7576	70.3499
2	31.7655	70.3681	8	31.7577	70.3444
3	31.7555	70.3667	9	31.7597	70.3395
4	31.7541	70.3595	10	31.7597	70.3376
5	31.7574	70.3597	11	31.7573	70.3289
6	31.754	70.3499	12	31.7569	70.3222

5. **GPS Coordinates and Map:**





6. After a careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord Construction Environmental Approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of **“Daraban Economic Zone, D.I.Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,”** in accordance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 and the decision taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting dated 11/09/2024. Furthermore, the proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments under the prevailing laws/rules of the Provincial Government before the start of the project. This approval shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

- a) No effluents shall be discharged to any surface water body/ sewerage system/ irrigation channels in the area. Besides, all effluents/emissions shall be kept within the permissible limits of NEQS. The management shall be responsible for implementation of this condition.
- b) As committed in replies submitted to this Agency, the proponent shall construct combined Waste water treatment plant prior to operation of industries in Daraban Economic Zone, keeping in view the whole industrial estate water discharge. Separate approval shall be obtained for this purpose prior to commencement of the activity.
- c) The proponent shall be bound to ensure proper zoning of industries as per submitted reply to this Agency. Compliance report of the same shall be submitted to this Agency.

- d) (KP-EZDMC) shall bind all the industries to obtain Environmental approval from EPA before construction.
  - e) The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zone Development and Management Company (KP-EZDMC) shall strictly follow disaster management plan.
  - f) Water meters shall be installed on each water extraction source. Besides, installation of water meters for each industry should be made bindings on each proponent of industrial units for Groundwater table recharge/ safe drinking water.
  - g) Hydrogeological study report of the area shall be submitted on annual basis to this Agency to ensure sustainable use of water resources.
  - h) Flood protection plan shall be adopted by the proponent as committed vide letter No. KPEZDMC/PP&DD/EPA/EPA/1224/4839 dated 11/12/2024 in letter & spirit.
  - i) Plantation shall be done in the economic zone as per submitted details. In addition, a proper buffer zone with thick plantation shall be ensured all around the economic zone. Moreover, seasonal plantation campaigns shall be launched with intimation and invitation to this Agency.
  - j) The NOC/ Agreement with TMA/WSSC regarding solid waste disposal shall be shared with this Agency.
  - k) Traffic Management Plan shall be implemented for supply of goods etc for the zone.
  - l) Non-Technical employment shall be provided to the local people of the nearest Union Councils in technical/non technical jobs. Detail of the same shall be provided to EPA.
  - m) Social welfare program shall be carried out for the local people and shall be communicated to EPA.
  - n) Analysis reports of ambient air, noise, and effluents discharge from the proposed economic zone shall be submitted to this Agency on regular basis.
  - o) All the public grievances shall be addressed before commencement of project activities.
  - p) Compliance report of the above mentioned conditions shall be submitted to this Agency biannually.
  - q) The management shall be bound to adopt any additional mitigation measures suggested by EPA KP from time to time for the safety of environment during construction & operation of the project activities.
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 Rule 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
8. This approval is accorded only for the construction phase of the project. The proponent shall obtain separate approval for operation phase of the project in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
9. Any change/extension in the approved project design 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. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
12. 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 **"Daraban Economic Zone, D.I.Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa"** located at Daraban Tehsil of DI Khan District, Pakistan near the main CPEC route, only for the construction phase with above-mentioned terms and conditions.


Dated: Peshawar 29/01/2025

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