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No. EPA/HQ/Letters/ 6831-33
Dated: 13 / 08 /2025

To

Mr. Muhammad Ali,
Factory Manager,
Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak,
District Nowshera.

**Subject: DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
REPORT OF "INSTALLATION OF 2.93 MW ON-GRID SOLAR
POWER PLANT AT PAKISTAN TOBACCO COMPANY, AKORA
KHATTAK FACTORY", DISTRICT NOWSHERA.**

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision note on "Installation of 2.93 MW On-Grid Solar Power Plant at Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak Factory, 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 term and condition as mentioned in the Environmental Approval as well as mitigation measures proposed in the IEE report, please.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Copy for information to:

- i. The GIS Specialist, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- ii. PA to Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

SCHEDULE-VIII
Decision on IEE

1. Name, address of proponent: Mr. Muhammad Ali,
Factory Manager, Pakistan Tobacco
Company, Akora Khattak.
Postal Address: Pakistan Tobacco
Company, Akora Khattak, District
Nowshera.

2. Description of project: The project for which the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) conducted is "Installation of 2.93 MW On-Grid Solar Power Plant at Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak Factory". The project is installed within the premises of the factory unit on the available spaces on the roof top of buildings and parking area in parts. Pakistan Tobacco Company started utilizing Solar power energy in 2019 by installing 25KW solar project, then 50KW in March 2020, followed by another 50KW in October, 2020, 1.2 MW in July 2021 and 1.004 MW in 2023. Moreover, currently the company is about to complete installation of another 0.6 KW solar power project. Hence, the total capacity of the solar power project will be 2.93 MW collectively. The project will provide sufficient electricity for the day time production activities inside the unit.

3. Location of Project: The project is located at Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak, District Nowshera.

4. GPS Coordinates & Map:

| Site Boundary GPS Coordinates | | | | | |
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| S. No | Y | X | S. No | Y | X |
| 1 | 33.995673° | 72.141774° | 5 | 33.989674° | 72.148247° |
| 2 | 33.994665° | 72.141663° | 6 | 33.991718° | 72.149000° |
| 3 | 33.993928° | 72.142556° | 7 | 33.991996° | 72.147440° |
| 4 | 33.991327° | 72.143318° | 8 | 33.993503° | 72.148323° |


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5. Date of filing of IEE.

**22/11/2024 (Ref. EPA Diary No.169)
EPA Central Directorate.**

6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the "**IEE REPORT OF INSTALLATION OF 2.93 MW ON-GRID SOLAR POWER PLANT AT PAKISTAN TOBACCO COMPANY (PTC), AKORA KHATTAK FACTORY, DISTRICT NOWSHERA**", according to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a)** This approval is accorded under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- b)** This approval is accorded in light of the decision taken under Agenda item No. 06 in the 2nd Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held dated 11/09/2024 and Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFEWD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025.
- c)** 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. The proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments/authorities under the prevailing laws/rules of the provincial government before commencement of the project.
- d)** The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in IEE Report, explanation/clarification submitted to this Agency in response to various observations/queries raised during presentation as well as any un-anticipated impacts during the operations of the project.
- e)** The Proponent shall ensure the compliance and implementation of the National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS) for Ambient Air, Noise, Water and Gaseous Emission during construction & operational phase of the Project.
- f)** Approval from Power and Energy Department and WAPDA for metering/transmitting activities etc. shall be taken (if required).
- g)** The expired/broken solar panels shall be disposed off as per the latest technology/practices available in the market.
- h)** The municipal solid waste shall be retained within the unit boundary/premises and disposed of in an environment friendly way at a suitable disposal facility with prior permission of the concerned authority.


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ii) The proponent shall construct the Septic tanks for sanitary wastewater and retention pits for the treatment of washing wastewater/effluents.

jj) The proponent shall adopt all mitigation measures for the workers during work at height, installation of solar panels and working with electricity lines.

kk) The proponent shall install lighting arrester and lighting arrester for thunderstorms.

ll) The proponent shall construct a retention pit for the treatment of wastewater produced form the cleaning of the solar panels.

mm) Personal protective equipment shall be provided to all workers to ensure health and safety along with first aid box for emergency medical coverage.

nn) Plantation shall be carried out across the boundary of the unit as well at available open spaces inside the unit. Moreover, plantation of 1000 native fast growing, climate friendly, having a height of 05-10 feet shall be carried out.

oo) The monitoring team of this Agency shall regularly visit the Project site to check the terms and conditions of the approval and compliance of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and no hindrance shall be created to the officials of the EPA.

pp) The proponent is bound to implement any additional measures for the protection of Environment as and when suggested by EPA.

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. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information provided in the IEE report.

9. This approval is accorded only for the construction/installation 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.

10. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.

11. This Agency shall not be responsible for any issue related to the project land.

12. There shall be no legal case pending in any court against the project.

13. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, **delegated Vide letter No. EPA/050/01/93/2104-2107 dated 16/04/2025** the undersigned is pleased to approve the IEE Report for "**Installation of 2.93 MW On-Grid Solar Power Plant at Pakistan Tobacco Company (PTC), Akora Khattak Factory, District Nowshera**", for Construction Phase of the aforementioned project with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 13/08/2025

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