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Climate Change, Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department  
Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



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Dated: 05/11/2025

To

Mr. Zahid Zaman Khan,  
Proponent of Sarban Stone Crush Plant,  
Village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District Abbottabad.

**Subject: DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION REPORT OF "SARBAN CRUSH PLANT, LOCATED AT VILLAGE TARA, DHAMTAUR, TEHSIL & DISTRICT ABBOTTABAD".**

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision note on "Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of "Sarban Crush Plant, located at Village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District Abbottabad", 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 Assistant Director-IT, 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. Zahid Zaman Khan,  
Proponent of Sarban Stone Crush Plant,  
Village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District  
Abbottabad.

**2. Description of project:**

The project for which the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) conducted is "Sarban Crush Plant, located at village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District Abbottabad". The total land acquired for installation of crush plant is 05 Kanal with a total cost of 20 million PKR. The proposed project is in planning stage and no construction / developmental activities are started yet at the project site. The crush plant will have vibrators/vibrating screen, a Syndicator, Hammer Crusher, Rotor, Conveyer Belts (06 in number), Motors (ranging from 10-250 HPs) and support structure etc. The other machinery involved are loaders, jackhammer, excavator, dumpers & bulldozer etc. will also be available at the site. The project will provide the necessary construction materials for the surrounding areas. The raw material will be obtained by quarrying from the nearby mountains (mining leased area) & the total production capacity of the unit will be 15 tons/hour. For water requirement, the proponent will install / dug a bore well at the project site to meet the demand for the construction & operational activities of the crush plant and the power to the crush plant is supplied by WAPDA for which up to 100KVA transformer will be installed. The crush plant area is surrounded by barren mountains and safe distance criteria certificate is provided by concerned Industry Department which is already provided in the submitted IEE report. An Environmental Management & Monitoring Plan is prepared and will be implemented to minimize the effects of adverse impacts of the project during the construction & operational stage of the project.

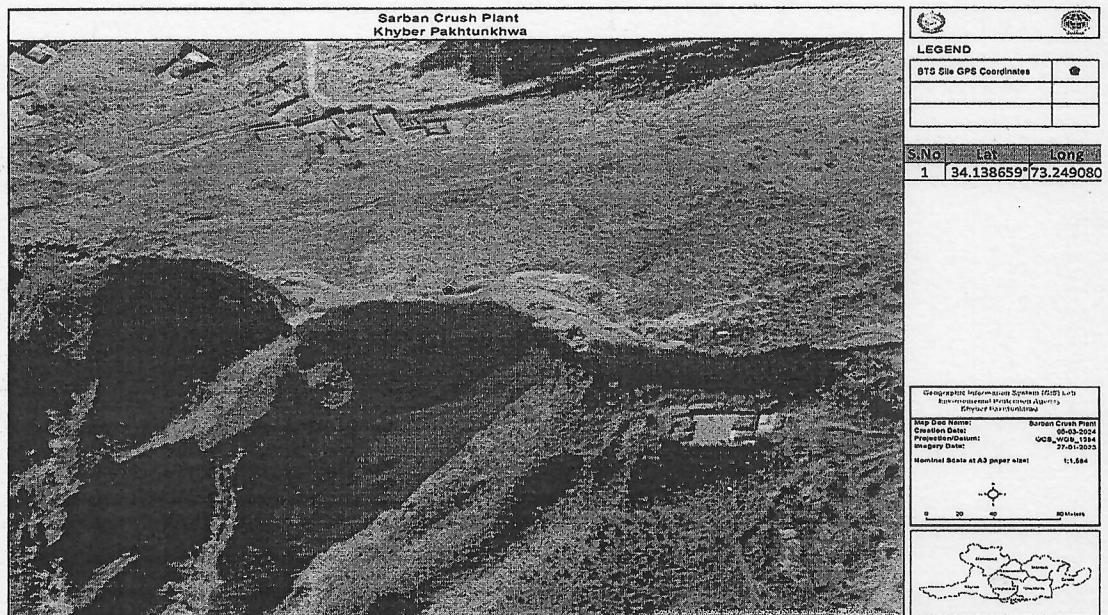
**3. Location of project:**

The proposed project is located at village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District Abbottabad.

**4. GPS Coordinates/GIS Map:**

S. No.	X	Y
1	34.138659	73.249080





**5. Date of Filing of IEE:**

02/05/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No. 1901)  
EPA Northern Directorate, Abbottabad.

6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the **“INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF SARBAN CRUSH PLANT, LOCATED AT VILLAGE TARA, DHAMTAUR, TEHSIL & DISTRICT ABBOTTABAD”**, in light of site visit conducted by an officer of EPA Northern Directorate, Abbottabad, dated 21/05/2025 & in consideration of Safe distance criteria certificate vide letter No. 91/3/16/ADI/ATD dated 17/03/2024, issued by the Assistant Director Industries/CPC, District Abbottabad, on the above-mentioned GPS Coordinates/GIS Map under the 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 the necessary NOCs/Approvals/Clearances required from other relevant departments/authorities including Mines & Mineral Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Forest Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa etc. 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 as well as any un-anticipated impacts arising during the construction and operation phase of the project to minimize any negative impacts on the soil/minerals, ground water, air and water bodies (if any).
- e) The Proponent shall ensure the compliance and implementation of the National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS) for ambient Air, Noise, Water and dust emissions during construction & operation phase of the Project.

- f) The proponent shall install state of the art/latest/advance technology Dust Control System for the control of dust emission & the proponent shall ensure maintenance of the same periodically.
- g) The proponent shall comply with the NEQS (PM<sub>10</sub>& PM<sub>2.5</sub>) within the premises of the crush plant and a bi-annual compliance report in this regard shall be submitted to this Agency during the operational stage.
- h) The proponent shall carry out water sprinkling on raw/crushed materials before and after crushing as well as in the surrounding area to minimize the dust in the vicinity. Moreover, the crushed material shall be covered with the Tarpaulin sheets.
- i) The proponent shall also install water sprinklers at the unit over the dust emitting areas or where necessary.
- j) During transportation, the crushed material shall be covered in the vehicle before leaving the crush plant.
- k) The Byproduct/Khaka shall be properly managed and it shall not be dumped / thrown in the Rainwater Nullah, Streams etc. and adjacent land instead, it shall be sold to block manufacturing units as committed in the reply submitted in response to IEE observations.
- l) Municipal solid waste shall be disposed off at designated site with the prior permission of respective authority (i.e. TMA, etc.).
- m) Staff/labor rooms and washroom must be constructed in the premises of the crush plant and soakage pits/septic tanks shall be constructed for the treatment of sanitary wastewater.
- n) Health & Safety equipment's (mask, helmet, glasses, gloves, shoes, air plugs, etc.) should be provided to the workers with the directives to use in working hours/during operation.
- o) First Aid box must be kept in the premises of Crush Plant for emergency cases.
- p) Natural drainage pattern of the area shall not be disturbed.
- q) There shall be created no hindrance / blockade at the water ways/khwar/water body (if any).
- r) Water conservation practices shall be adopted to avoid over exploitation of water resources. Moreover, the proponent shall make arrangements for rain water harvesting, as committed.
- s) The proponent shall maintain and repair the link road (if required) and road signage shall be installed.
- t) The proponent shall be liable to implement any order/judgment passed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding Safe Distance, National Environmental Quality Standards etc.
- u) The proponent shall be liable to address any complaints/issues raised by the community against the project activities.
- v) The proponent shall obtain separate Environmental Approval for mining activities as per Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
- w) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the local community.
- x) No extension would be permitted in the future in the existing project without prior approval of the EPA, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- y) This Agency reserves the right to monitor and suggest any additional mitigation measures at any stage of the project to avoid/minimize Environmental Pollution. The proponent shall be liable to implement the additional measures for the protection of Environment as and when suggested by EPA.
- z) The plantation shall be carried out as per submitted plantation plan in the IEE report (200 in numbers). Additional plantation of 300 fast growing, climate friendly and native species including fruit plant having a height of



05 to 10 feet shall be done in consultation with EPA and their sustainability shall be ensured.

7. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information provided in the environmental report.
8. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rules 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules-2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
9. The proponent shall comply with the Rule-14 (2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules-2021 and shall submit undertaking on stamp paper for the compliance of conditions mentioned in Environmental Approval.
10. This approval is accorded only for the **installation/construction** 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.
11. This approval shall be considered as withdraws, if all or any of the above conditions are violated by the proponent personally and vicariously.
12. This Agency shall not be responsible for any issue related to the project land.
13. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against 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 IEE Report of **"Sarban Crush Plant, located at Village Tara, Dhamtaur, Tehsil & District Abbottabad"**, for the **Construction Phase** of the aforementioned project with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL  
EPA, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**