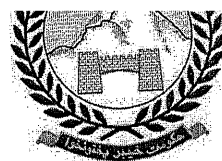


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CLIMATE CHANGE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT  
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GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



No. EPA/EIA/PlacerGold/Mining/ HEE/Block-C/Nowshera&Kohat/25/ 160-64 Date: 17/11/2025

To

Mr. Sadiq Sultan (CEO)  
Himalayan Earth Exploration Pvt.Limited,  
Chinar Building, Chinar CNG Qalandarabad,  
Mansehra Road, District Abbottabad.  
Contact# 0992-370123

Subject:

**DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
(EIA) REPORT OF PLACER GOLD MINING (BLOCK-C) BY M/S  
HIMALAYAN EARTH EXPLORATION PVT.LIMITED, AT  
DISTRICT NOWSHERA AND KOHAT.**

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith the Construction Phase 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).

  
**Deputy Director (Legal)**

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

1. Director (Center), EPA Central Directorate, Peshawar.
2. Director (South), EPA Southern Directorate, D.I Khan.
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SCHEDULE-VII  
Decision on EIA

1. Name and address of Proponent:

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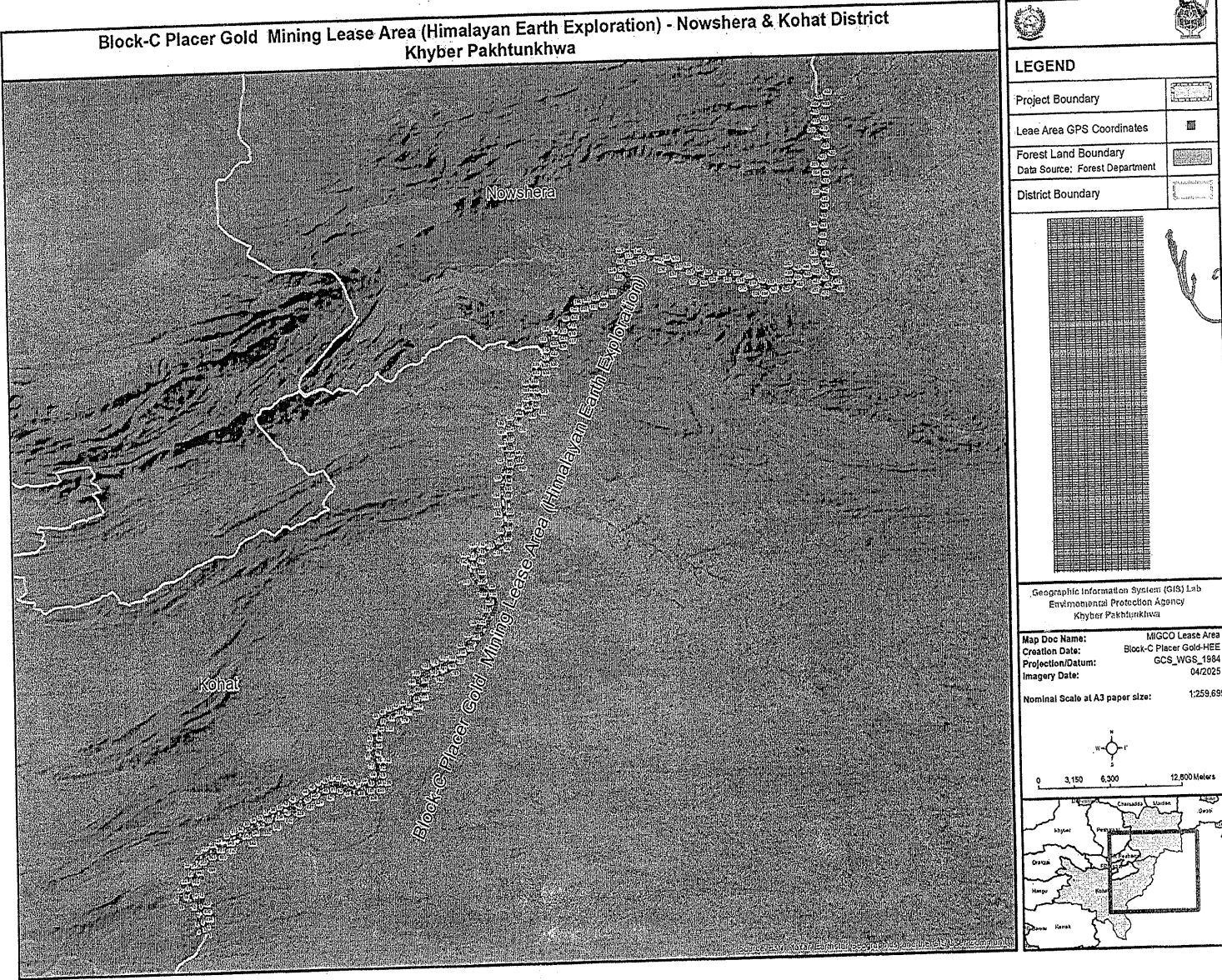
2. Description of Project:

The proposed project titled “Placer Gold Mining Project (Block C)” by M/s Himalayan Earth Exploration (Pvt.) Ltd. along the Indus River, covering an area of approximately 35 square kilometers within Districts Nowshera and Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project aims to extract placer gold and associated heavy minerals from river sediments through gravity-based beneficiation methods, including crushing, screening, washing, amalgamation (non-mercury), flotation, and magnetic separation. The total project life is ten (10) years, with an estimated investment of PKR 500 million. Mining operations will be mechanized, utilizing dredgers and washing plants of appropriate capacity. The estimated energy requirement is 200 KVA, supported by low-emission power generators. Moderate quantities of water will be required and will be recycled through a closed-loop system to minimize discharge and conserve resources.

3. Location of project

The project is located within Districts Nowshera and Kohat.

4. GIS map/GPS Coordinates:



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Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long
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## 5. Date of filing of EIA.

6. After careful review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and comments thereon, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord its **Construction Phase Environmental Approval** to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of **"Placer Gold Mining Project (Block C) by M/s Himalayan Earth Exploration (Pvt.) Ltd. at District Nowshera and Kohat"** in accordance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and the 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 under the prevailing laws/rules of the Government before the start of the project.
  - d. The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in EIA report, replies submitted against various queries of this Agency, as well as any un-anticipated impacts during the construction and operation phase of project.
  - e. Dust suppression through water sprinkling and green belt development shall be ensured during excavation and transportation activities.
  - f. Noise control shall be maintained through acoustic insulation of noisy equipment and scheduled restricted operation times to minimize nuisance to nearby communities.
  - g. All the vehicles shall be properly covered during transportation of the excavated materials.
  - h. All mine tailings, waste rocks, and overburden shall be stored at designated safe disposal sites away from flood-prone or ecologically sensitive zones.
  - i. Hazardous waste shall be managed strictly as per the Hazardous Substances Rules, 2003 and disposed of through licensed facilities.
  - j. No open burning of waste shall be carried out. Waste shall be segregated, labeled, and disposed of as per NEQS and solid waste management protocols.
  - k. All vehicles, generators and other equipment shall be properly tuned and maintained in good working condition in order to minimize emission of pollutants.
  - l. The proponent is bound to control its emissions, noise and effluents & shall not exceed the permissible limit of National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS).
  - m. Solid waste of the project shall properly be disposed of in environmentally friendly manner. The waste shall not be disposed of or burnt openly.
  - n. The proponent shall ensure that the proposed activity does not encroach upon any designated forest area or any other sensitive receptors.
  - o. All mining equipment and vehicles shall be kept in good mechanical order and will be tuned-up regularly to maximize efficiencies and minimize fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.
  - p. Wildlife protection measures must be in place. No hunting, trapping, or trading of wildlife shall be permitted in the project area.
  - q. Any change in project location, design, scope, production capacity, or technology shall be communicated to EPA-KP and shall require prior approval.
  - r. The proponent shall implement the full Environmental Management Plan (EMP) as presented in the EIA report, and all mitigation measures must be followed and adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
  - s. Monitoring should be conducted as per NEQS and reports should be submitted to EPA.
  - t. Dredge ponds shall be isolated from the River by an embankment that prevents mixing of these waters as well as dredge and sediment ponds shall be maintained as a zero discharge, closed circuit system.
  - u. Sediment barriers and silt traps must be installed to prevent erosion and turbidity in adjacent waterbodies. Furthermore, the mining activity shall not damage the ecosystem.
  - v. Surface water abstraction must be sustainable and based on a permit from the Irrigation Department.
  - w. The proponent shall not discharge untreated waste water into the surface water body. All the effluents shall be properly treated to achieve NEQS compliance before final discharge.

- x. The proponent shall ensure the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities implementation. A periodic implementation report shall be submitted to this Agency.
- y. Mining shall be done in such a way as not to disturb the natural flow of the river/watershed and water requirement of the lower riparian of the area.
- z. Proper mitigation measures shall be adopted to ensure the natural flow of the watershed/seasonal river and water requirement of the lower riparian in the mining leased area.
- aa. Sign Boards shall be installed at the proper site having precautions/instructions for the workers/visitors. Existing Right of Way (RoW) shall not be disturbed.
- bb. The use, storage or possession of mercury within the leased area is strictly prohibited under all circumstances. Mercury shall not be used for gold extraction or for any other process associated with the project.
- cc. The Gold Room shall be located at a minimum distance of 500 meters from the any nearest water body, designed for zero effluent discharge and operated strictly as per the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC) standards to prevent risk of contamination.
- dd. All cyanide handling, storage, and processing must conform to the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC) standards.
- ee. Any leakage, spill, or exceedance of NEQS shall result in immediate suspension of operations and mandatory third-party environmental audit at the proponent's cost.
- ff. The proponent shall conduct a study on potential release of naturally occurring heavy metals (e.g arsenic, lead, cadmium etc) due to sediment disturbance during mining and excavation along with ecological assessment study including flora and fauna and shall be submitted prior to commencement of activities. Failure to provide these reports shall result in withholding of operational clearance.
- gg. As submitted on the Affidavit, the proponent shall be responsible for the use of mercury in the leased area.
- hh. The proponent shall be responsible for both legal and illegal mining activities within the leased area.
- ii. Plantation shall be carried out as per the submitted plan and in addition to that annual 2000 trees shall be planted and raised within the ambit of 1 km area of the project site.
- jj. The proponent must establish an on-site clinic/first aid facility, provide clean drinking water, and ensure health safety for all workers.
- kk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be provided to all employees, including gloves, masks, safety boots, earplugs, and helmets. Health and safety training must be conducted quarterly for all workers. All workers shall be insured for accident, injury, and life.
- ll. Risk Management and Emergency Response Plans (ERP) addressing potential accidents, chemical spills and natural hazards must be developed and periodically updated for spills, floods, landslides, and accidents.
- mm. The proponent shall ensure that all excavated areas are backfilled with tailings and overburden material in properly compacted layers so as to prevent ground subsidence.
- nn. In case original topsoil is removed, the same shall be stockpiled separately and subsequently reapplied over restored areas to reclaim and maintain soil fertility.
- oo. If natural drainage channels are altered or disturbed during mining or allied operations, the proponent shall reconstruct and stabilize the same to maintain natural flow regimes and prevent waterlogging and erosion.
- pp. Should soil degradation occur as a result of project activities, the proponent shall apply organic manure or compost in affected areas to enhance soil structure and productivity.
- qq. In case of vegetation clearance, the proponent shall undertake compensatory plantation of indigenous trees, shrubs, and grasses suited to the local ecological and climatic conditions.
- rr. Where bare or unstable surfaces are created, fast-growing pioneer species shall be planted immediately to stabilize the soil and establish canopy cover.
- ss. Upon completion of initial stabilization works, fruit-bearing and fodder species shall be introduced progressively to promote ecological restoration and support local community livelihoods.
- tt. Where project operations are situated in proximity to water bodies or access roads, the proponent shall establish green belts and buffer zones to serve as natural barriers against dust dispersion, noise, and surface runoff.
- uu. The proponent shall coordinate with Labour Department to ensure compliance with labour welfare laws, workforce trainings and occupational safety standards. All the labour related issues including disputes, grievances and workplace safety violation shall be promptly addressed in consultation with the said Department and reported to this Agency.



- vv. In case tailings are generated during the course of mineral processing, their storage and management shall be carried out in a manner that prevents contamination of surface and groundwater resources, strictly adhering to the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS).
- ww. During site restoration, all rehabilitated pits shall be properly leveled, graded, and compacted to preclude the formation of depressions or stagnant water bodies, thereby eliminating potential public health and vector-breeding risks.
- xx. Grievance redress mechanisms must be in place for the local community, including a complaints register, contact hotline, and a community liaison officer.
- yy. The company shall constitute local committees for surface rent, CSR, resettlement, and other issues, and share the details with this Agency.
- zz. All the issues regarding land acquisition (if any) and surface rent shall be settled prior to the commencement of excavation work on priority basis.
- aaa. Preference shall be given to local communities in employment and training opportunity. Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the locals. Details of the same shall be shared with this Agency.
- bbb. Quarterly Environmental Compliance Reports shall be submitted to this Agency including: Monitoring reports (air, water, soil, noise), Waste generation and disposal logs, Community consultation updates, CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives.
- ccc. The company shall conduct quarterly soil and water quality testing in the presence of EPA laboratory representatives.
- ddd. The management shall be bound to adopt any additional mitigation measures suggested by EPA from time to time during construction & operation of the project activities.
- eee. The proponent shall bear sole civil and criminal responsibility for any direct or indirect environmental damage, contamination, accident, or illegal mining activity occurring within or adjacent to the leased area during or after project operations.
- fff. If at any stage, the data, commitments, or documents submitted by the proponent or its consultant are found to be false, misleading, or incomplete, this Environmental Approval shall automatically stand revoked without prior notice, and legal action may be initiated under Sections 17(2) and 24 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- ggg. The affidavit submitted by the proponent holding itself responsible for legal and illegal mining within the lease area shall be treated as a legally binding instrument enforceable under the law. Any breach or negligence in controlling illegal activities within the lease shall be deemed a violation of the KP Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- hhh. The proponent shall indemnify and hold harmless this Agency, and its officers from any claims, losses, damages, or litigation arising out of project activities, accidents, or environmental contamination.
- iii. This approval is non-transferable. Any change in project ownership, management, or lease transfer shall automatically suspend the approval until revalidation by EPA upon submission of updated documents and compliance record.
- jjj. In case of any environmental damage resulting from floods, landslides, or natural disasters, the proponent shall immediately implement restoration and compensation measures at its own cost, and report to this Agency immediately.
- kkk. EPA reserves the right to conduct surprise inspections, compliance audits, or environmental sampling at any time without prior notice. The cost of third-party monitoring or analytical verification, if deemed necessary, shall be borne by the proponent.
- lll. Any violation of these terms, non-compliance with quarterly monitoring requirements, or failure to control illegal mining within the lease area shall render this approval null and void and shall trigger enforcement action under Sections 17 and 18 of the KP EPA Act, 2014.
- mmm. The proponent shall remain responsible for environmental degradation or contamination discovered within and after closure or abandonment of the project, if such impacts are proven to be linked to its operations.
- nnn. The proponent shall ensure continuous coordination with local administration, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Wildlife Departments. Any interdepartmental dispute, encroachment issue, or local grievance unresolved within 30 days shall trigger EPA's intervention, and cost of resolution shall be borne by the proponent.
- ooo. EPA shall not be held liable for any environmental, social, or economic losses resulting from the project activities.

7. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
8. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rule 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 & 21 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
9. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
10. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
11. This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.
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** for Construction Phase Environmental Approval of **"Placer Gold Mining Project by M/s Himalayan Earth Exploration Private Limited (Block C), District Nowshera and Kohat"** with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

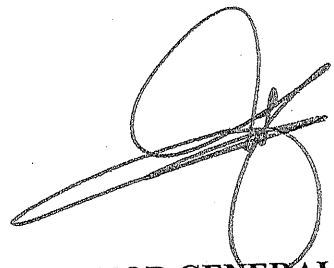
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