



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



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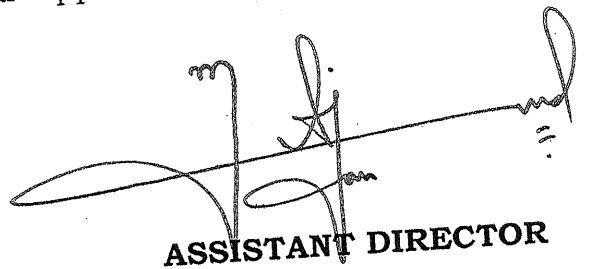
Mr. Sohail Khan Jadoon,
Proponent/Owner of Limestone Mining Site,
Address: located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad.

Subject:

**DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
REPORT OF "PROPOSED QUARRY SITE FOR COMMERCIAL
EXTRACTION OF LIMESTONE HAVING LEASE AREA OF 99.873
ACRES FOR LEASE ALLOTMENT NO. MDW/AD/PL-LIMESTONE
(330)/2017 BY MR. SOHAIL KHAN LOCATED NEAR VILLAGE
RAWALKOT, DISTRICT ABBOTTABAD".**

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision note on "Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of "Proposed Quarry Site for Commercial Extraction of Limestone having Lease Area of 99.873 Acres for Lease Allotment No. MDW/AD/PL-Limestone (330)/2017 by Mr. Sohail Khan located near Village Rawalkot, 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. Sohail Khan Jadoon,
Proponent/Owner of Limestone Mining Site,
Address: located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad.
2.

Description of Project:

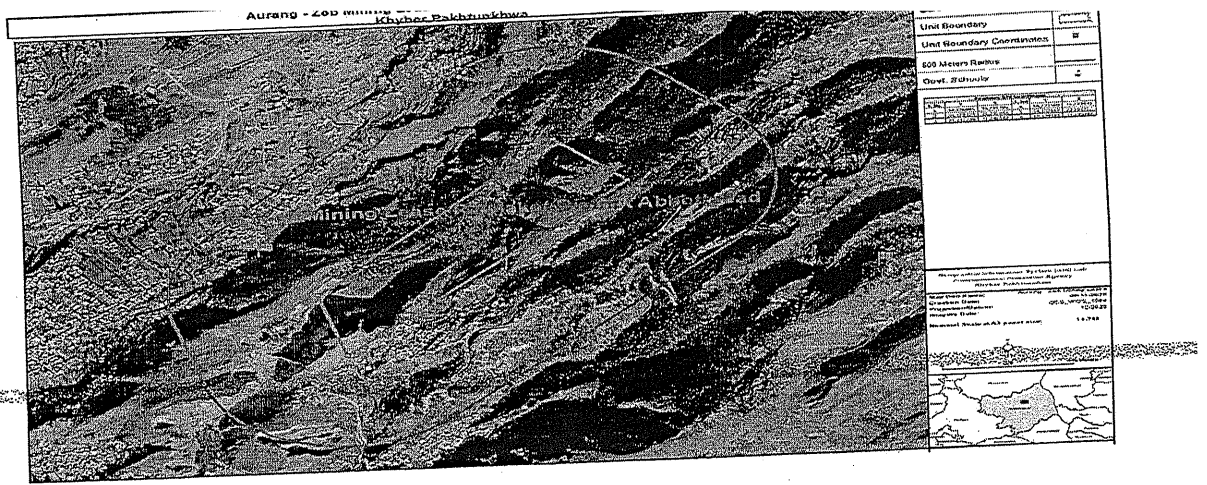
The proposed project for which the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) conducted is a "Proposed Quarry Site for Commercial Extraction of Limestone having Lease Area of 99.873 Acres for Lease Allotment No. MDW/AD/PL-Limestone (330)/2017 by Mr. Sohail Khan located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad". The total lease area of the project is around 99.873 Acres with an estimated cost of 60 million PKR. The objective of the project is to provide limestone for local construction / development / industrial sector, to cause minimum visual damage to the local environment & to maximize human welfare. The proposed limestone quarrying will be undertaken over an area of 99.873 acres within the allotted mining leased area allotted by Mines & Mineral Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The primary mining method will be open-pit quarrying, employing mechanical excavation for efficient & controlled removal of limestone. Heavy machinery, such as hydraulic excavators, wheel loaders and bulldozers will be used for overburden removal and mineral extraction while the project involved no blasting. An Environmental Management & Monitoring Plan is prepared and will be implemented to minimize the effects of adverse impacts of the project during the operational stage of the project.
3.

Location of Project:

The project site is located located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad.

4. **GPS Coordinates & Map:**

Boundary GPS Coordinates					
S. No.	Y	X	S. No.	Y	X
1	34.176945	73.292795	4	34.173509	73.282942
2	34.169154	73.281941	5	34.173619	73.282767
3	34.172239	73.281082	6	34.179188	73.290282



5. **Date of Filing of IEE:** 18/08/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No.1600)
EPA Head Quarter, Peshawar.
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 Proposed Quarry Site for Commercial Extraction of Limestone having Lease Area of 99.873 Acres for Lease Allotment No. MDW/AD/PL-Limestone (330)/2017 by Mr. Sohail Khan located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad”** in light of field visit conducted by the monitoring team of EPA Northern Directorate, Abbottabad dated 01/11/2025 & in consideration of mining lease allotted by Mines & Mineral Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide No. 321/MDW/AD/PL-Limestone (330)/2017 dated 12/02/2020, 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:
- This approval is accorded under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
 - 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.
 - 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 under the prevailing laws/rules of the provincial government before commencement of the project activities.
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - The proponent shall provide the copy of this approval and IEE report to the contractor for information and compliance.
 - The traffic management plan shall be developed and implemented during the material transportation.

- h) The proponent shall not disturb/damage the existing roads. damage the proponent is liable for repair of the same.
- i) The proponent shall not carryout blasting for mining.
- j) The excavation/extraction site shall be at a safe distance from human settlement or as per criteria of the concerned departments/authorities.
- k) The proponent shall make contracts/agreements with the local people regarding the use of their land/leased area for project activities and make compensations prior to commencement of the project as per available/existing law & rules. The details of the same shall be shared with Environmental Protection Agency.
- l) The proponent in consultation with the local people & concerned authorities shall specify the surface rent for the mining leased area and make proper agreements accordingly.
- m) The proponent shall constitute a complaint redressal committee to address the complaints/issues of the local community.
- n) The proponent shall develop a comprehensive water management plan to prevent contamination of the nearby rain water bodies / channel(s), if any.
- o) The proponent shall implement soil erosion control measures such as silt fences, vegetation cover, and berms to prevent soil degradation during the excavation/extraction of material. Moreover, sufficient arrangements shall be made by the proponent by constructing barriers while conducting mining activities in order to avoid erosion / rolling of large stones.
- p) The solid waste generated from the mining activity as stones, mines residues etc, shall be utilized in restoration of the quarry area While the municipal solid waste shall be properly disposed off in consultation with concerned authorities.
- q) The proponent shall adopt dust suppression techniques to reduce airborne dust during excavation especially during windy conditions.
- r) All the material transportation vehicles shall be properly covered to avoid dust/air pollution.
- s) The raw material obtained from the lease shall be used only for crush plant which is legally approved by the EPA under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act-2014 and rules made thereunder.
- t) The proponent shall conduct timely maintenance of all the machinery/equipment/vehicles involved in the project to avoid generation of Air pollution/Water pollution/Noise pollution/Soil contamination (if any).
- u) The proponent shall be bound to carry out extraction/excavation of raw material in patches. After completion of work at each patch the proponent is bound to restore the same and a compliance report in this regard shall be submitted to this Agency.
- v) The proponent is bound for water sprinkling with the help of Water Bowser on all the paved & unpaved roads used for transportation. For the same purpose only water stored through rain water harvesting and treated effluent/wastewater shall be used as per required SOPs.
- w) The proponent shall develop and implement site restoration and rehabilitation plan according to the site conditions. The area used for mining shall be leveled properly & shall be re-used for plantation purpose or for other Environment friendly activity i.e., Agriculture, Fruit Orchard etc. subject to the feasibility, in order to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the area.
- x) The mining site/excavation area shall properly demarcated & fenced before commencement of work/project activities and safety sign boards in this regard

shall be installed for awareness of public at the project site and necessary.

- y) The proponent shall ensure the implementation of health and safety measures for the protection of workers including provision of Personal Protective Equipment.
 - z) First aid measures/medical facility shall be provided to the project employees.
 - aa) A comprehensive tree plantation plan shall be carried out & implemented in consultation with EPA.
 - bb) Non-technical jobs must be provided to the local community.
 - cc) No extension should be permitted in the future in the existing project without prior approval of the EPA/Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
 - dd) 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.
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 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
 9. 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.
 10. This approval shall be considered as withdraws, if all or any of the above conditions are violated by the proponent personally and vicariously.
 11. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
 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 **Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of Proposed Quarry Site for Commercial Extraction of Limestone having Lease Area of 99.873 Acres for Lease Allotment No. MDW/AD/PL-Limestone (330)/2017 by Mr. Sohail Khan located near Village Rawalkot, District Abbottabad** for the **Construction Phase** of the project with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 18/11/2025

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL
EPA, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**