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



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To

Mr. Qadir Mahmud s/o Laqa Mahmud,
Proponent/Owner/CEO of M/S Gibbs Industries Limited, located at
Plot No. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject: DECISION ON GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (GEA)
REPORT FOR "M/S GIBS INDUSTRIES LIMITED, LOCATED AT
PLOT NO. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HATTAR,
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA".

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith
Environmental Approval/Decision note on "General Environmental Assessment
(GEA) Report of "M/S Gibbs Industries Limited, located at Plot No. 33, 54, 55,
57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa", 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 GEA 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-IX
Decision on GEA

1. Name & address of proponent:

Mr. Qadir Mahmud s/o Laqa Mahmud, Proponent/Owner/CEO of M/S Gibbs Industries Limited, located at Plot No. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

2. Description of project:

The project for which the General Environmental Assessment (GEA) conducted is "M/S Gibbs Industries Limited, located at Plot No. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa". The subject project involves the manufacturing of Sugar confectionery products by Gibbs Industries Limited. The total cost of the project is 10 billion with the production capacity of 5000 cartons/day. Total area for the subject project is 12.78 acres. The Objective of the project is to establish a Sugar Confectionery products manufacturing business by Gibbs Industries Limited, contributing to the national economy through industrial growth and providing employment opportunities for local and skilled personnel. The manufacturing process at the Sugar Confectionery Unit follows a controlled and mechanized sequence to ensure uniform quality. The process will include; Raw Material Preparation: High-quality ingredients such as liquid glucose, sugar, fats, and food-grade additives are measured and prepared according to product formulation. Mixing: The prepared ingredients are blended in mixers to achieve a uniform mixture with consistent texture and taste. Cooking: The mixture is heated and cooked at controlled temperatures to achieve the required viscosity and flavor base for confectionery products. Forming Moulding: The cooked mass is molded, extruded, or deposited into desired shapes such as candies, toffees, jellies, or chocolates using automated forming machines. Cooling: The shaped products are cooled in temperature-controlled cooling tunnels to solidify and stabilize their structure. Cutting and Finishing: Products are cut to standard sizes and undergo quality inspection for shape, texture, and taste consistency. Packaging: The finished confectionery is packed in moisture-resistant, food-grade

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wrappers to ensure hygiene and freshness. Storage and Distribution: Packed products are stored in clean, dry storage areas and then distributed to the market through established supply chains. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) 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 Plot No. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

4. GPS Coordinates/GIS Map:

S. No.	Latitude	Longitude
1	33.898508	72.865255
2	33.897573	72.860899
3	33.900334	72.859955
4	33.900806	72.862251
5	33.899061	72.862852
6	33.899345	72.864890

5. Date of Filing of GEA:

05/11/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No. 784)
EPA Head Office, Peshawar.

6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the "GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (GEA) REPORT FOR M/S GIBS INDUSTRIES LIMITED, LOCATED AT PLOT NO. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HATTAR, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA", on the above-mentioned GPS Coordinates/GIS Map under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Rule 05- of 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 the necessary NOCs/Approvals/Clearances 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 recommended in the GEA 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, ground water, air and water bodies (if any). The proponent shall carry out implementation of the submitted EMP.

e) The Proponent shall ensure the compliance of the National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS) for ambient Air, Noise, Water and Gaseous/Air emissions during the construction & operation phase of the Project.

f) The proponent is bound to install emission control devices (electrostatic precipitator or fabric filters or scrubbers or any updated technology to control particulate matter and gas emissions).

g) The proponent shall use clean energy (consider using renewable energy sources like solar or wind power to reduce dependence on fossil fuels).

h) The proponent shall make arrangements for the implementation of waste heat recovery (recover waste heat from ovens and use it for heating water or air).

i) Water conservation practices shall be adopted to avoid over exploitation of water resources, implement water conservation strategy i.e., implement water-saving measures, install low-flow valves, faucets, and toilets to reduce water consumption, use water-efficient equipment i.e., cleaning systems and boilers. The waste water of unit shall be treated in treatment plant before its final disposal, implement rainwater harvesting (collect and store rainwater for non-potable purposes like cleaning and flushing toilets) etc.

j) The proponent shall implement waste segregation (segregate waste into recyclable, compostable, and non-recyclable categories, recycle packaging materials (recycle packaging materials like cardboard, plastic, and glass etc.).

k) For the control of Noise Pollution, the proponent shall implement noise reduction measures (soundproofing, acoustic panels, and noise barriers etc.), use noise-reducing equipment (silencers and mufflers etc.).

l) The proponent shall make arrangements for the protection of soil and groundwater resources, i.e., implement spill prevention and control measures (spill containment systems and emergency response plans etc.), use environmentally friendly cleaning agents that do not contaminate soil and groundwater.

m) The proponent shall be liable for the Environmental Monitoring (conduct regular environmental monitoring to track air and water quality, noise levels, and waste management), maintain environmental records to track progress and identify areas for improvement.

n) The proponent shall take sufficient mitigation to avoid any Environmental Degradation/Pollution (Air, Noise, Water, Soil, Gaseous Emissions etc.)

o) The proponent shall restore/rehabilitate the area affected by the construction activities.

p) Solid waste/Debris/Excavated material shall be reused at the project site. If required disposal, then, it shall be disposed of at designated site with the prior permission of concerned authority.

q) The proponent shall construct Septic tanks for the treatment of sanitary wastewater & no wastewater without treatment shall be released to the environment.

r) Health & Safety equipment's shall be provided to the workers with the directives to use in working hours. Moreover, First Aid box facility must be kept within the premises of the unit for emergency cases.

s) The plantation shall be carried out as per submitted plantation plan in the GEA report. Additional plantation of 500 fast growing, climate friendly

and native species including fruit plant having a height of 05 to 10 feet shall be done around the boundary wall, available open spaces inside the unit & in the surrounding of the unit or in consultation with EPA and their sustainability shall be ensured.

- t) The proponent shall be liable to address concerns/complaints highlighted by the local community/neighborhood.
- u) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the local community.
- v) The proponent shall be liable to adopt all the applicable conditions mentioned in the GEA Guidelines for Biscuit Factories 2025, in true letter and spirit.
- w) 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 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 GEA Report for "**M/S Gibbs Industries Limited, located at Plot No. 33, 54, 55, 57 & 58, Industrial Estate Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**" provisionally for the **Construction Phase** of the project with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 13-01-2026

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