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



No. EPA/HQ/IEE/Letters/ 947-49

Dated: 12/01 /2026

To

Mr. Muneer Ahmed Jadoon s/o Ghulam Nabi Khan,
Proponent/Owner of Limestone Mining Site,
Address: Ghumanwa, Po Nawanshehr, Kakul, Tehsil & District
Abbottabad.

Subject: **DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
REPORT OF "MINING OF LIMESTONE OVER AN AREA OF
99.99 ACRES NEAR VILLAGE GHUMANWA/THANDIYANI
ROAD, DISTRICT ABBOTTABAD".**

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith
Environmental Approval/Decision note on "Initial Environmental Examination
(IEE) Report of **"Mining of Limestone Over an Area of 99.99 Acres Near
Village Ghumanwa/Thandiyani Road, 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

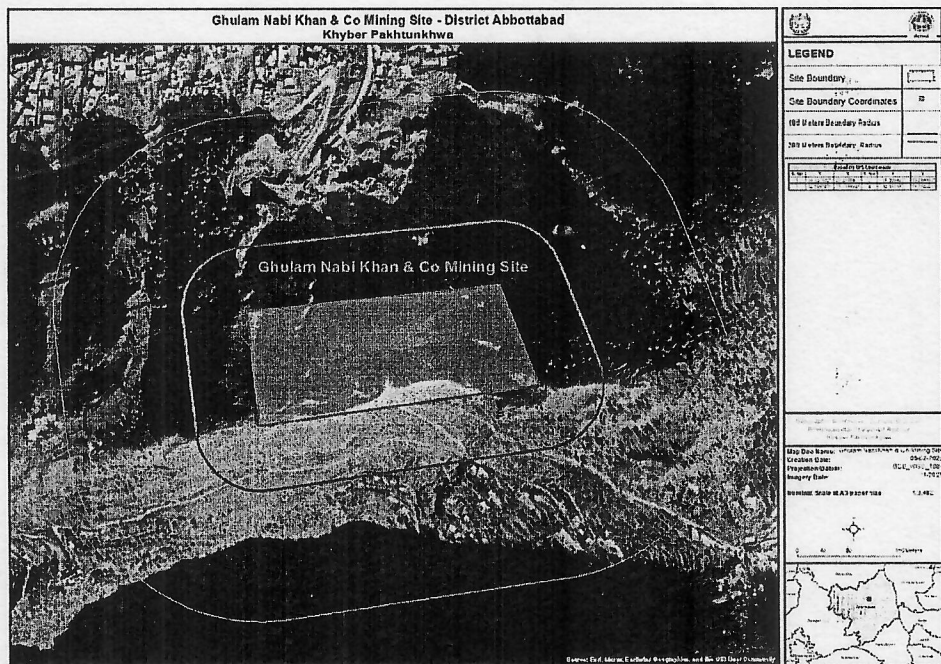
Copy for information to:

- 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. Muneer Ahmed Jadoon s/o Ghulam Nabi Khan.
Proponent/Owner of Limestone Mining Site,
Address: Ghumanwa, Po Nawanshehr, Kakul,
Tehsil & District Abbottabad.
2. **Description of Project:** The proposed project for which the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) conducted is a "Mining of Limestone Over an Area of 99.99 Acres Near Village Ghumanwa/Thandiyani Road, District Abbottabad". The total lease area of the project is around 99.99 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 99.99 acres within the allotted mining leased area allotted by Mines & Mineral Department; Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide No. 1981/MDW/AD/ML-(2)/1984 dated 19/02/2018 . 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 at village Ghumanwa, Thandiyani Road, District Abbottabad.
4. **GPS Coordinates & Map:**

Boundary GPS Coordinates					
S. No	Y	X	S. No	Y	X
1	34.157615°	73.279882°	3	34.159417°	73.284082°
2	34.159247°	73.279824°	4	34.157987°	73.284641°



5. **Date of Filing of IEE:** **05/12/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No. 520)**
EPA Head Quarter, Peshawar.

6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the **“Mining of Limestone Over an Area of 99.99 Acres Near Village Ghumanwa/Thandiyani Road, District Abbottabad”**, in consideration of mining lease allotted by Mines & Mineral Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide No. 1981/MDW/AD/ML-(2)/1984 dated 19/02/2018, lease granted to M/s Haji Ghulam Nabi Khan & Co., 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 under the prevailing laws/rules of the provincial government before commencement of the project activities.
 - 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 provide the copy of this approval and IEE report to the contractor for information and compliance.
- g) The proponent shall extract the raw material only through mechanical means like Jack hammer, mechanical drill excavator, shovel etc and **Blasting shall not be carried out at any cost.** Moreover, the proponent shall submit a duly attested affidavit regarding the same on stamp paper.
- h) The quarry/extraction site shall be at a safe distance from human settlement or as per criteria of the concerned departments/authorities.
- i) The proponent shall install & operate 02. No of Mist Guns to spray water mist in the air in order to minimize the suspended dust particles in the air.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) 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.
- m) 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.
- n) The proponent shall constitute a complaint redressal committee to address the complaints/issues of the local community.
- o) The proponent shall develop a comprehensive water management plan to prevent contamination of the nearby rain water bodies/channel(s), if any.
- 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) All the material transportation vehicles shall be properly covered to avoid dust/air pollution.
- r) The raw material obtained from the lease shall be used only for the crush plant(s) which is already approved by the EPA under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act-2014 and rules made thereunder.

- s) 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).
- t) 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.
- u) The proponent shall submit detail of all vehicles/mechanical equipment/tools which is used for the mining.
- v) The details of local roads which will be used for the transportation of material shall be provided before commencement of the project activities. The proponent shall not disturb/damage the existing roads. In case of any damage the proponent is liable for repair of the same.
- w) The traffic management plan shall be developed and implemented during the material transportation.
- x) 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.
- y) 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 as well as where necessary.
- z) The proponent shall ensure the implementation of health and safety measures for the protection of workers including provision of Personal Protective Equipment.
- aa) HSE officer/Mine safety Officer shall be hired for the safety of workers and surrounding and details/personal profile shall be submitted to EPA, while, non-technical jobs must be provided to the local community.
- bb) First aid measures/medical facility shall be provided to the project employees.
- cc) A comprehensive tree plantation plan shall be carried out & implemented in consultation with EPA.
- dd) No extension should be permitted in the future in the existing project without prior approval of the EPA/Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- ee) 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, 20 and 21 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
9. The proponent shall obtain renewal of the operational approval every 03 years under Rule-15(4) of 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 **"Mining of Limestone Over an Area of 99.99 Acres Near Village Ghumanwa/Thandiyani Road, District Abbottabad"**, with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 12-01-26

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL
EPA, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**