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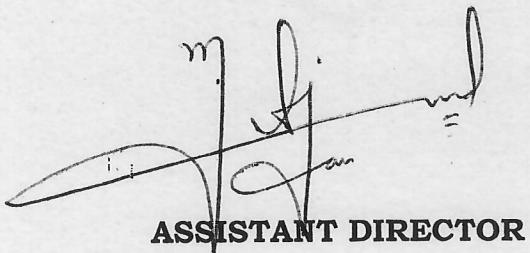
To

Mr. Farman Ali & Muhammad Alam,
Proponent/Owner of M/S New Swat Marble & Chips Factory,
Takhtaband, District Swat.

**Subject: DECISION ON GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (GEA)
REPORT FOR "M/S NEW SWAT MARBLE & CHIPS FACTORY
LOCATED AT TAKHTABAND, DISTRICT SWAT".**

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision note on "General Environmental Assessment (GEA) Report of "M/S New Swat Marble & Chips Factory Located at Takhtaband, District Swat", 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.

Decision on GEA

1. Name & address of proponent: Mr. Farman Ali & Muhammad Alam, Proponent/Owner of M/S New Swat Marble & Chips Factory, Takhtaband, District Swat.

2. Description of project: The project for which the General Environmental Assessment (GEA) conducted is "M/S New Swat Marble & Chips Factory located at Takhtaband, District Swat". The total area of the project is around 02 kanals with an estimated cost of 30 million PKR. The unit is already constructed & is in operational phase.

3. Location of project: The project is located at Takhtaband, District Swat.

4. GPS Coordinates/GIS Map:

Site	Latitude	Longitude
1	34.768441	72.312445

5. Date of Filing of GEA: 22/12/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No.881)
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 OF M/S NEW SWAT MARBLE & CHIPS FACTORY LOCATED AT TAKHTABAND, DISTRICT SWAT**", on the above-mentioned GPS Coordinates 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 departments 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 GEA Report as well as any un-anticipated impacts arising during the operation phase of the project to minimize any negative impacts on the soil, ground water, air and water bodies (if any).
- e)** The Proponent shall ensure the compliance of the National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS) for ambient Air, Noise, Water and Gaseous emission during the operation phase of the Project.
- f)** The proponent shall construct settling tanks as per capacity or production of the unit and the wastewater shall be re-used/recycled through recycling pumps & no wastewater without treatment shall be released to the environment.
- g)** A separate space/area shall be allocated inside the unit for the collection of marble slurry in such a manner that it may not disturb/pollute the Environment.

h) The proponent may install sound barriers / sound proofing at the project area in order to minimize the level of noise.

i) The marble slurry may be disposed of at designated dumping site with the prior permission of the concerned authorities (i.e., TMA etc.) or may arrange settings for its safe disposal in environment friendly manner.

j) Personal Protective Equipment's / Health & Safety Equipment's (mask, helmet, glasses, gloves, shoes, air plugs, etc.) shall be provided to all workers to ensure health and safety with the directives to use in working hours along with first aid box for emergency medical coverage.

k) Natural drainage pattern/sewerage line of the area shall not be disturbed. Moreover, the proponent may carry out cleaning of the sewerage line once in a week in order to maintain normal flow at the sewerage line.

l) The proponent shall be liable to address any complaints/issues raised by the community against the project activities.

m) The proponent shall be liable to adopt all the applicable conditions mentioned in the GEA Guidelines for Marble Units 2025, in true letter and spirit.

n) 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.

o) The proponent shall be liable to implement any decision made by the govt. regarding marble factories.

p) Plantation shall be carried out inside the unit in available open spaces (subject to the availability of space).

7. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rules 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 24 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 regarding conditions of approval, confirmation of compliance, validity period of Approval, entry, inspections & monitoring.

8. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information provided in the GEA report.

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 GEA Report of "**General Environmental Assessment (GEA) Report of M/S New Swat Marble & Chips Factory Located at Takhtaband, District Swat**" with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 07/01/2026

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL
EPA, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

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