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GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



NO.EPA/EIA/Mining-Lease/Pioneer-Cement/Karak/26/69-72 Date: 12/02/2026

To

Pioneer Cement Limited,  
(Mining activity of limestone at Village Teri, Tehsil Banda Daud Shah, for the Pioneer Cement Plant)  
64-B1, Gulberg-III, Lahore.

Subject: **DECISION ON THE EIA REPORT OF MINING ACTIVITY OF LIMESTONE AT VILLAGE TERI, TEHSIL BANDA DAUD SHAH, DISTRICT KARAK, FOR THE PIONEER CEMENT PLANT.**

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 (CC)

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

- Director (South), EPA Southern Directorate, D.I Khan.
- GIS Specialist/AD IT, EPA, HQ, Peshawar.
- P.A to the Director General, EPA KP.

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**1. Name, address of proponent:** Pioneer Cement Limited,  
(Mining activity of limestone at Village Teri,  
Tehsil Banda Daud Shah, for the Cement  
Plant of Pioneer Cement Plant)  
64-B1, Gulberg-III, Lahore.

**2. Description of project.** The proposed project involves open-pit limestone mining over an approximate lease area of 9,000 acres near Village Teri, Tehsil Banda Daud Shah. The site was selected due to sufficient limestone reserves, limited vegetation, adequate area for quarry development, and absence of nearby residential settlements. The project is subject to obtaining all required NOCs and Environmental Approval prior to commencement of operations. Mining will be conducted through conventional drilling and controlled blasting. Crawler-mounted hydraulic drill rigs will create blast holes, followed by the use of regulated explosives including ANFO, slurry explosives, and gelatin-based boosters in accordance with explosives regulations. Controlled blasting practices such as deck charging and proper stemming will be adopted to minimize fly rock, ground vibration, and noise. Extracted limestone will be loaded, stacked, and transported via designated haul roads. The quarry will be developed in phases through systematic benching. Four benches are proposed, with a maximum height of 10-15 meters, bench lengths of 150-200 meters, controlled slopes, and proper floor gradients to ensure safety and stability. Approach ramps and link roads will provide access to each bench, and essential infrastructure including crushing facilities and an explosive magazine will be established during initial development. Upon completion of mining, a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan will be implemented. This will include removal of machinery and stockpiles, safe management of fuels and hazardous materials, environmental monitoring of air and groundwater, land recontouring, and revegetation using native species. At least 5,000 trees will be planted within the lease area to support site restoration and long-term stabilization.

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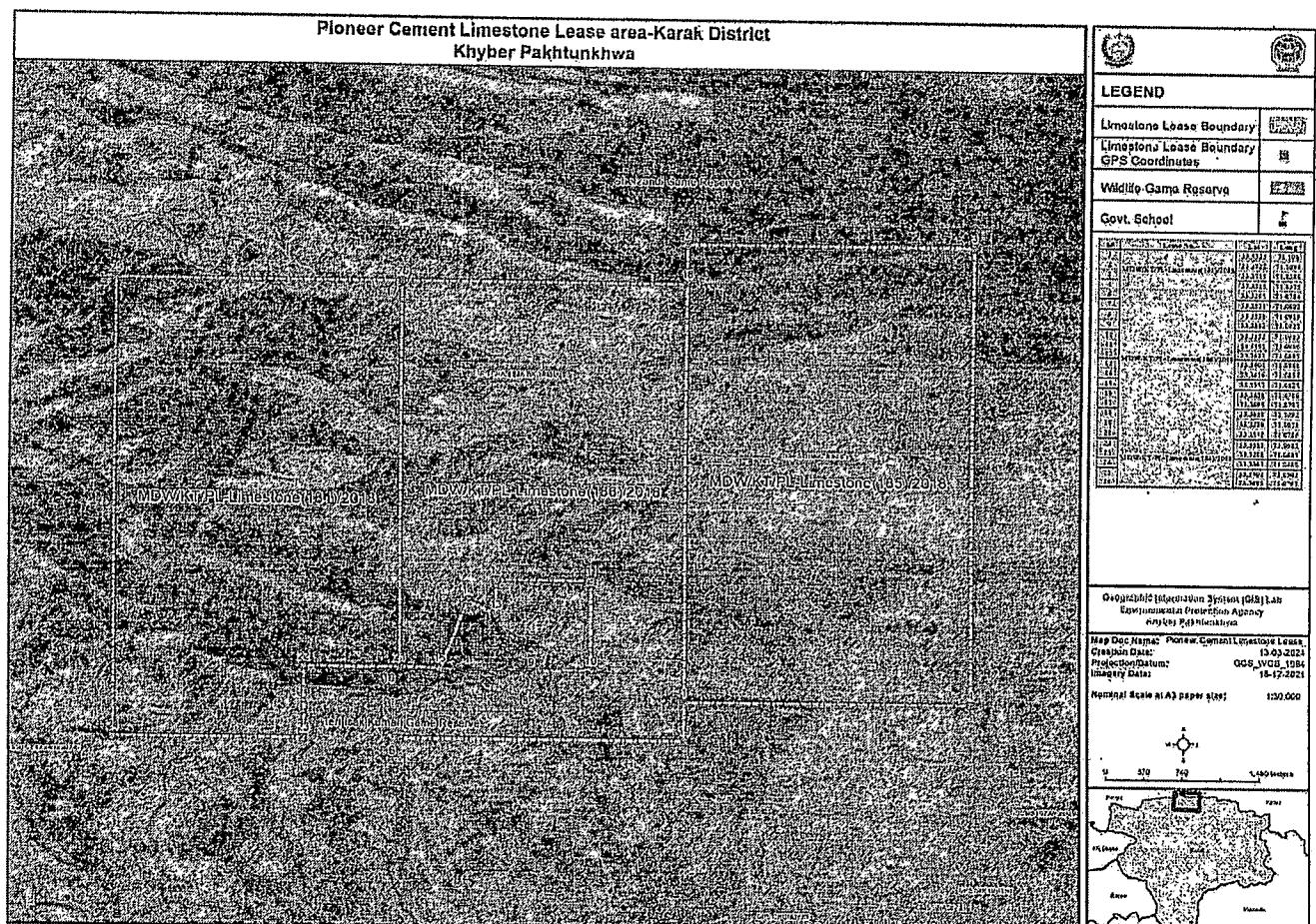
**3. Location of project.** Village Teri, Tehsil Banda Daud Shah, District Karak.

**4. Date of filing of EIA.** 19/01/2024 (Diary No: 258)

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**5.GPS Coordinates and Map.**

S#	Lease No.	Lat	Long
1		33.3323	71.108
2		33.3722	71.1094
3		33.3715	71.1389
4		33.3315	71.1375
6	MDW/KT/PL-Limestone(185)/2018	33.3295	71.0784
7		33.3321	71.0802
8		33.3318	71.0915
9		33.3352	71.0922
10		33.3352	71.0983
11		33.3431	71.0986
12	MDW/KT/PL-Limestone(186)/2018	33.3433	71.0887
13		33.3404	71.0886
14		33.3416	71.0857
15		33.3357	71.0827
16		33.3358	71.0786
17		33.3695	71.0797
18		33.3688	71.1092
19		33.3288	71.1078
21		33.3358	71.0786
22		33.3361	71.0687
23	MDW/KT/PL-Limestone(187)/2018	33.3298	71.0685
24		33.3303	71.0489
25		33.3702	71.0502
26		33.3695	71.0797



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6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord Construction Phase Environmental Approval on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for "Mining activity of limestone at Village Teri, Tehsil Banda Daud Shah, for the Cement Plant of Pioneer Cement Plant", in accordance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 and the decision taken under Agenda item No.06 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held on 11/09/2024 followed by Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFE&WD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025. Furthermore, the proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments under the prevailing laws/rules of the Provincial Government. This approval shall be governed by the following terms and conditions: -

- a. This approval is accorded under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- b. The proponent shall adopt and implement all precautionary, preventive, and mitigation measures recommended in the approved EIA Report, the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and replies submitted to this Agency, and shall also address any unanticipated environmental impacts arising during the construction and operational phases of the project.
- c. The proponent shall ensure continuous compliance with the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) for air emissions, noise, wastewater, and soil during both construction and operation phases, and shall fully implement the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).
- d. The proponent shall adopt any additional mitigation measures as directed by this Agency based on inspections, complaints, or monitoring results. Mining shall be confined strictly within the approved lease coordinates; any encroachment beyond the sanctioned boundary shall result in immediate suspension of operations.
- e. Benching parameters including height, width, and slope angle shall conform to the approved mine plan and applicable mining laws; deviation shall not be permitted without prior approval.
- f. Topsoil shall be stripped, stored, and protected separately; failure to preserve topsoil for rehabilitation shall be treated as non-compliance.
- h. Overburden and waste rock shall be dumped only at approved locations with proper stabilization; uncontrolled dumping shall invite regulatory action.
- i. Progressive reclamation shall be implemented concurrently with mining; inactive benches shall not be left unrestored.
- j. Blasting shall be conducted strictly in accordance with explosives and mining regulations; any unsafe practice shall result in immediate stoppage.
- k. Controlled blasting techniques shall be adopted to minimize fly rock and vibration; exceedance of safe vibration limits shall require operational review.
- l. Blasting shall be restricted to designated daytime hours; non-compliance shall be treated as a violation of approval conditions.
- m. Ground vibration monitoring shall be conducted and documented; failure to maintain records shall constitute non-compliance.
- n. The explosive magazine shall be licensed and maintained as per law; operation without valid authorization shall not be permitted.
- o. Dust suppression measures including water sprinkling and speed control shall be continuously implemented; visible dust emissions beyond site limits shall require corrective action.
- p. Crushers and screening units shall operate with functional dust control systems; production shall cease if such systems become non-operational.

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- q. Quarterly ambient air monitoring shall be conducted through an EPA-certified laboratory; non-submission of reports shall attract enforcement proceedings.
- r. Surface runoff shall be managed through engineered drainage and sediment control structures; silt discharge into natural watercourses shall not be allowed.
- s. No untreated wastewater or contaminated runoff shall be discharged into any water body; violation shall result in suspension of operations.
- t. Fuel and oil storage areas shall have impervious flooring and secondary containment; any evidence of soil contamination shall require remediation at the proponent's cost.
- u. Groundwater abstraction, if undertaken, shall be metered and regulated; adverse impacts on local users shall warrant corrective measures.
- v. Hazardous wastes including used oil shall be disposed of through authorized vendors only; unauthorized disposal shall be treated as a serious violation.
- w. Noise levels at the project boundary shall comply with applicable standards; exceedances shall necessitate immediate mitigation.
- x. Vegetation clearing shall be limited to approved operational areas; unnecessary clearing shall not be permitted.

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Safe distance not less than 1 km shall be maintained to the sensitive receptors if any.

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- aa. The proponent shall implement a Local Employment Plan ensuring a clearly defined percentage of non-technical and technical positions are reserved for local residents throughout the life of the project.
- bb. The proponent shall give preference to locally available machinery and equipment hiring, where technically and economically feasible, to promote local economic participation.
- cc. The proponent shall formally constitute and operationalize a Local Liaison and Grievance Redressal Committee comprising representatives of the local community, district administration, and the proponent, and shall ensure regular meetings and documented proceedings.
- dd. The proponent shall remain fully and legally responsible for all environmental, social, and operational commitments made in the EIA and approval conditions, and shall ensure that designated authorized officials are accountable for compliance.
- ee. The proponent shall pay surface rent strictly in accordance with applicable government policy and ensure that rightful beneficiaries receive payments through a transparent and documented mechanism.
- ff. The proponent shall assume full liability for any present or future environmental or social impacts arising from mining operations and shall provide guarantees as required under applicable laws.
- gg. The proponent shall ensure that mining activities do not adversely affect local drinking water sources and shall immediately restore or compensate any verified depletion or contamination caused by project activities.
- hh. Plantation of at least 5,000 native species shall be undertaken and maintained; failure to ensure survival rate shall require replantation.
- ii. PPE shall be mandatory for all workers; non-enforcement of safety protocols shall constitute regulatory non-compliance.
- jj. Health surveillance of dust-exposed workers shall be conducted periodically; absence of medical records shall be treated as a violation.
- kk. Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Reports shall be submitted as per Rule 16; delayed submission shall invite action under the Act and Rules.
- ll. EPA officials shall be granted access for inspection and monitoring at all times; obstruction shall be dealt with under relevant legal provisions.

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- mm. A Mine Closure Plan shall be implemented upon completion of mining; abandonment without rehabilitation shall not be permitted.
- nn. Financial provision for reclamation shall be maintained; failure to execute closure measures shall result in recovery of costs under applicable law.
- oo. Adequate noise and vibration control measures shall be adopted to ensure compliance with applicable standards.
- pp. Water sprinkling and dust suppression measures shall be carried out to prevent public nuisance.
- qq. Safety training shall be provided to all personnel covering environmental compliance, chemical handling, and emergency response. First aid facilities, safety signboards, and standard safety equipment shall be installed and maintained.
- rr. Plantation shall be carried out as per the approved plantation plan, with priority to indigenous species, and maintained during construction and operation.
- ss. Adequate funds shall be allocated in the EMP for environmental improvement, awareness activities, plantation, and coordination with EPA.
- tt. The proponent shall submit a bi-annual progress report on the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Plan, including but not limited to the implementation of preferential local employment, community welfare schemes, installation of water filtration plants, scholarships/educational assistance for deserving local students, healthcare support, and local development initiatives. The plan shall include specific budgetary allocations and documented evidence of expenditures.
- uu. Any future expansion, technological modification, or change in raw material or production process shall not be undertaken without prior approval from EPA.
- vv. The proponent shall obtain separate Environmental Approval for Pioneer Cement Industry.

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The Proponent shall remain fully responsible and legally liable for the accuracy, authenticity, completeness, and validity of all information, data, designs, commitments, and representations provided in the EIA Report and subsequent replies/submissions, including those prepared, compiled, or submitted by the environmental consultant on its behalf.

- 8. There shall be no legal case/cases pending in any court against the project.
- 9. The proponent shall comply with Rules 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, concerning conditions of approval, confirmation of compliance, validity/extension of approvals, entry and inspection, monitoring, and cancellation; and shall fully facilitate the Agency in exercising its powers thereunder, including compliance with any show-cause, suspension or cessation orders issued under Rule 21.
- 10. This approval accorded by the Agency under section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, and shall be valid, for commencement of construction for a period of two years from the date of issuance.
- 11. This approval is accorded only for the construction phase of the project. The Proponent shall obtain approval for operation of the project in accordance with the rule-15 and 18 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
- 12. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
- 13. This approval shall be deemed suspended or liable to cancellation if any condition of approval is violated, misrepresented, or not complied with, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and rules framed thereunder.

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14. This approval does not absolve the Proponent of the obligation to obtain any other approvals, NOCs, permits, or clearances required under any other law for the time being in force. All such approvals from relevant Authorities shall be obtained prior to commencement of the project.

15. Now in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of "Mining activity of limestone at Village Teri, Tehsil Banda Daud Shah, for the Cement Plant of Pioneer Cement Plant" for the Construction Phase, subject to compliance with the above terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 12/02/2026

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*Approved by  
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16/2/2026*