
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PACHAPALAYAM ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL CLUSTER QUARRIES

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT PROPONENTS APPLYING IN CLUSTER

CODE	Name of the proponent	Extent (Ha)	Terms of Reference (ToR)
P1	Thiru. L.Thangarasu	1.81.5	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9538/SEAC/ToR-1322/2023 Dated:10.02.2023
P2	Thiru.D.Karthikeyan	1.21.0	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8860/SEAC/ToR-1122/2021 Dated:23.03.2022
P3	Thiru.S.Durairaj	1.47.5	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9172/SEAC/ToR-1186/2022 Dated:06.07.2022
P4	Thiru. N. Thangavelu,	4.62.0	Lr No.SEIAA- /F.No.10099/ToR- 1515/2023 Dated: 01.08.2023

“B1” CATEGORY/ MINOR MINERAL /CLUSTER/ NON-FOREST LAND/ PATTALAND

*** CLUSTER EXTENT = 13.00.5 Ha**

* Cluster Calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification – S.O. 2269(E) Dated: 01.07.2016

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AUGUST-2023

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Rough Stone and Gravel are the major requirements for construction industry. This EIA report is prepared by considering Cumulative load of all proposed & existing quarries of Pachapalayam Rough Stone and Gravel Cluster Quarries consisting of four (4) Proposed quarries and One (1) nearest proposed quarry and three (2) Existing Quarries and one (1) abandoned quarry with total an extent of Cluster of 13.00.5 Ha in Pachapalayam Village, Sulur Taluk, Coimbatore District and Tamil Nadu State, cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1st July 2016..

This EIA Report is prepared in compliance with ToR obtained for the below proposals in Table 1.1 and the Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out during the period of March 2022-May2022.

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Source: ToR Letter's of the respective project proponents

“Draft EIA report prepared on the basis of ToR Issued for carrying out public hearing for the grant of Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Tamil Nadu”

1.1 DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT

PROPOSAL – P1	
Name of the Company	Thiru. L. Thangarasu , Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry
Address	S/o. R. Lakshmanasamy, residing at No.3/87, West Arasur, Arasur, Sulur Taluk Coimbatore District
Mobile	+91 99447 75735
Status	Proprietor
PROPOSAL – P2	
Name of the Company	Thiru. D. Karthikeyan , Rough stone and Gravel quarry
Address	S/o. S. Devaraj, residing at Door No.2/15, Post office Street, Periyakuyilai Post, Chettipalayam Via, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu State – 641 201
Mobile	+91 98422 04145
Status	Proprietor
PROPOSAL – P3	
Name of the Company	Thiru.S.Durairaj , Roughstone & Gravel quarry
Address	S/o.Sellappan, Malakkadu Thottam, Periyakuyilai Post,

	Pachapalayam, Coimbatore District- 641 201
Mobile	+91 98428 84089
Status	Proprietor
PROPOSAL – P4	
Name of the Company	Thiru.N.Thangavelu, Roughstone & Gravel quarry
Address	S/o. Nachimuthu Goundar, residing at No. 153/A, Maraimalai Adigal Street, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District – 641 664.
Mobile	98422 62639 & 98421 62639
Status	Proprietor

The project proponent is an individual.

1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

PROPOSED QUARRIES				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F. Nos, Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Status
P1	Thiru. L. Thangarasu, S/o. R. Lakshmanasamy, residing at No.3/87, West Arasur, Arasur, Sular Taluk Coimbatore District,	408/2B and 408/2C, Pachapalayam Village, Sular Taluk	1.81.5	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9538/SEAC/ToR- 1322/2023 Dated:10.02.2023
P2	Thiru. D. Karthikeyan, S/o. S. Devaraj, residing at Door No.2/15, Post office Street, Periyakuyilai Post, Chettipalayam Via, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu State – 641 201	409/1A1(Part), 409/1A2(Part), 409/1B1 and 409/1B2, Pachapalayam Village, Sular Taluk	1.21.0	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.8860/SEAC/ToR- 1122/2021 Dated:23.03.2022
P3	Thiru.S. Durairaj, S/o.Sellappan, Malakkadu Thottam, Periyakuyilai Post, Pachapalayam, Coimbatore District	408/3B and 408/3C, Pachapalayam Village, Sular Taluk	1.47.5	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9172/SEAC/ToR- 1186/2022 Dated:06.07.2022
P4	Thiru. N. Thangavelu, S/o. Nachimuthu Goundar, No. 153/A, Maraimalai Adigal Street, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District – 641 664	407/2A, &407/2B, Pachapalayam Village,	4.62.0	Obtained ToR vide, Lr No.SEIAA- /F.No.10099/ToR- 1515/2023 Dated: 01.08.2023
Total			9.12.0	
NEAREST PROPOSED QUARRY				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F.Nos , Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Lease Period
P5	Thiru.K.Ganesh	407/1F, & 407/1G Pachapalayam Village,	2.46.0	Precise area Communicated
Total			2.46.0	
EXISTING QURRIES				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F.Nos , Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Lease Period
E-1	Thiru.A. Ayyasamy	407/1D, Pachapalayam	0.37.0	15.09.2017-14.09.2022

		Village,		
E-2	Thiru.M. Appusamy	408/1B,408/2A &408/3A, Pachapalayam Village,	1.05.5	06.12.2017- 05.12.2022
		Total	1.42.5	
ABANDONED QURRY				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F. Nos, Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Lease Period
A-1	Thiru.E.Anandhakumar	408-2E, Pachapalayam Village,	1.28.5	11.05.2011 to 10.05.2016
	Total		1.28.5	
EXPIRED QURRY				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F. Nos, Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Lease Period
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TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT			13.00.5 Ha	

TABLE 1.3: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IN CLUSTER

SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P1"			
Name of the Mine	Thiru. L. Thangarasu, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project		
Land Type	It is a Patta land. Jointly registered in the name of the Thiru.S. Jagadesh and Tmt. L.Deivamani vide Patta No.1437.		
S.F. Nos	408/2B and 408/2C,		
Extent	1.81.5 Ha		
Existing pit dimensions	110m (L) x 58m (W) x 26m(D) 130m (L) x 37m (W) x 14m(D)		
Ultimate pit dimensions	110m (L) x 58m (W) x 30m(D) 130m (L) x 37m (W) x 25m(D)		
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Gravel
	1,94,001 m ³	4,530	3,020 m ³
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Gravel
	48,572 m ³	1152 m ³	1080 m ³
Proposed production for five years	48,572 m³	1152 m³	1080 m³
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years		
Depth of mining	depth of mining is about 30m (2m Gravel +3m Weathered Rock + 25m Rough stone)		
Toposheet No	58 F/01		
Latitude	10°54'02.97"N to 10°54'07.85"N		
Longitude	77°05'13.59"E to 77°05'20.62"E		
Water Level	70-65m		
Highest Elevation	407m AMSL		
Machinery proposed	Jack Hammer	2	
	Compressor	1	
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	
	Tippers	1	
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators		
Manpower Deployment	11 Nos		
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 55,18,000/-	
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-	
	Total	Rs. 58,98,000/-	
CER cost	Rs.5,00,000/-		

Nearest Habitation	800m-W	
SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P2"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. D. Karthikeyan , Roughstone and gravel quarry	
Land Type	It is a Patta land, S.F.Nos. 409/1A1 and 409/1B1 are registered in the name of Tmt. D. Bakkiyalakshmi, vide Patta No.1427 and S.F.No. 409/1A2 and 409/1B2 are registered in the name of Tmt. S. Jothilakshmi vide patta No. 1428.	
S.F. No.	409/1A1(Part), 409/1A2(Part), 409/1B1 and 409/1B2	
Extent	1.21.0 Ha	
Previous quarry operation details	<p>Operated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the applied area has been considered quarrying operation earlier. The quarry lease was first granted in favour of Thiru. K. Shanmugam, over an extent of 1.78.0 hectares of Patta land in S.F.No. 409/1 of Pachapalayam village, Suler (formerly Palladam) Taluk, Coimbatore District vide R.C.No. 973/2005/M.M.2, dated: 24.05.2005 for the period of Five years. Another quarry lease was granted in favour of Tmt. D. Bakkiyalakshmi, over an extent of 0.89.0 hectares of Patta land in S.F.No. 409/1B of Pachapalayam village, Suler Taluk, Coimbatore District vide R.C.No. 190/2011/M.M-2, dated: 28.09.2011 for the period of three years from 28.09.2011 to 31.10.2014. There is an existing quarry pit. 	
Existing pit dimension	107m (L) x 73m (W) x 8m(D)	
Ultimate pit dimension	121m (L) x 74m (W) x 37m(D)	
Depth of mining	37m (2m Gravel + 35m Rough stone)	
Geological Resources	Rough Stone	Gravel
	4,23,500 m ³	24,200 m ³
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	1,03,868 m ³	650 m ³
Proposed production for five years	1,03,868 m ³	650 m ³
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Toposheet No	58 - F/01	
Latitude	10°54'08.07"N to 10°54'11.43"N	
Longitude	77°05'19.26"E to 77°05'24.22"E	
Water Level	65-60m	
Highest Elevation	420m AMSL	
Machinery	Jack Hammer	3
	Compressor	1
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1
	Tipplers	2
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	18 Nos	
Total Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 27,86,800/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-
	Total	Rs. 31,66,800/-
CER cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	
Nearest Habitation	1km-W	
SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P3"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru.S.Durairaj , Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	It is a Patta land, Jointly Registered the Name of Applicant (Durairaj), Ravichandran and Subbulakshmi vide Patta Nos.574 & 471. The applicant has been consent from Joint Pattadhars.	
S.F. No.	408/3B and 408/3C	
Extent	1.47.5 Ha	
Previous quarry details	It is a fresh application; the area has been quarrying earlier.	
Existing pit dimension	123m (L) X 107m (W) X 16m (D)	
Depth restricted as per ToR	30m bgl (2m Gravel + 28m Rough stone)	

Geological Reserves	Rough Stone		Weathered Gravel	
	640584 m ³		30504m ³	
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone		Weathered Gravel	
	1,12,701 m ³		2220 m ³	
Proposed production for five years	Rough Stone		Gravel	
	1,12,701 m ³		2220 m ³	
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years			
Depth of mining	44m Bgl			
Ultimate Pit Dimension	123m (L)	107m (W)	44m BGL (D)	
Toposheet No	58-F/01			
Latitude	10°54'06.50"N to 10°54'12.24"N			
Longitude	77°05'15.85"E to 77°05'20.27"E			
Water Level	55to 60m BGL			
Machinery	Jack Hammer		4	
	Compressor		1	
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker		1	
	Tippers		1	
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators			
Manpower Deployment	19 Nos			
Total Project Cost	Project Cost		Rs. 46,87,612/-	
	EMP Cost		Rs. 3,80,000/-	
	Total		Rs. 50,67,612	
CER cost	Rs.5,00,000/-			
Nearest Habitation	860m-E			
SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P4"				
Name of the Mine	Thiru.N. Thangavel , Rough stone and Gravel quarry			
Land Type	It is a Patta land. Registered in the name of the applicant (Thiru.N.Thangavelu). Refer the Patta 629 copy as Annexure No. IV			
S.F. No.	407/2A, &407/2B,			
Extent	4.62.0 Ha			
Previous quarry details	It is a fresh application; the area has been quarrying earlier. The quarry lease was previously granted in the favour of Thiru.N. Thangavelu, over an extent of 4.62.0 hectares of Patta land in S.F.Nos. 407/2A & 407/2B of Pachapalayam Village, Suler Taluk, Coimbatore District for the period of five years from 07.10.2017 to 06.10.2022. The lessee has obtained Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Tamil Nadu vide letter No. SEIAA-TN / F.No. 5486 / 1(a) / EC. No: 3898 / 2016, Dated: 05.06.2017. The applicant has once again applied a quarry lease on 21.03.2022, over an extent of 4.62.0 hectares of Patta lands in S.F.Nos. 407/2A & 407/2B of Pachapalayam Village, Suler Taluk, Coimbatore District for the period of five years.			
Existing pit dimension	Pit-I 38m (L) X 107m (W) X 8m (D) Pit-II 254m (L) X 104m (W) X 17m (D) Pit-III 92m (L) X 51m (W) X 2m (D)			
Depth of mining	40m (2m Gravel + 38m Rough Stone) below ground level			
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone		Gravel	
	13,04,105m ³		8,856m ³	
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone		Gravel	
	4,40,285m ³		-	
Proposed production for five years	Rough Stone		Existing Gravel Dump	
	4,40,285m ³		3,372m ³	
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years			
Depth of mining	40m Bgl			
Ultimate Pit Dimension	288 (L)	134m (W)	40m BGL (D)	
Toposheet No	58-F/01			

Latitude	10°53'58.36"N to 10°54'10.72"N	
Longitude	77°05'08.47"E to 77°05'13.86"E	
Elevation	405m Amsl	
Water Level	70 to 65m BGL	
Machinery	Jack Hammer	11
	Compressor	3
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	2
	Tippers	4
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	43 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 88,47,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-
	Total	Rs.92,27,000/-
CER cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	
Nearest Habitation	630m-W	

Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective proposals

1.4 STATUTORY DETAILS

Project – P1 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 14.03.2022
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by the District Collector, Coimbatore Rc.No. Rc.No. Rc.No.239/Mines/2022, Dated:22.06.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District, vide Rc.No. 239/Mines/2022 Dated: 11.07.2022
- Proponent applied for Tor for Environmental Clearance vide online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/403944/2022, Dated:16.10.2022
- The proposal was placed in 346th SEAC meeting held on 12.01.2023 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 591st SEIAA meeting held on 10.02.2023 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9538/SEAC/ToR-1322/2023 Dated:10.02.2023

Project – P2 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Date from 01.03.2019.
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by the District Collector, Coimbatore Rc.No.165/Mines/2019, Dated: 02.11.2019
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, vide Rc.No.165/Mines/2019, Dated: 10.12.2019
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vides online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/68207/2022, Dated:06.10.2021
- The proposal was placed in 251st SEAC meeting held on 04.03.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 495th SEIAA meeting held on 23.03.2022 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8860/SEAC/ToR-1122/2021 Dated:23.03.2022

Project – P3 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 25.01.2018
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by the District Collector, Coimbatore Rc.No. 38/Mines/2018 Dated 24.11.2018

- The Mining Plan was prepared by Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District vide Rc. No. 38/Mines/2018, Dated: 02.01.2019.
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide proposal No SIA/TN/MIN/74767/2022, Dated:04.04.2022.
- The proposal was placed in 284th SEAC meeting held on 10.06.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 529th SEIAA meeting held on 06.07.2022 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9172/SEAC/ToR-1186/2022 Dated:06.07.2022

Project – P4 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 21.03.2022.
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by the District Collector, Coimbatore Rc.No. 276/Mines/2022, Dated: 01.07.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District vide Rc.No. 276/Mines/2022 Dated: 07.07.2022.
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide proposal No SIA/TN/MIN/429152/2023 Dated:13.05.2023.
- The proposal was placed in 393rd SEAC meeting held on 20.07.2023 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 643rd SEIAA meeting held on 01.08.2023 and issued ToR vide Lr No.SEIAA- /F.No.10099/ToR- 1515/2023 Dated: 01.08.2023.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is site specific and there is no additional area required for this project. There is no effluent generation/discharge from the proposed quarries. Rough Stone and Gravel are proposed to be excavated by opencast mechanized method involving splitting of rock mass of considerable volume from the parent rock mass by jackhammer drilling and blasting, hydraulic excavators are used for loading the Rough Stone from pithead to the needy crushers and rock breakers to avoid secondary blasting.

2.1 SITE CONNECTIVITY TO THE PROJECT AREA

Nearest Roadway	NH-209 Coimbatore-Dindigul -9.0km-SW SH-163 Palladam – Chocin – 4.5km-NW
Nearest Village	Pachapalayam village – 1.0km-W
Nearest Town	Sulur -14.0km – Northeast
Nearest Railway	Podanur -13.0km – Northwest
Nearest Airport	Coimbatore Airport – 15km – Northwest
Seaport	Kochi- 140 Km-SW

2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P1		
Description	Present area in (ha)	Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)
Quarrying Pit	1.05.8	1.12.3
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Roads	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.17.0
Un – utilized area	0.73.7	0.49.2

Grand Total	1.81.5	1.81.5
LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P2		
Description	Present area in (ha)	Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)
Quarrying Pit	0.64.6	0.88.5
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Road	0.01.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.18.5
Unutilized area	0.55.4	0.11.0
Grand Total	1.21.0	1.21.0
LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P3		
Description	Present area in (ha)	Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)
Quarrying Pit	0.93.0	0.93.0
Infrastructure	0.01.0	0.01.0
Roads	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.20.0
Un – utilized area	0.51.5	0.31.5
Grand Total	1.47.5	1.47.5
LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P4		
Description	Present area in (ha)	Area at the end of this quarry (Ha)
Area under quarrying	3.41.0	3.41.0
Infrastructure	0.04.0	0.04.0
Roads	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.30.0
Unutilized Area	1.15.0	0.85.0
Grand Total	4.62.0	4.62.0

2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF LEASE APPLIED AREA

OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P1			
PARTICULARS	DETAILS		
	Rough Stone (m³) (5Year Plan period)	Weathered Rock (m³) (1 Years Plan period)	Gravel (m³) (1 Years Plan per iod)
Geological Resources	1,94,001 m ³	4,530	3,020 m ³
Mineable Reserves	48,572 m ³	1152 m ³	1080 m ³
Production for five-year plan period	48,572 m ³	1152 m ³	1080 m ³
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per Year	9,714	1,152	1080
Production per day	32	4	4
No of Lorry loads (6m ³ per load)	5	1 lorry load per week	
Total Depth of Mining	30m (2m Gravel +3m Weathered Rock + 25m Rough stone)		
OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P2			
PARTICULARS	DETAILS		
	Rough Stone (m³) (5Year Plan period)	Weathered Rock (m³)	Gravel (m³) (1 Years Plan period)
Geological Resources	4,23,500 m ³	-	24,200 m ³
Mineable Reserves	1,03,868 m ³	-	650
Production for five years Plan	1,03,868 m ³	-	650
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per Year	20,774	-	650
Production per day	69	-	2
No of Lorry loads (6m ³ per load)	12	-	1 lorry load per week
Total Depth of mining	37m (2m Gravel + 35m Rough stone)		

OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P3		
PARTICULARS	DETAILS	
	Rough Stone (m ³) (5Year Plan period)	Weathered Gravel (m ³) (2 Years Plan period)
Geological Resources	6,40,584 m ³	30,504m ³
Mineable Reserves	1,12,701 m ³	2,220 m ³
Production for five-year plan period	1,12,701 m ³	2,220 m ³
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5 Years	
Number of Working Days	300 Days	
Production per Year	24,340	1,110
Production per day	81	4
No of Lorry loads (6m ³ per load)	14	1 lorry load per week
Proposed Depth for Mining Plan Period	30m (2m Gravel + 28m Rough Stone)	
OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P4		
PARTICULARS	DETAILS	
	Rough Stone (m ³) (5Year Plan period)	Gravel (m ³) (3 Years Plan period)
Geological Resources	13,04,105m ³	8,856m ³
Mineable Reserves	4,40,285m ³	Gravel was removed in previous quarry operation
Production for five-year plan period	4,40,285m ³	3,372m ³
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5 Years	
Number of Working Days	300 Days	
Production per Year	88,057	1,124
Production per day	294	4
No of Lorry loads (6m ³ per load)	49	1 lorry load per week
Proposed Depth for Mining Plan Period	40m (2m Gravel + 38m Rough Stone) below ground level	

FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING PROJECT AREA



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P1



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P2



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P3



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P4

FIGURE – 2: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING CLUSTER (500 m QUARRIES)

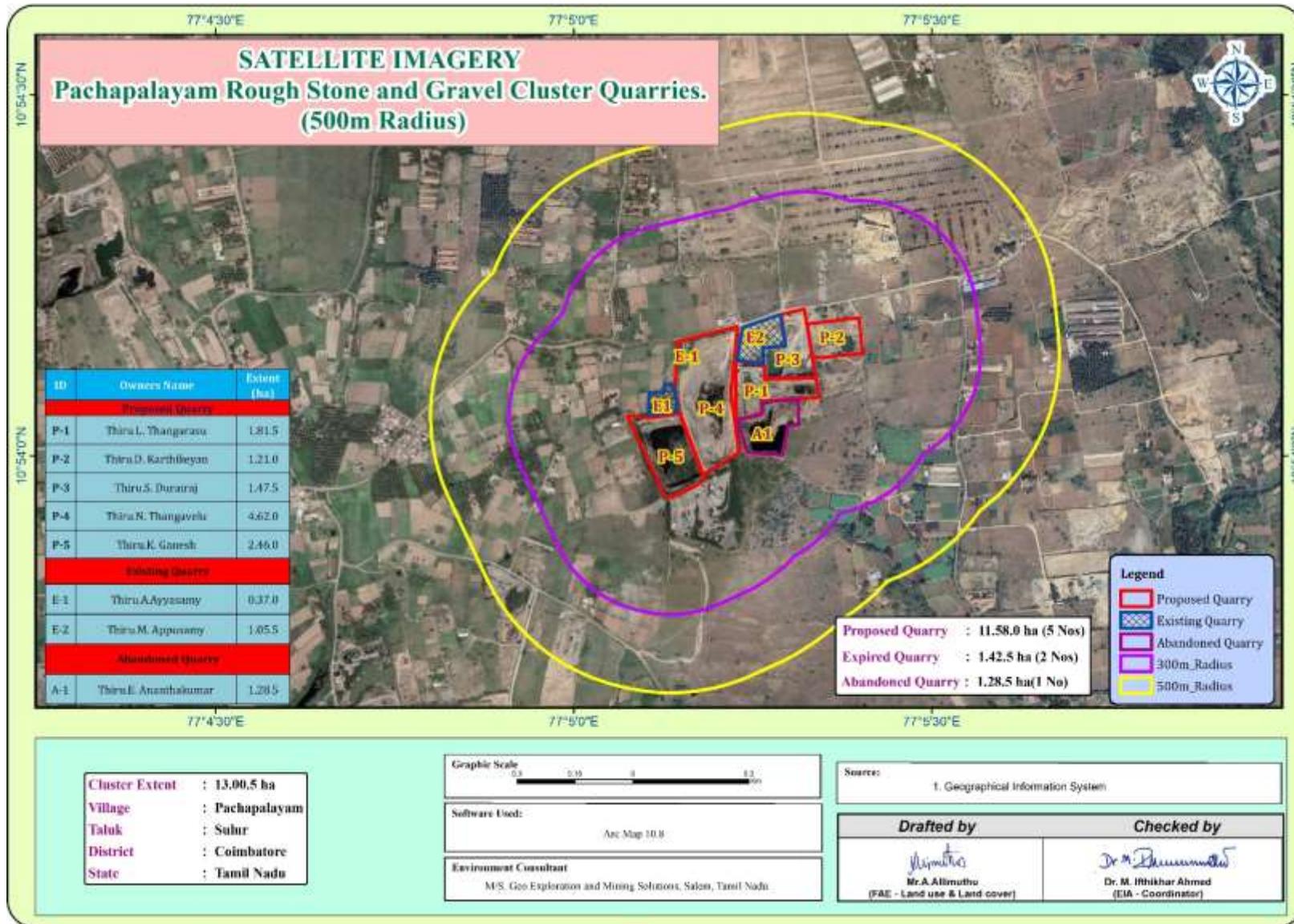


FIGURE – 3: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS

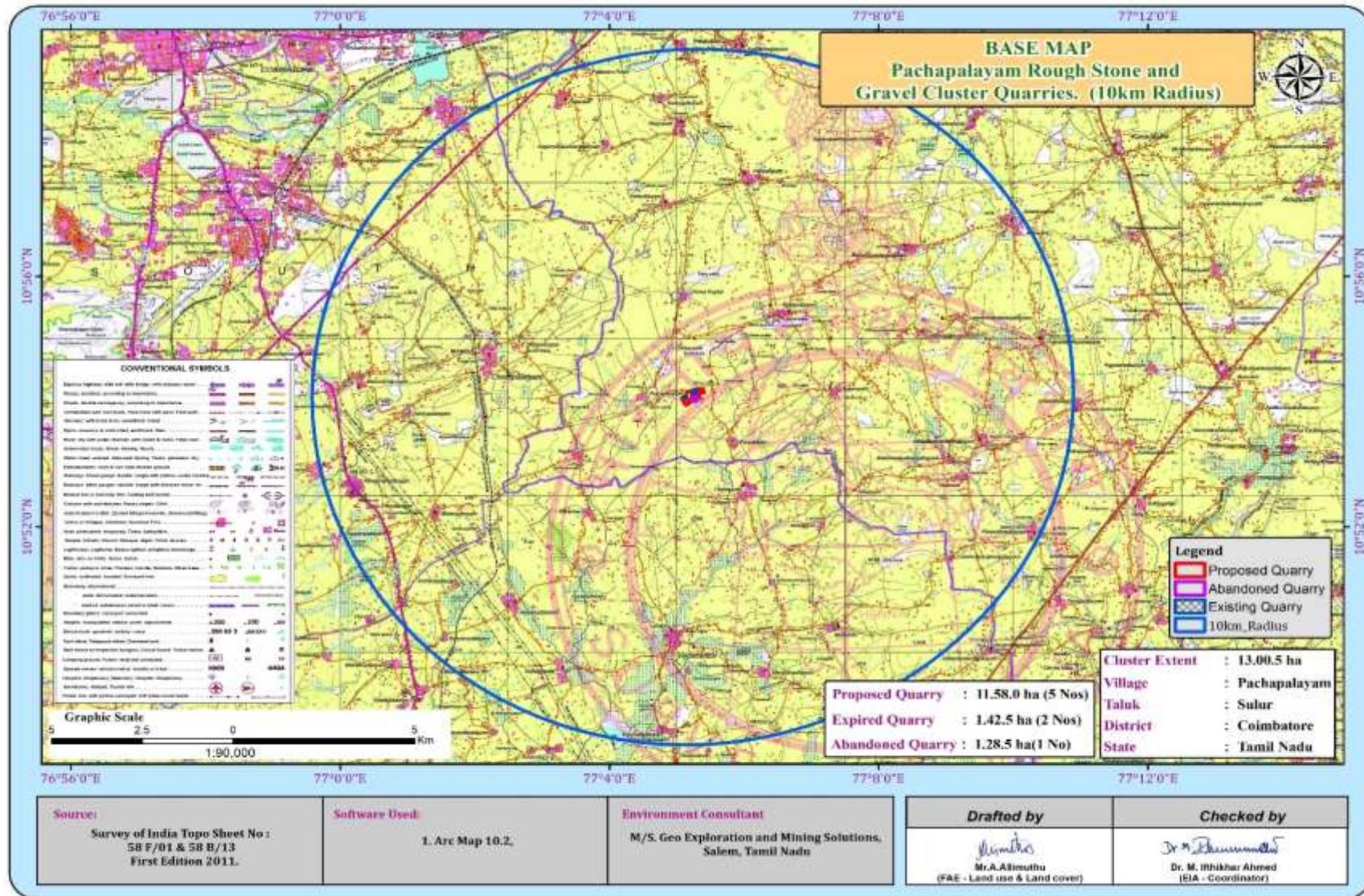
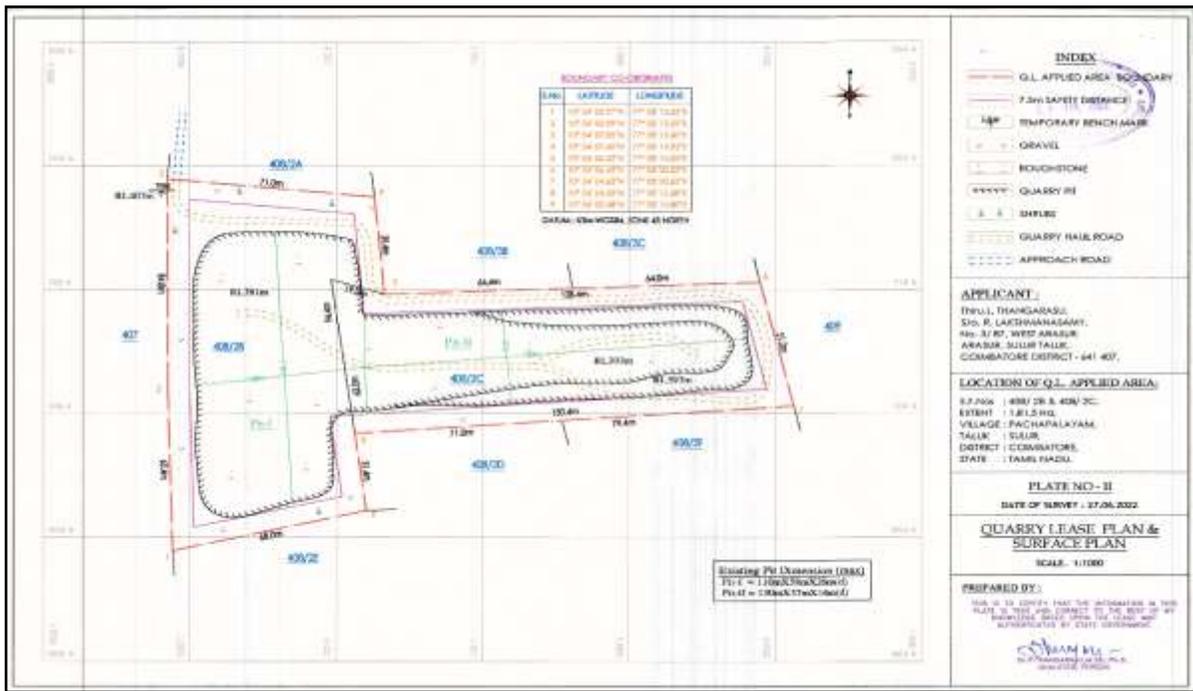


FIGURE – 4: QUARRY LEASE PLAN & SURFACE PLAN



P1 Thiru. L. Thangarasu



P2- Thiru. D. Karthikeyan



P3- Thiru.S.Durairaj



P4- Thiru.N.Thangavelu,

2.4 METHOD OF MINING

Opencast Mechanized Mining Method is being proposed by formation of 5.0-meter height bench with a bench width not less than the bench height. However, as far as the quarrying of Rough Stone is concerned, observance of the provisions of Regulation 106 (2) (b) as above is seldom possible due to various inherent petro genetic factors coupled with mining difficulties. Hence it is proposed to obtain relaxation to the provisions of the above regulation from the Director of Mines Safety for which necessary provision is available with the Regulation 106 (2) (b) of MMR-1961, under Mine Act – 1952.

The top layer of Topsoil will be Excavate directly by Hydraulic Excavators and preserved all along the safety barrier to facilitate greenbelt development during Mine Closure Stage. The Rough Stone is a batholith formation and the splitting of rock mass of considerable volume from the parent rock mass will be carried out by deploying jackhammer drilling and Slurry Explosives will be used for blasting. Hydraulic Excavators attached with Rock Breakers unit will be deployed for breaking large boulders to required fragmented sizes to avoid secondary blasting and hydraulic excavators attached with bucket unit will be deployed for loading the Rough Stone into the tippers and then the stone is transported from pithead to the nearby crushers.

2.5 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

PROPOSAL – P1				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	2	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	1	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tipper	1	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
PROPOSAL – P2				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	3	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	1	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	2	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
PROPOSAL – P3				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	4	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	1	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	1	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
PROPOSAL – P4				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	11	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	3	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4	2	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	4	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive

2.6 CONCEPTUAL MINING PLAN/ FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLAN

The ultimate pit size is designed based on certain practical parameters such as economical depth of mining, safety zones, permissible area, etc.,

2.7 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION

PROPOSAL – P1			
Pit	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
I	110	58	30m bgl
II	130	37	25m
PROPOSAL – P2			
Pit	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
I	121	74	37m bgl
PROPOSAL – P3			
Pit	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
I	123	107	44m bgl
PROPOSAL – P4			
Pit	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
I	288	134	4m bgl

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The baseline status of the project environment is described section wise for better understanding of the broad-spectrum conditions. The baseline environment quality represents the background environmental scenario of various environmental components such as Land, Water, Air, Noise, Biological and Socio-economic status of the study area. Field monitoring studies to evaluate the base line status of the project site were carried out covering March–May 2022 as per CPCB & MoEF & CC guidelines.

3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Parameters	Frequency of Monitoring	No. of Locations	Protocol
Land-use Land cover	Land-use Pattern within 10 km radius of the study area	Data's from census handbook 2011 and from the satellite imagery	Study Area	Satellite Imagery Primary Survey
*Soil	Physio-Chemical Characteristics	Once during the study period	6 (2 core & 4 buffer zone)	IS 2720 Agriculture Handbook - Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi
*Water Quality	Physical, Chemical and Bacteriological Parameters	Once during the study period	6 (2 surface water & 4 ground water)	IS 10500 & CPCB Standards
Meteorology	Wind Speed Wind Direction Temperature	1 Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automatic Weather Station	1	Site specific primary data & Secondary Data

	Cloud cover Dry bulb temperature Rainfall			from IMD Station
*Ambient Air Quality	PM ₁₀ PM _{2.5} SO ₂ NO _x Fugitive Dust	24 hourly twice a week (Mar– May 2022)	8 (2 core & 6 buffer)	IS 5182 Part 1-23 National Ambient Air Quality Standards, CPCB
*Noise Levels	Ambient Noise	Hourly observation for 24 Hours per location	8 (2 core & 6 buffer zone)	IS 9989 As per CPCB Guidelines
Ecology	Existing Flora and Fauna	Through field visit during the study period	Study Area	Primary Survey by Quadrate & Transect Study Secondary Data – Forest Working Plan
Socio Economic Aspects	Socio–Economic Characteristics, Population Statistics and Existing Infrastructure in the study area	Site Visit & Census Handbook, 2011	Study Area	Primary Survey, census handbook & need based assessments.

3.2 LAND ENVIRONMENT

To study the land use pattern of the core as well as a buffer zone, land use/land cover details have been identified/ maps have been prepared in accordance with the Standard ToR point. A visual interpretation technique has been adopted for land use supervised classification based on training site by Level III classification with 1:50,000 scale for the preparation of land use mapping. Land use pattern of the area was studied through **LISSIII**-imagery of **NRSC-Bhuvan**. The 10 km radius map of study area was taken for analysis of Land use/**Landcover**.

TABLE 3.1: LAND USE / LAND COVER TABLE 10 KM RADIUS

S.No	CLASSIFICATION	AREA_HA	AREA_%
BUILTUP			
1	URBAN	306.41	0.93
2	RURAL	1075.35	3.25
3	MINING	529.41	1.60
AGRICULTURAL LAND			
4	CROP LAND	26524.92	80.10
5	PLANTATION	3501.37	10.57
BARREN/WASTE LANDS			
6	SCRUB LAND	1069.05	3.23
WETLANDS/ WATER BODIES			
7	WATER BODIES/LAKE	108.10	0.33
TOTAL		33114.61	100.00

LU/LC Interpretation

- ⊗ Pachapalayam village Roughstone and gravel quarries has proposed Project. It is a patta land.
- ⊗ Total project area is 33114 ha around 10km radius.
- ⊗ The buffer zone studied has no ecological sensitive area (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve/ etc.).
- ⊗ The 10 km radius study area mainly comprises of crop land & Agriculture Plantation land accounting of 80.10% & 10.57% of the total study area.
- ⊗ Water Bodies such as ponds/ lakes comprises of 0.33% of the total buffer area. Kothavadi Lake 9.8km in S and Pallapalayam Lake at 9.5km in N direction of the total study area.
- ⊗ The Scrub land accounts of 3.23%. As per the primary survey, it was observed the scrub land is mainly occupied by the stony waste and left-over domestic waste generated by the nearby areas.
- ⊗ 1.60% of the total study area has occupied by the mine industries. The area occupied by Mainly Roughstone and gravel of the total buffer area. As also observed within the primary survey, the 10 km buffer area is also occupied by the medium scaled granite and small Brick kiln industries also located in the study area.
- ⊗ 4.18% of the area is covered under the Builtup Land. The nearest village within the 3 km radius from the project site boundary is observed to be villages like Panapatti, Pachapalayam, Edayapalayam Village etc.,

3.3 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

The samples were analysed as per the standard methods prescribed in “Soil Chemical Analysis (M.L. Jackson, 1967) & Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India”. The important properties analysed for soil are bulk density, porosity, infiltration rate, pH and Organic matter, kjeldahi Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium.

Interpretation & Conclusion

Physical Characteristics –

The physical properties of the soil samples were examined for texture, bulk density, porosity and water holding capacity. The soil texture found in the study area is Clay to Sandy Clay Loam Soil and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 0.93– 1.09 g/cc. The Water Holding Capacity 34.2 -47.2 and Porosity of the soil samples is found to be medium i.e., ranging from 23.9 – 35.7%.

Chemical Characteristics –

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline in nature with pH range 7.28 to 8.68
- The available Nitrogen content range between 158 to 310.1 mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 0.35 to 1.08 mg/kg
- The available Potassium range between 31.5 to 59.4 mg/kg

Whereas, the micronutrient as zinc (Zn), iron (Fe) and copper (Cu) were found in the range of 0.55 to 1.37 mg/kg; 1.47 to 16.9 mg/kg and ND.

3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

The study area is studded with few tanks that serve as the source of drinking water and also their surplus feeds adjoining tanks. The rainfall over the area is moderate, the rainwater storage in open wells and trenches are in practice over the area and the stored water acts as source of freshwater for couple of months after rainy season.

Surface Water

The pH of surface 7.24-7.29 while turbidity found within the standards. Total Dissolved Solids 330-347mg/l and Chloride 62.4-74.2 mg/l. Nitrates 9.7 -11.0 mg/l, while sulphates 20.1-25.8 mg/l.

Ground Water

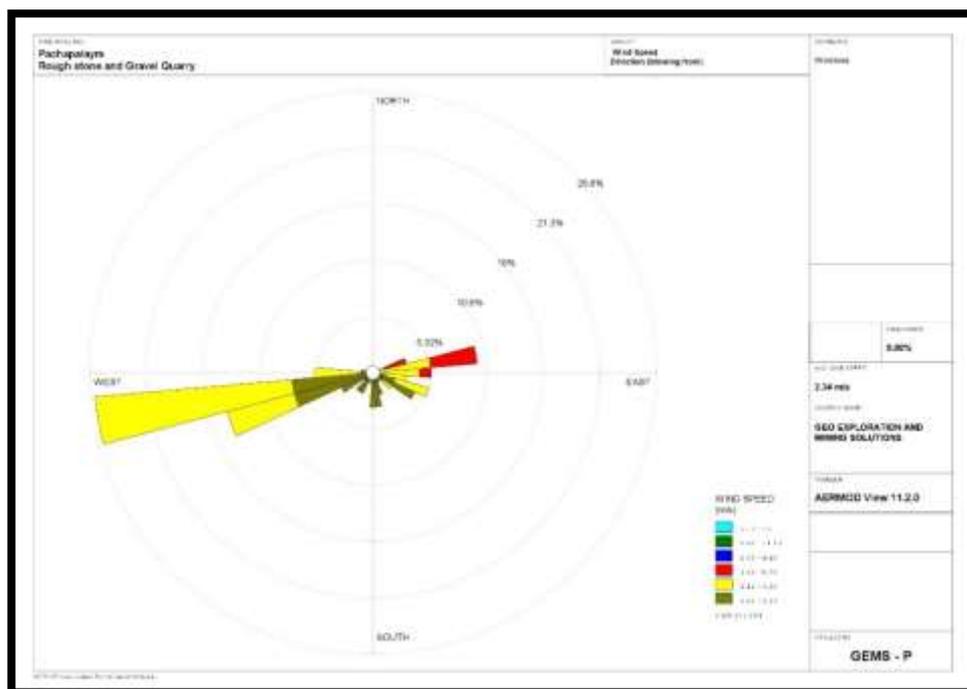
The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 7.10 to 7.55 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. pH, Sulphates and Chlorides of water samples from all the sources are within the limits as per the Standard. on Turbidity, the water samples meet the requirement. The Total Dissolved Solids were found in the range of 328- 400 mg/l in all samples. The Total hardness varied between 127.2 – 246.6 mg/l for all samples.

On Microbiological parameters, the water samples from all the locations meet the requirement. The parameters thus analysed were compared with IS 10500:2012 and are well within the prescribed limits.

3.5 AIR ENVIRONMENT

The baseline studies on air environment include identification of specific air pollution parameters and their existing levels in ambient air. The ambient air quality with respect to the study zone of 10 km radius around the proposed quarry forms the baseline information.

FIGURE – 6: WIND ROSE DIAGRAM



3.6 SUMMARY OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

As per monitoring data, PM₁₀ ranges from 38.3 µg/m³ to 47.9 µg/m³, PM_{2.5} data ranges from 18.6µg/m³ to 26.8 µg/m³, SO₂ ranges from 5.0 µg/m³ to 10.7 µg/m³ and NO_x data ranges from 22.3 µg/m³ to 29.6 µg/m³. The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB. The minimum & maximum concentrations of PM₁₀ were found to be 38.3 µg/m³ in Edayapalayam village & 41.7 µg/m³ in Core/Project area respectively. The minimum & maximum concentrations of PM_{2.5} were found to be 18.6 µg/m³ in Edayapalayam village & 26.8 µg/m³ in Core/Project area respectively.

3.7 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

Ambient noise levels were measured at 8 (eight) locations around the project area considering cluster quarries. Noise levels recorded in core zone during day time were from 39.7 – 42.9 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 34.7 – 40.2 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 36.5 – 40.8dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 34.2 – 37.9 dB (A) Leq.

The values of noise observed in some of the areas are primarily owing to quarrying activities due to cluster of quarries within 500m radius, movement of vehicles and other anthropogenic activities. Noise monitoring results reveal that the maximum & minimum noise levels at day time were recorded in the range of 47.3dB(A) in core zone and 34.2 dB(A) in Core area and 38.1 dB(A) in Core area & 31.2dB(A) in Core area respectively in night time. Thus, the noise level for Industrial and Residential area meets the requirements of CPCB.

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3.8 ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The study involved in the collection of primary data by conducting a survey in the field, examination of floral and faunal records in previously published reports and records. Analysis of the information is the view of the possible alteration in the environment of the project site. For the survey of fauna, both direct and indirect observation methods were used.

There is no schedule I species of animals observed within study area as per Wildlife Protection Act 1972 as well as no species is in vulnerable, endangered or threatened category as per IUCN. There is no endangered red list species found in the study area. Hence this small operation over short period of time will not have any significant impact on the surrounding flora and fauna.

3.9 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

It includes demographic structure of the area, provision of basic amenities viz., housing, education, health and medical services, occupation, water supply, sanitation, communication, transportation, prevailing diseases pattern as well as feature like temples, historical monuments etc., at the baseline level. This will help in visualizing and predicting the possible impact depending upon the nature and magnitude of the project.

The socio-economic study of surveyed villages gives a clear picture of its population, average household size, literacy rate and sex ratio etc. It is also found that a part of population is suffering from lack of permanent job to run their day-to-day life. Their expectation is to earn some income for their sustainability on a long-term basis.

The proposed project will aim to provide preferential 91 persons to the local people there by improving the indirect employment opportunity for 150 persons and in turn the social standards will improve.

4. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

In order to maintain the environmental commensuration with the mining operation, it is essential to undertake studies on the existing environmental scenario and assess the impact on different environmental components. This would help in formulating suitable management plans sustainable resource extraction.

4.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT:

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- Permanent or temporary change on land use and land cover.
- Change in Topography: Topography of the ML area will change at the end of the life of the mine.
- Movement of heavy vehicles sometimes cause problems to agricultural land, human habitations due to dust, noise and it also causes traffic hazards.
- Due to degradation of land by pitting the aesthetic environment of the core zone may be affected.
- Earthworks during the rainy season increase the potential for soil erosion and sediment laden water entering the water ways.
- If no due care is taken wash off from the exposed working area may choke the water course & can also causes the siltation of water course.

MITIGATION MEASURES

- The mining activity will be gradual confined in blocks and excavation will be undertaken progressively along with other mitigative measures like phase wise development of greenbelt etc.,
- Construction of garland drains all around the quarry pits and construction of check dam at strategic location in lower elevations to prevent erosion due to surface runoff during rainfall and also to collect the storm water for various uses within the proposed area
- Green belt development along the boundary within safety zone. The small quantity of water stored in the mined-out pit will be used for greenbelt.
- Thick plantation will be carried out on unutilized area, top benches of mined out pits, on safety barrier, etc.,
- At conceptual stage, the land use pattern of the quarry will be changed into Greenbelt area and temporary reservoir.
- In terms of aesthetics, natural vegetation surrounding the quarry will be retained (such as in a buffer area i.e., 7.5 m safety barrier and other safety provided) so as to help minimise dust emissions.

- Proper fencing will be carried out at the conceptual stage, Security will be posted round the clock, to prevent inherent entry of the public and cattle.

4.2 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

IMPACT ON SOIL ENVIRONMENT

Erosion and Sedimentation (Removal of protective vegetation cover; Exposure of underlying soil horizons that may be less pervious, or more erodible than the surface layers; Reduced capacity of soils to absorb rainfall; Increased energy in storm-water runoff due to concentration and velocity; and Exposure of subsurface materials which are unsuitable for vegetation establishment.

MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

- Run-off diversion – Garland drains will be constructed all around the project boundary to prevent surface flows from entering the quarry works areas. And will be discharged into vegetated natural drainage lines, or as distributed flow across an area stabilised against erosion.
- Sedimentation ponds - Run-off from working areas will be routed towards sedimentation ponds. These trap sediment and reduce suspended sediment loads before runoff is discharged from the quarry site. Sedimentation ponds should be designed based on runoff, retention times, and soil characteristics. There may be a need to provide a series of sedimentation ponds to achieve the desired outcome.
- Retain vegetation – Retain existing or re-plant the vegetation at the site wherever possible.
- Monitoring and maintenance – Weekly monitoring and daily maintenance of erosion control systems so that they perform as specified specially during rainy season

4.3 WATER ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- The major sources of water pollution normally associated due to mining and allied operations are:
 - Generation of waste water from vehicle washing.
 - Washouts from surface exposure or working areas
 - Domestic sewage
 - Disturbance to drainage course in the project area
 - Mine Pit water discharge
- Increase in sediment load during monsoon in downstream of lease area
- This being a mining project, there will be no process effluent. Waste from washing of machinery may result in discharge of Oil & grease, suspended solids.
- The sewage from soak pit may percolate to the ground water table and contaminate it.
- Surface drainage may be affected due to Mining
- Abstraction of water may lead to depletion of water table

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Garland drain, settling tank will be constructed along the project area. The Garland drain will be connected to settling tank and sediments will be trapped in the settling traps and only clear water will be discharged out to the natural drainage
- Rainwater will be collected in sump in the mining pits and will be allowed to store and pumped out to surface settling tank of 15 m x 10m x 3m to remove suspended solids if any. This collected water will be judiciously used for dust suppression and such sites where dust likely to be generated and for developing green belt. The proponent will collect and judiciously utilize the rainwater as part of rainwater harvesting system.
- Providing benches with inner slopes and through a system of drains and channels, allowing rain water to descent into surrounding drains, so as to minimize the effects of erosion & water logging arising out of uncontrolled descent of water
- Reuse the water collected during storm for dust suppression and greenbelt development within the mines
- Installing interceptor traps/oil separators to remove oils and greases. Water from the tipper wash-down facility and machinery maintenance yard will pass through interceptor traps/oil separators prior to its reuse;
- Using flocculating or coagulating agents to assist in the settling of suspended solids during monsoon seasons;
- Periodic (every 6 month once) analysis of quarry pit water and ground water quality in nearby villages
- Domestic sewage from site office & urinals/latrines provided in ML is discharged in monitoring (every 6 month once) and analysing the quality of water in open well, bore wells and surface water septic tank followed by soak pits
- Waste water discharge from mine will be treated in settling tanks before using for dust suppression and tree plantation purposes
- De-silting will be carried out before and immediately after the monsoon season Regular.

4.4 AIR ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- During mining, at various stages activities such as excavation, drilling, blasting, and transportation of materials, particular matter (PM), gases such as Sulphur dioxide, oxides of Nitrogen from vehicular exhaust are the main air pollutants.
- Emissions of noxious gases due to incomplete detonation of explosive may sometimes pollute the air.
- The fugitive dust released from the mining operations may cause effect on the mine workers who are directly exposed to the fugitive dust.
- Simultaneously, the air-borne dust may travel to longer distances and settle in the villages located near the mine lease area.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Drilling – To control dust at source, wet drilling will be practiced. Where there is a scarcity of water, suitably designed dust extractor will be provided for dry drilling along with dust hood at the mouth of the drill-hole collar.

Advantages of Wet Drilling:-

- In this system dust gets suppressed close to its formation. Dust suppression become very effective and the work environment will be improved from the point of occupational comfort and health.
- Due to dust free atmosphere, the life of engine, compressor etc., will be increased.
- The life of drill bit will be increased.
- The rate of penetration of drill will be increased.
- Due to the dust free atmosphere visibility will be improved resulting in safer working conditions.

Blasting –

- Establish time of blasting to suit the local conditions and water sprinkling on blasting face
- Avoid blasting i.e., when temperature inversion is likely to occur and strong wind blows towards residential areas
- Controlled blasting includes Adoption of suitable explosive charge and short delay detonators, adequate stemming of holes at collar zone and restricting blasting to a particular time of the day i.e., at the time lunch hours, controlled charge per hole as well as charge per round of hole
- Before loading of material water will be sprayed on blasted material
- Dust mask will be provided to the workers and their use will be strictly monitored

Haul Road & Transportation –

- Water will be sprinkled on haul roads twice a day to avoid dust generation during transportation
- Transportation of material will be carried out during day time and material will be covered with tarpaulin
- The speed of tippers plying on the haul road will be limited below 20 km/hr to avoid generation of dust.
- Water sprinkling on haul roads & loading points will be carried out twice a day
- Main source of gaseous pollution will be from vehicle used for transportation of mineral; therefore, weekly maintenance of machines improves combustion process & makes reduction in the pollution.
- The un-metalled haul roads will be compacted weekly before being put into use.
- Over loading of tippers will be avoided to prevent spillage.
- It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a valid PUC certificate
- Grading of haul roads and service roads to clear accumulation of loose materials

Green Belt –

- Planting of trees all along main mine haul roads and regular grading of haul roads will be practiced to prevent the generation of dust due to movement of dumpers/trucks.
- Green belt of adequate width will be developed around the project areas.

Occupational Health –

- Dust mask will be provided to the workers and their use will be strictly monitored
- Annual medical check-ups, trainings and campaigns will be arranged to ensure awareness about importance of wearing dust masks among all mine workers & tipper drivers
- Ambient Air Quality Monitoring will be conducted six months once to assess effectiveness of mitigation measures proposed.

4.5 NOISE ENVIRONMENT**ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

Noise pollution poses a major health risk to the mine workers. Following are the sources of noise in the existing open cast mine project are being observed such as Drilling, & Blasting, Loading and during movement of vehicles.

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Usage of sharp drill bits while drilling which will help in reducing noise;
- Secondary blasting will be totally avoided and hydraulic rock breaker will be used for breaking boulders;
- Controlled blasting with proper spacing, burden, stemming and optimum charge/delay will be maintained;
- The blasting will be carried out during favourable atmospheric condition and less human activity timings by using nonelectrical initiation system;
- Proper maintenance, oiling and greasing of machines will be done every week to reduce generation of noise;
- Provision of sound insulated chambers for the workers working on machines (HEMM) producing higher levels of noise;
- Silencers / mufflers will be installed in all machineries;
- Green Belt/Plantation will be developed around the project area and along the haul roads. The plantation minimizes propagation of noise;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like ear muffs/ear plugs will be provided to the operators of HEMM and persons working near HEMM and their use will be ensured through training and awareness.
- Regular medical check-up and proper training to personnel to create awareness about adverse noise level effects.

4.6 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

There is no Forest land, National Parks, Eco sensitive areas, Wild life sanctuaries within the radius of 10km.

There are no migratory corridors, migratory avian-fauna, and rare endemic and endangered species. There are no wild animals in the area. No breeding and nesting site were identified in project site. No National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary found within 10km radius. The dumps / bunds around the mine itself act as a good barrier for entry of stray animals. In the post mining stage, barbed wire fencing is proposed all around the mined-out void to prevent fall of animals in the mine pits.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Keeping all this in mind the mitigations have been suggested under environmental management plan. With the understanding of the role of plant species as bio-filter to control air pollution, appropriate plant species (mainly tree species) have been suggested conceding the area/site requirements and needed performance of specific species. The details of year wise proposed plantation program are given in Table 4.13.

The main objective of the green belt is to provide a barrier between the source of pollution and the surrounding areas.

In order to compensate the loss of vegetation cover, it is suggested to carry out afforestation program mainly in proposed areas falls in the cluster earmarked for plantation program as per Approved Mining Plan in different phases. This habitat improvement program would ensure the faunal species to re-colonize and improve the abundance status in the core zone.

The objectives of the green belt cover will cover the following:

- Noise abatement
- Ecological restoration
- Aesthetic, biological and visual improvement of area due to improved vegetative and plantations cover.

4.7 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- Dust generation from mining activity can have negative impact on the health of the workers and people in the nearby area.
- Approach roads can be damaged by the movement of tippers.
- Increase in Employment opportunities both direct and indirect thereby increasing economic status of people of the region.

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Good maintenance practices will be adopted for all machinery and equipment, which will help to avert potential noise problems.
- Green belt will be developed in and around the project site as per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) guidelines.
- Air pollution control measure will be taken to minimize the environmental impact within the core zone.

- For the safety of workers, personal protective appliances like hand gloves, helmets, safety shoes, goggles, aprons, nose masks and ear protecting devices will be provided as per mines act and rules.
- Benefit to the State and the Central governments through financial revenues by way of royalty, tax, duties, etc., from this project directly and indirectly.
- From above details, the quarry operations will have highly beneficial positive impact in the area.

5. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES (TECHNOLOGY AND SITE)

No alternatives are suggested as all the mine sites are mineral specific.

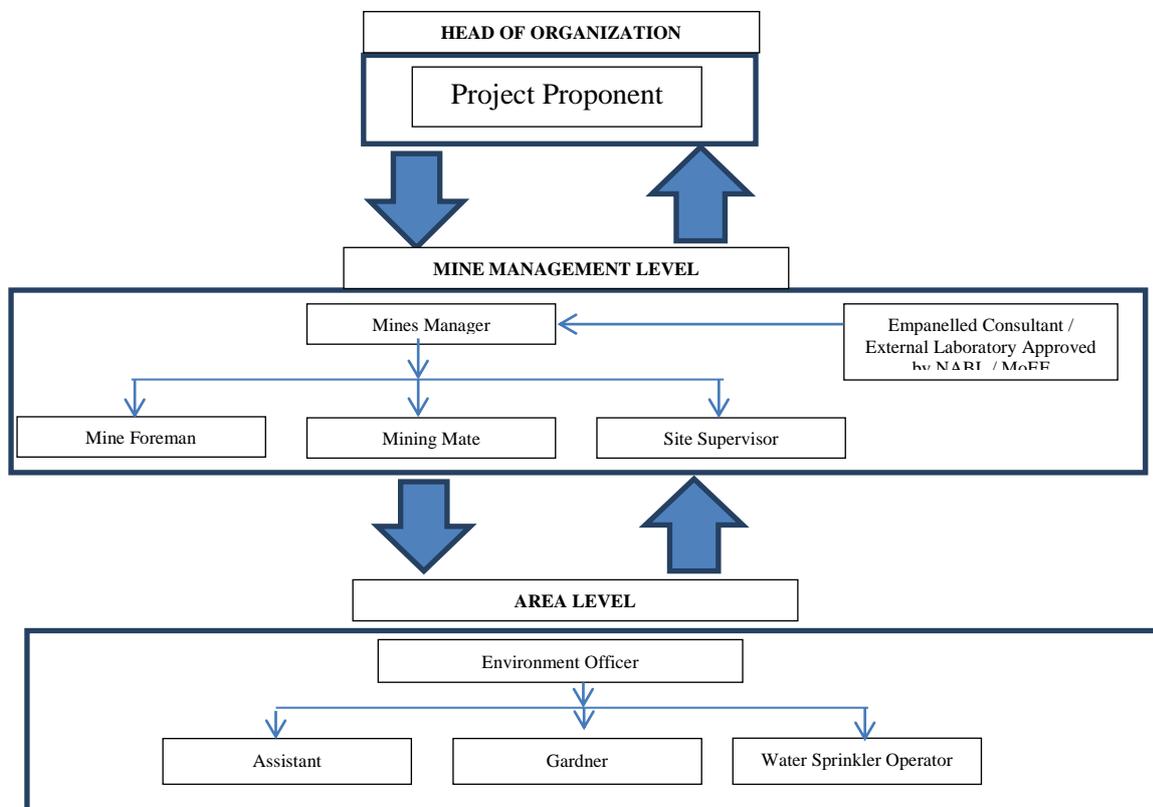
6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

An Environment monitoring cell (EMC) will be constituted to monitor the implementation of EMP and other environmental protection measures in all the proposed quarries.

The responsibilities of this cell will be:

- Implementation of pollution control measures
- Monitoring programme implementation
- Post-plantation care
- To check the efficiency of pollution control measures taken
- Any other activity as may be related to environment
- Seeking expert’s advice when needed.

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL



6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE

S. No.	Environment Attributes	Location	Monitoring		Parameters
			Duration	Frequency	
1	Air Quality	2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)	24 hours	Once in 6 months	Fugitive Dust, PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀ , SO ₂ and NO _x .
2	Meteorology	At mine site before start of Air Quality Monitoring & IMD Secondary Data	Hourly / Daily	Continuous online monitoring	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity and Rainfall
3	Water Quality Monitoring	2 Locations (1SW & 1 GW)	-	Once in 6 months	Parameters specified under IS:10500, 1993 & CPCB Norms
4	Hydrology	Water level in open wells in buffer zone around 1 km at specific wells	-	Once in 6 months	Depth in bgl
5	Noise	2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)	Hourly – 1 Day	Once in 6 months	Leq, Lmax, Lmin, Leq Day & Leq Night
6	Vibration	At the nearest habitation (in case of reporting)	–	During blasting Operation	Peak Particle Velocity
7	Soil	2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)	–	Once in six months	Physical and Chemical Characteristics
8	Greenbelt	Within the Project Area	Daily	Monthly	Maintenance

7. ADDITIONAL STUDIES

7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT

The methodology for the risk assessment has been based on the specific risk assessment guidance issued by the Directorate General of Mine Safety (DGMS), Dhanbad, vide Circular No.13 of 2002, dated 31st December, 2002. The DGMS risk assessment process is intended to identify existing and probable hazards in the work environment and all operations and assess the risk levels of those hazards in order to prioritize those that need immediate attention. Further, mechanisms responsible for these hazards are identified and their control measures, set to timetable are recorded along with pinpointed responsibilities.

The whole quarry operation will be carried out under the direction of a Qualified Competent Mine Manager holding certificate of competency to manage a metalliferous mine granted by the DGMS, Dhanbad for proposed project. Risk Assessment is all about prevention of accidents and to take necessary steps to prevent it from happening.

7.2 DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Natural disasters like Earthquake, Landslides have not been recorded in the past history as the terrain is categorized under seismic zone III. The area is far away from the sea hence the disaster due to heavy floods and tsunamis are not anticipated.

The Disaster Management Plan is aimed to ensure safety of life, protection of environment, protection of installation, restoration of production and salvage operations in this same order of priorities.

The objective of the Disaster Management Plan is to make use of the combined resources of the mine and the outside services to achieve the following:

- Rescue and medical treatment of casualties;
- Safeguard other people;
- Minimize damage to property and the environment;
- Initially contain and ultimately bring the incident under control;
- Secure the safe rehabilitation of affected area; and
- Preserve relevant records and equipment for the subsequent inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the emergency.

7.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF ROUGH STONE IN CLUSTER

Quarry	Production for five-year plan period	Per Year Production in m ³	Per Day Production in m ³	Number of Lorry Load Per Day @ 6m ³ per load
P1	48,572	9,714	32	5Trips /Day
P2	1,03,868	20,774	69	12 Trips /Day
P3	1,12,701	24,340	81	14Trips /Day
P4	4,40,285	88,057	294	49 Trips /day
P5	1,83,078	36,616	122	20 Trips /day
Total	8,88,504	1,79,501	598	100Trips /Day

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF GRAVEL IN CLUSTER

Quarry	Mineable Reserves in m ³	Per Year Production in m ³	Per Day in m ³	Number of Lorry Load @ 6m ³ per load
P1	1080	1080	4	1 lorry load per week
P2	650	650	2	-
P3	2,220	1,110	4	1 lorry load per week
P4	3372	1124	4	1 lorry load per week
P5	2,640	880	3	-
TOTAL	9,962	4844	17	3 Trips/ week

PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUES FROM CLUSTER

Location ID	Background Value (Day) dB(A)	Incremental Value dB(A)	Total Predicted dB(A)	Residential Area Standards dB(A)
N1	47.3	47.3	46.3	Residential Day Time- 55 dB (A) Night Time- 45 dB (A)
N2	47.2	52.1	53.3	
N3	46.7	40.1	47.6	
N4	46.2	30.6	46.3	
N5	46.6	29.2	46.7	
N6	47.1	25.8	47.1	
N7	45.9	27.6	46.0	

N8	45.1	27.6	45.2	
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SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Location Code	Employment	Project Cost	CER
P1	11	Rs. 58,98,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P2	18	Rs. 31,66,800/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P3	19	Rs. 50,67,612/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P4	43	Rs.92,27,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P5	20	Rs. 80,92,200/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
Total	111	Rs. 3,14,51,612/-	Rs. 25,00,000/-

8. PROJECT BENEFITS

The four Proposed Projects for Quarrying Rough Stone and Gravel at Pachapalayam Village aims to produce cumulatively **7,05,426m³** Rough Stone over a period of 5 Years & **7,322m³** of Gravel over a period of 3 Years. This will enhance the socio-economic activities in the adjoining areas and will result in the following benefits

- Increase in Employment Potential
- Improvement in Socio-Economic Welfare
- Improvement in Physical Infrastructure
- Improvement in Social infrastructure

9. ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environment Monitoring cell discussed formed by the mine management will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level.

The said team will be responsible for:

- ✚ Monitoring of the water/ waste water quality, air quality and solid waste generated.
- ✚ Analysis of the water and air samples collected through external laboratory.
- ✚ Implementation and monitoring of the pollution control and protective measures/ devices which shall include financial estimation, ordering, installation of air pollution control equipment, waste water treatment plant, etc.
- ✚ Co-ordination of the environment related activities within the project as well as with outside agencies.
 - ✚ Collection of health statistics of the workers and population of the surrounding villages
 - ✚ Green belt development
 - ✚ Monitoring the progress of implementation of the environmental monitoring programme
 - ✚ Compliance to statutory provisions, norms of State Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests and the conditions of the environmental clearance as well as the consents to establish and consents to operate.

10. CONCLUSION

Various aspects of mining activities were considered and related impacts were evaluated. Considering all the possible ways to mitigate the environmental concerns Environmental Management Plan was prepared and fund has been allocated for the same. The EMP is dynamic, flexible and subjected to periodic review. For project where the major

environmental impacts are associated, EMP will be under regular review. Senior Management responsible for the project will conduct a review of EMP and its implementation to ensure that the EMP remains effective and appropriate. Thus, the proper steps will be taken to accomplish all the goals mentioned in the EMP and the project will bring the positive impact in the study area.